HOME-START BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1124945

Details

Other names	HOME-START BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE, HOME-START FYLDE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06591166
Registered	2008-07-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE:A) TO SAFEGUARD, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE GOOD HEALTH, BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL OF CHILDRENAND PARENTS OF CHILDREN;B) TO PREVENT CRUELTY TO OR MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN;C) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS, POVERTY AND NEED AMONGST CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF CHILDREN;D) TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN BETTER STANDARDS OF CHILD CARE;WITHIN THE AREA OF FYLDE, LANCASHIRE AND ITS ENVIRONS ('THE OBJECTS').

Activities: Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre offers informal and friendly support to families with young children, providing a lifeline to parents and children in the area of Blackpool, Fylde, and Wyre. Support is provided by fully trained volunteers in the home or at group and is free, confidential and non-judgemental. The quality of this is maintained by working to national standards via Home-Start UK.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Accommodation/housing, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LANCASHIRE
- Blackpool
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£287,123	£401,051	-	-
2024-03-31	£363,255	£318,732	-	-
2023-03-31	£380,600	£317,198	-	-
2022-03-31	£265,618	£292,707	-	-
2021-03-31	£289,809	£271,286	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Walsh		2015-01-22
GLENYS MARKLAND		
Hilary Jane Wilkinson		2015-02-07
Jane Anita Dunstan		2025-09-17
Martin Paul Roche		2025-06-17
Melanie Walton		2025-11-10

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Accounts

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Rawcliffe & Co Limited
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Trustees Annual Report

Trustees during the year 2024 2025

Peter Law-Jones	Chair	Resigned 9th January 2025
Adrian May	Vice Chair	Acting Chair 14th January 2025
Karen Mary Eaton	Treasurer	Resigned 21st May 2025. Became Treasurer Adviser to the Board
Adrian Williams		Resigned 9th September 2024
Reverent Damian Platt		Resigned 14th April 2025
Simon Wright		Joined the Board 5th March 2025
Denise Taylor		
Angela Walsh OBE		
Elizabeth Petch		
Glenys Markland		
Hilary Wilkinson		
Cllr Vivienne Miller Willder		

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to:

- Safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and parents of children
- Prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children
- Relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children
- Promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare.

Within the area of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre and its environs ('the objects').

Activities:

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre offers informal and friendly support to families with young children, providing a lifeline to parents and children in the area. Support is free, confidential and non-judgemental. The quality of this is maintained by working to national standards via Home-Start UK.

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and overwhelming. Life-changing events can happen to anyone. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times.

Volunteers are the heart of Home-Start. Every Home-Start volunteer is trained to help them work alongside parents to overcome the challenges they are facing. We work with them to build on their strengths and give them the support that they tell us that they need.

Home Visiting - Pressures on family life can come in many forms. The birth of twins or triplets, children adjusting to new family circumstances, while almost always joyful events, can bring unforeseen pressures. We also offer support to families facing issues such as poverty, disability, mental ill health, postnatal illness, isolation, bereavement, poverty, debt and domestic abuse, working alongside families to overcome the challenges they are facing. We always seek to build on their strengths and giving them the support they tell us they need to nurture their children. Families can be referred to the charity by any appropriate professional with the consent of the family, or they may refer themselves.

Our approach is unique in that it is based on the recruitment, training and support of volunteers, who work alongside families with at least one child under five. Typically this takes place in the family's own home for two to three hours per week, offering support, friendship and practical help. We offer additional services, **including group and one to one support outside the home** and a range of events designed to boost self-confidence and develop skills.

The volunteers are supported by a core team of professionals who ensure the highest possible standards are maintained. Regular training in data protection and safeguarding are two key elements of a programme of continuous development for all members of the team, including the trustees, who play a vital role in ensuring the maintenance of these high standards, as well as fulfilling our responsibilities vis a vis the Charities Commission and Companies House.

Dad Matters works across Blackpool Fylde and Wyre and delivers additional targeted work. It aims to ensure that dads in the perinatal period are included in services and that they have information and support to access specialist clinical services when needed.

We are privileged to work with the **Armed Forces** in offering support to forces families through our involvement at Weeton Camp, helping them deal with a range of challenges, many of which are unique to forces life.

Our **Early Language Development** programme trains volunteers to support speech, language and communication development of children aged between 2 – 4.

Our **Big Hopes Big Future** (HSUK) work is a school readiness programme and works directly with parents and children to help them to build the skills they need to be ready for the first day of school. We train our home visiting and group volunteers to use original, specially produced materials for working directly with the young children in the families they are supporting. They help develop reading, writing, numeracy, and understanding of the routines of the school day.

The **Fundraising Shop** in St Annes, as well as raising vital funds for the charity, is regarded as a hub for families, where they can, for example, get school uniforms at no cost to them, advice and signposting.

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Public Benefit
The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

A review of our achievements and performance

The charity supported 160 families 335 children, 247 adults, in the year, 91 volunteers were active during the year including 13 new family support volunteers who completed their volunteer preparation courses in the year.

The top 7 referrers were:

1. Self Referrals
2. Early Help / NHS
3. Education
4. Mental Health Services
5. Health Visitors / Social Workers
6. Neonatal & Maternity Units – Blackpool Victoria Hospital
7. Perinatal Mental Health

The charity:

- Delivered stay and play groups in Blackpool, St Annes, Fleetwood and Weeton Barracks on a weekly basis in term time.
- Visited the Maternity, Neonatal, and Paediatric departments of Blackpool Victoria Hospitals to talk to Fathers ad past of our Dad Matters programme.
- Provided Summer Holiday Activities and Food provisions for children in Fylde.
- Delivered First aid and Paediatric First Aid workshops to staff, volunteers and other agencies.
- Delivered three Volunteer Preparation Courses, along with Early Language Development courses and Big Hopes Big Future courses.
- Held family and volunteer 'drop ins' at Fleetwood and Blackpool.
- Held a Christmas event to meet Santa at a local restaurant.
- **Total number of attendances at these events is 643**

In addition to the above we have:

- Delivered hundreds of Easter eggs and Christmas presents. All these items were donated by local people and businesses.
- Attended networking events and local carnivals to raise awareness of the Home-Start service and volunteering opportunities.
- Began a partnership with local organisations to deliver Cook and Eat sessions at Weeton Barracks.
- Offered continuous professional development to trustees, staff and volunteers.

The summary of achievements demonstrates how Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre has set out to fulfil its principle charitable objective - the relief of children or parents in despair or in distress, and the prevention of emotional, physical, or mental abuse of children.

Partnership
In addition to the above we have continued to work with local agencies to offer training to our staff and volunteers including Blackpool Council and NSPCC Blackpool A Better Start. We work closely with other Local Home-Starts across Lancashire to ensure best practice and contribute to sustainability.

Appointment of Trustees as set out in the Articles of Association

Trustee induction and training. New Trustees go through an induction process led by the Chair or Vice Chair; this includes one-to one meetings and observing a Board meeting before being accepted as a Trustee. Trustees are able to access training through Home-Start UK and can access a range of information via the Home-Start

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UK intranet. The charity is a member of NCVO, which provides advice, guidance and access to training. When new Trustees/Advisors are appointed, efforts are made to recruit them from the Charity's geographical area of operation.

The board of trustees administered the charity with meetings every 2 months.

A Senior Manager is appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and this role is supported by a senior leadership team. None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

Wider Network

There are around 180 local, independent Home-Starts working in 71% of local authority areas across the UK. Across all four nations of the United Kingdom last year, thousands of home-visiting volunteers support 43,692 families and 78,900 children to transform their lives.

We are affiliated to the Home-Start UK Network, which provides branding, Quality Assurance, policy, training, national research and reports, resources, specific programmes for working with families and early years children, and support / advice with income generation.

Risk Management

The Trustees examine the major risks the Charity faces as part of their planning for each financial year and develop systems to monitor and control these risks and to mitigate any impact that they may have on the Charity in the future.

The charity strives to secure funding to continue delivering its core work of volunteer home visiting support to families in each of our three boroughs. It will also continue to develop new areas of work that fit with the aim of supporting parents to give their children the best possible start in life.

Financial review

The Charity's main sources of income are grants and fundraising. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 5th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Adrian May
Acting Chair of Trustees

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 5th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Adrian May
Acting Chair of Trustees

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's 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 FCA, 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 Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 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.

DocuSigned by:
Ian Harrison
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Ian Harrison BA Hons FCA
Independent Examiner

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Date: 5th September 2025 .....

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	39,843	205,518	245,361
Other trading activities	4	3,704	38,058	38,772
Total income		43,547	243,576	287,123
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	-	(273)	(273)
Charitable activities	6	(159)	(350,860)	(351,019)
Other expenditure	7	(290)	(49,469)	(49,759)
Total expenditure		(449)	(400,602)	(401,051)
Net income/(expenditure)		43,098	(157,026)	(113,928)
Net movement in funds		40,098	(157,026)	(113,928)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		198,791	139,677	338,468
Total funds carried forward	14	241,889	(17,349)	224,540

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	14,101	293,246	307,347
Other trading activities	4	1,828	54,080	55,908
Total income		15,929	347,326	363,255
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	-	(108)	(108)
Charitable activities	6	(237)	(269,461)	(269,698)
Other expenditure	7	(341)	(48,585)	(48,926)
Total expenditure		(578)	(318,154)	(318,732)
Net income		15,351	29,172	44,523
Net movement in funds		15,351	29,172	44,523
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		183,440	110,505	293,945
Total funds carried forward	14	198,791	139,677	338,468

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

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

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

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 14.

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

(Registration number: 06591166)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,176	2,644
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	12	231,338	346,898
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(8,974)	(11,074)
Net current assets		222,364	335,824
Net assets		224,540	338,468
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		(17,349)	139,677
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		241,889	198,791
Total funds	14	224,540	338,468

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

Directors' responsibilities:

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

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 5th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Adrian May
Acting Chair of trustees

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

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:
Blackpool Business First
Lancaster House
Amy Johnson Way
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY4 2RP

Authorised for issue date 5th September 2025

2 Accounting policies

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

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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

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Donations and legacies

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

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants receivable

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

Expenditure

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

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

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

Support costs

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

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and Fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	25% reducing balance

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

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

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

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Legacies	-	32,290	32,290
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	-	173,228	173,228
Regular giving and capital donations	39,843	-	39,843
Total for 2025	39,843	205,518	245,361
Total for 2024	14,101	293,246	307,347

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Trading income;			
Other trading income	-	29,563	29,563
Events income;			
Other events income	3,704	8,495	12,199
Total for 2025	3,704	38,058	41,762
Total for 2024	1,828	54,080	55,908

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Marketing and publicity		273	273
Total for 2025		273	273
Total for 2024		108	108

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	Total costs £

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs		159	33,624	33,783
Governance costs		-	317,236	317,236
Total for 2025		159	350,860	351,019
Total for 2024		237	269,461	269,698

7 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Marketing and publicity		-	697	697
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		290	-	290
Other resources expended		-	42,072	42,072
Allocated support costs		-	6,700	6,700
Total for 2025		290	49,469	49,759
Total for 2024		341	48,585	48,926

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8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	468	578

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	317,236	248,100

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Management	2	2
Administration	3	3
Front Line Staff	9	7
	14	12

13 (2024 - 12) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £6,117 (2024 - £4,490).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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10 Taxation

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

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	15,301	6,752	22,053
At 31 March 2025	15,301	6,752	22,053
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	13,369	6,040	19,409
Charge for the year	290	178	468
At 31 March 2025	13,659	6,218	19,877
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	1,642	534	2,176
At 31 March 2024	1,932	712	2,644

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	55	135
Cash at bank	231,283	346,763
	231,338	346,898

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	5,974	8,134
Accruals	3,000	2,940
	8,974	11,074

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14 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	198,791	43,547	(449)	241,889
Restricted funds	139,677	243,576	(400,602)	(17,349)
Total funds	338,468	287,123	(401,051)	224,540

Lottery grants of £108,169 (2024 £132,246) were received in the year.

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	183,440	15,929	(578)	198,791
Restricted funds	110,505	347,326	(318,154)	139,677
Total funds	293,945	363,255	(318,732)	338,468

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	39,843	14,101
Other trading activities	3,704	1,828
Total income	43,547	15,929
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(159)	(237)
Other expenditure	(290)	(341)
Total expenditure	(449)	(578)
Net income	43,098	15,351
Net movement in funds	43,098	15,351
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	198,791	183,440
Total funds carried forward	241,889	198,791

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

Restricted Funds

	Total Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Restricted Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	205,518	293,246
Other trading activities	38,058	54,080
Total income	243,576	347,326
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(273)	(108)
Charitable activities	(350,860)	(269,461)
Other expenditure	(49,469)	(48,585)
Total expenditure	(400,602)	(318,154)
Net (expenditure)/income	(157,026)	29,172
Net movement in funds	(157,026)	29,172
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	139,677	110,505
Total funds carried forward	(17,349)	139,677

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	245,361	307,347
Other trading activities (analysed below)	41,762	55,908
Total income	287,123	363,255
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(273)	(108)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(351,019)	(269,698)
Other expenditure (analysed below)	(49,759)	(48,926)
Total expenditure	(401,051)	(318,732)
Net (expenditure)/income	(113,928)	44,523
Net movement in funds	(113,928)	44,523
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	338,468	293,945
Total funds carried forward	224,540	338,468

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations unrestricted	39,843	14,101
Donations - restricted	32,290	93,188
Grants	173,228	200,058
	245,361	307,347
Other trading activities		
Money raising events - unrestricted	3,704	1,828
Money raising events -restricted	8,495	24,470
Shop takings	29,563	29,610
	41,762	55,908
Raising funds		
Money raising events	(273)	(108)
	(273)	(108)
Charitable activities		
Accountancy & independent examination fees	(2,640)	(2,580)
Consultancy fees	-	(2,292)
Local projects	(21,072)	(7,642)
Legal and professional fees	(10,031)	(8,970)
Depreciation of computer equipment (owned)	(178)	(237)
Bank interest receivable	119	72
Other interest receivable	-	51
Other interest receivable - unrestricted	19	-
Wages and salaries	(317,236)	(248,100)
	(351,019)	(269,698)
Other expenditure		
Rent and room hire	(23,743)	(23,391)
Rates and water	(1,712)	(2,106)
Light heat and power	(570)	(230)
Insurance	(1,637)	(1,765)
Repairs and maintenance	(45)	(1,050)
Telephone	(3,408)	(1,409)
IT costs restricted	(5,940)	(8,379)
Printing postage and stationery	(3,598)	(3,479)
Volunteer expenses	(1,273)	(1,671)
Sundry expenses	(1,419)	(1,362)
Travel expenses (staff)	(5,427)	(3,743)
Marketing	(697)	-

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings (owned)	(290)	(341)
	(49,759)	(48,926)

HOME-START BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1124945

Accounts

Company registration number: 06591166
Charity registration number: 1124945

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) Year Ended 31 March 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 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity Name:	Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre
Charity Registration Number:	1124945
Company Registration Number:	6591166
Principal Registered Office:	Blackpool Business First Business Centre Lancaster House Amy Johnson Way Blackpool FY4 2RP

Trustees during the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Peter Law-Jones	Chair	
Adrian Williams	Vice Chair	
Karen Mary Eaton	Treasurer	
Denise Taylor	Secretary	
Adrian May		
Angela Walsh OBE		
Damian Platt		
Elizabeth Petch		
Glenys Markland		
Hilary Wilkinson		
Cllr Vivienne Miller Willder		
Paul Aisthorpe		Resigned August 2023
Carole Harrison	Chair	Retired September 2023
Kathleen Asquith	Vice Chair	Retired December 2023

Accountants

Rawcliffe & Co.Limited, Chartered Accountants, Unit 1 Barons Court, Graceways, Blackpool, Lancs., FY4 5GP

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 10th July 2008 as Home-Start Fylde.

On 8th May 2016, the Charity changed its governing document to increase its environs, becoming Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

The Charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 13th May 2008 and is managed by members of the Board of Trustees, along with non-voting advisors.

Membership of the Charity is open to voluntary organisations/statutory bodies whose objects include those which are consistent with those of Home-Start; and to interested individuals accepted into membership by the board of Trustees.

The board of Trustees meet no less than three times in each financial year.

Objectives and activities

The purpose of the charity is to support parents and their children in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre in the North West of Lancashire. We believe that children need and deserve a secure and happy childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life, with our support helping them to achieve their full potential, because childhood can't wait.

Given that being a parent can sometimes be lonely, frustrating, overwhelming, even at times heart-breaking, Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre is here to help and support families through the toughest times. Pressures on family life can come in many forms. The birth of twins or triplets, children adjusting to new family circumstances, while almost always joyful events, can bring unforeseen pressures. We also offer support to families facing issues such as poverty, disability, mental ill health, postnatal illness, isolation, bereavement, poverty, debt and domestic abuse, working alongside families to overcome the challenges they are facing. We always seek to build on their strengths and giving them the support they tell us they need to nurture their children. Families can be referred to the charity by any appropriate professional with the consent of the family, or they may refer themselves.

Our approach is unique in that it is based on the recruitment, training and support of volunteers, who work alongside families with at least one child under five. Typically, this takes place in the family's own home for two to three hours per week, offering support, friendship and practical help. We offer additional services, including group and one to one support outside the home and a range of events designed to boost self-confidence and develop skills.

The volunteers are supported by a core team who ensure the highest possible standards are maintained. Regular training in data protection and safeguarding are two key elements of a programme of continuous development for all members of the team, including the trustees, who play a vital role in ensuring the maintenance of these high standards, as well as fulfilling their responsibilities vis a vis the Charities Commission and Companies House.

Dad Matters works across Blackpool Fylde and Wyre and delivers additional targeted work. It aims to ensure that dads in the perinatal period are included in services and that they have information and support to access specialist clinical services when needed.

We are privileged to work with the military authorities in offering support to forces families through our involvement at Weeton Camp, helping them deal with a range of challenges, some of which are unique to them.

Across our areas, support is provided to encourage parents of two-year old children who are eligible for free childcare to access this provision.

Our Early Language Development work aims to support speech, language and communication development of children aged between 2 – 5.

Our Big Hopes Big Future (HSUK) work is a school readiness programme and works directly with parents and children to help them to build the skills they need to be ready for the first day of school. We train our home visiting and group volunteers to use original, specially produced materials for working directly with the young children in the families they are supporting. They help develop reading, writing, numeracy, and understanding of the routines of the school day.

The Fundraising Shop in St Annes, as well as raising vital funds for the charity, is regarded as a hub for families, where they can, for example, get school uniforms at no cost to them, advice and signposting.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

A review of our achievements and performance

The charity supported 169 families 505 children in the year, over 100 volunteers were active during the year including 16 new family support volunteers who completed their volunteer preparation courses in the year. The top 5 referrers were:

1. Self-Referrals
2. Family Support Services
3. Education
4. Health Visitors
5. Mental Health Services

The charity:

- Delivered stay and play groups in Blackpool, St Annes, Fleetwood and Weeton Barracks on a weekly basis in term time.
- Were chosen to launch "It's Child's Play," a new campaign from the **Social Mobility** Commission, helping parents support their children's pre-school learning and development.
- Provided two Holidays Activities and Food provisions for children in Fylde.
- Delivered hundreds of Easter eggs and Christmas presents.
- Hosted a 70 day Student Social Worker placements for the University of Central Lancashire.
- Attended networking events and local carnivals to raise awareness of Home-Start and our volunteering opportunities.
- Offered continuous professional development to trustees, staff and volunteers, including safeguarding, neglect in the early years, safeguarding report writing, suicide awareness, first aid and mental health first aid, workplace health champions, safer recruitment, engaging with dads, coaching and development for leadership, performance management for leaders, managing non-attendance, GDPR training, health and safety, volunteer journey workshop, National volunteer summit, making magical family support groups, time management, creative arts training, Therapeutic Forest, and Asthma Champions.

The summary of achievements demonstrates how Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre has set out to fulfil its principle charitable objective, that is: the relief of children or parents in despair or in distress, and the prevention of emotional, physical, or mental abuse of children.

Partnership

In addition to the above we have continued to work with local agencies to offer training to our staff and volunteers including Fylde Council, Blackpool Council, NSPCC – A Better Start. We work closely with other Local Home-Starts across Lancashire to ensure best practice and contribute to sustainability. We have worked with the University of Central Lancashire by hosting 70 day student social worker placement and with Blackpool and the Fylde University to host students undertaking social care degrees.

Appointment of Trustees as set out in the Articles of Association

Trustee induction and training. All new Trustees go through an induction process led by the Chair or Vice Chair; this includes one-to one meetings and observing a Board meeting before being accepted as a Trustee. Trustees are able to access training through Home-Start UK and can access a range of information

via the Home-Start UK intranet. The charity Is also a member of NCVO, which provides advice, guidance and access to training. When new Trustees/Advisors are to be appointed, efforts are made to recruit them from the Charity's geographical area of operation.

The board of trustees administers the charity meeting every 8 weeks.

A Senior Manager is appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and this role is supported by a senior leadership team. None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

Risk management

The Trustees examine the major risks the Charity faces as part of their planning for each financial year and develop systems to monitor and control these risks and to mitigate any impact that they may have on the Charity in the future.

The charity strives to secure funding to continue delivering its core work of volunteer home visiting support to families in each of our three boroughs. It will also continue to develop new areas of work that fit with the aim of supporting parents to give their children the best possible start in life.

Wider Network

There are 201 Local Home-Start charities in existence throughout the United Kingdom, which operate with common objectives but in discrete geographical areas. There is no formal connection with these charities, but it is intended that they will informally co-operate to assist delivering their common objectives. Local Home-Starts in Lancashire work closely together to share good practice and work towards financial stability for Home-Start in Lancashire. We are affiliated to the Home-Start UK Network, which provides branding, policy, training, national research and reports, resources, specific programmes for working with families and early years children, and support / advice with income generation.

Financial review

The Charity's main source of income is grants and fundraising. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements.

Company law requires the Trustees, who are Directors of the Company, to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

-prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operational existence

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which 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.

The Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of Charity law, who served during the year are listed on page 1.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Registered office:

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Lancaster House
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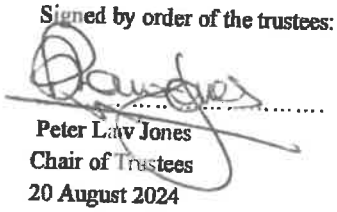
Signed by order of the trustees:



Peter Law Jones
Chair of Trustees
20 August 2024

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's 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 FCA, 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 Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre 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)].

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre ('the Company')

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

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Independent Examiner

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20 August 2024

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	14,101	293,246	307,347
Other trading activities	4	1,828	54,080	55,908
Total income		15,929	347,326	363,255
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	-	(108)	(108)
Charitable activities	6	(237)	(269,461)	(269,698)
Other expenditure	7	(341)	(48,585)	(48,926)
Total expenditure		(578)	(318,154)	(318,732)
Net income		15,351	29,172	44,523
Net movement in funds		15,351	29,172	44,523
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		183,440	110,505	293,945
Total funds carried forward	14	198,791	139,677	338,468

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	7,298	261,860	269,158
Other trading activities	4	5,559	105,883	111,442
Total income		12,857	367,743	380,600
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	-	(9,105)	(9,105)
Charitable activities	6	(157)	(246,467)	(246,624)
Other expenditure	7	(401)	(61,068)	(61,469)
Total expenditure		(558)	(316,640)	(317,198)
Net income		12,299	51,103	63,402
Net movement in funds		12,299	51,103	63,402
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		171,141	59,402	230,543
Total funds carried forward	14	183,440	110,505	293,945

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

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 14.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

(Registration number: 06591166)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,644	2,745
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	12	346,898	300,818
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(11,074)	(9,618)
Net current assets		335,824	291,200
Net assets		338,468	293,945
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		139,677	110,505
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		198,791	183,440
Total funds	14	338,468	293,945

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

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on

20 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Peter [illegible] Jones
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:
Blackpool Business First
Lancaster House
Amy Johnson Way
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY4 2RP

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 2 August 2024.

2 Accounting policies

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

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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

Donations and legacies

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

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants receivable

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

Expenditure

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

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

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

Support costs

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

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and Fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	25% reducing balance

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

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

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

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Legacies	-	93,188	93,188
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	-	200,058	200,058
Regular giving and capital donations	14,101	-	14,101
Total for 2024	14,101	293,246	307,347
Total for 2023	7,298	261,860	269,158

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Trading income;			
Other trading income	-	29,610	29,610
Events income;			
Other events income	1,828	24,470	26,298
Total for 2024	1,828	54,080	55,908
Total for 2023	5,559	105,883	111,442

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Marketing and publicity		108	108
Total for 2024		108	108
Total for 2023		9,105	9,105

	Total costs £

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs		237	21,361	21,598
Governance costs		-	248,100	248,100
Total for 2024		237	269,461	269,698
Total for 2023		157	246,467	246,624

7 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		341	-	341
Other resources expended		-	43,171	43,171
Allocated support costs		-	5,414	5,414
Total for 2024		341	48,585	48,926
Total for 2023		401	61,068	61,469

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	578	558

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	248,100	232,510
Other staff costs	-	162
	248,100	232,672

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Management	2	2
Administration	3	3
Front Line Staff	7	8
	12	13

11 (2023 - 13) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £4,490 (2023 - £4,309).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Taxation

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

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	15,301	6,275	21,576
Additions	-	477	477
At 31 March 2024	15,301	6,752	22,053
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	13,028	5,803	18,831
Charge for the year	341	237	578
At 31 March 2024	13,369	6,040	19,409
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	1,932	712	2,644
At 31 March 2023	2,273	472	2,745

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	135	174
Cash at bank	346,763	300,644
	346,898	300,818

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	8,134	6,798
Accruals	2,940	2,820
	11,074	9,618

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
14 Funds				
Unrestricted funds				
General	183,440	15,929	(578)	198,791
Restricted funds	110,505	347,326	(318,154)	139,677
Total funds	293,945	363,255	(318,732)	338,468

Lottery grants of £132,246 were received in the year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	171,141	12,857	(558)	183,440
Restricted funds	59,402	367,743	(316,640)	110,505
Total funds	230,543	380,600	(317,198)	293,945

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	14,101	7,298
Other trading activities	1,828	5,559
Total income	15,929	12,857
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(237)	(157)
Other expenditure	(341)	(401)
Total expenditure	(578)	(558)
Net income	15,351	12,299
Net movement in funds	15,351	12,299
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	183,440	171,141
Total funds carried forward	198,791	183,440

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

Restricted Funds

	Total Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Restricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	293,246	261,860
Other trading activities	54,080	105,883
Total income	347,326	367,743
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(108)	(9,105)
Charitable activities	(269,461)	(246,467)
Other expenditure	(48,585)	(61,068)
Total expenditure	(318,154)	(316,640)
Net income	29,172	51,103
Net movement in funds	29,172	51,103
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	110,505	59,402
Total funds carried forward	139,677	110,505

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	307,347	269,158
Other trading activities (analysed below)	55,908	111,442
Total income	363,255	380,600
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(108)	(9,105)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(269,698)	(246,624)
Other expenditure (analysed below)	(48,926)	(61,469)
Total expenditure	(318,732)	(317,198)
Net income	44,523	63,402
Net movement in funds	44,523	63,402
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	293,945	230,543
Total funds carried forward	338,468	293,945

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations unrestricted	14,101	7,298
Donations - restricted	93,188	14,336
Grants	200,058	250,948
Money raising events -restricted	-	(3,424)
	307,347	269,158
Other trading activities		
Money raising events - unrestricted	1,828	5,559
Money raising events -restricted	24,470	71,508
Shop takings	29,610	34,375
	55,908	111,442
Raising funds		
Money raising events	(108)	(9,105)
	(108)	(9,105)
Charitable activities		
Accountancy & independent examination fees	(2,580)	(2,520)
Consultancy fees	(2,292)	-
Local projects	(7,642)	-
Legal and professional fees	(8,970)	(11,483)
Depreciation of computer equipment (owned)	(237)	(157)
Bank interest receivable	72	-
Other interest receivable	51	46
Wages and salaries	(248,100)	(232,510)
Legal and professional fees	-	
	(269,698)	(246,624)
Other expenditure		
Staff training	-	(162)
Rent and room hire	(23,391)	(22,636)
Rates and water	(2,106)	706
Light heat and power	(230)	(600)
Insurance	(1,765)	(1,381)-
Repairs and maintenance	(1,050)	(157)
Telephone	(1,409)	(3,612)
IT costs restricted	(8,379)	(6,210)
Printing postage and stationery	(3,479)	(3,882)

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Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Home-Start UK fees	-	(8,637)
Volunteer expenses	(1,671)	(3,065)
Sundry expenses	(1,362)	(7,440)
Travel expenses (staff)	(3,743)	(3,926)
Marketing	-	(66)
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	(341)	(401)
	(48,926)	(61,469)

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HOME-START BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE

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Accounts

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde & Fylde

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Home-Start UK

Happy Birthday

ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023

Because childhood can't wait

Home-Start works with families in communities across the UK. Starting in the home, our approach is as individual as the people we're helping. No judgement, it is just compassionate, confidential help and expert support.

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre offers volunteer led parent-to-parent support. Our volunteers understand how hard it can be to be a parent. They work alongside parents in their own homes, helping them to cope with the stresses and strains of life. They support parents to have the skills, confidence, and strength they need to nurture their children.

We measure the impact and effectiveness of our work for every family we see. We use these insights to ensure we are making a lasting difference for all the children and families we support.

This report tells the stories of some of those families and celebrates the impact we have made over the last year.

We are proud that we are able to show, using an evidence-based approach, the successes we have had and the impact our work has had on the lives of families in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

We hope that you enjoy reading our 2022 - 2023 report and that you will continue to support us in the future, so that no child's future is limited.

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Who We Are Staff & Trustees between 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023

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Treasurer

Denise Taylor
Company Secretary

Kath Asquith
Trustee

Glenys Markland
Trustee

Hilary Wilkinson
Trustee

Vivienne Wilder
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Paul Aisthorpe
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Trustee

Adrian May
Trustee

Adrian Williams
Trustee

Pat Nayor
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Finance Officer

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Senior Coordinator

Hilda Siddoway
Assistant Administrator

Verla Wilkinson
Team Leader

Sue Uttley
Shop Manager

Dona Kirkham
Corporate Fundraising Manager (Left)

Eric Lee
Dad Matters Coordinator

Aviel Lowdnes
Coordinator (Left)

Emma James
Army Coordinator

Steph Cartmell
Coordinator

Joanne Jenkinson
Coordinator (Left)

Karen Charlton
Coordinator

WHY HOME-START IS HERE

In 2021, Home-Start UK supported 46,000 children in 25,000 families, in 182 communities across the UK and among British armed forces families in Cyprus. We are proud to stand alongside these families and see the difference that our dedicated staff and over 10,000 Home-Start volunteers make every day.

But we can't stand still. This is **Home-Start UK's 50th anniversary year**, and **Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre's 15th anniversary**. We want to shape a community where all children have the best possible start in life.

There continues to be significant need for early years support – particularly in the first 1,001 days. We could do so much more with more funding because right now, we can only work with a fraction of the families we would like to.

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025

Home-Start Together With Families

Home-Start's vision is to shape our geographical area where all children have the best possible start in life
We want to make sure that no parent or family feels alone in the critical task of raising children.
Our focus is on building compassionate communities of support for families, parents and children - because childhood can't wait.

Our Four Strategic Commitments

Led by our passionate movement of Home-Start volunteers, staff and supporters, we will bring our vision to life for families through four strategic commitments.

GROWTH	**VOICE**	**INCLUSION**	**IMPACT**
A collective ambition to reach significantly more families	Home-Start will support & empower families by working with them & other stakeholders	Home-Start will advance inclusion and equity in all we do	Home-Start BFW will be stronger together working with Local Home-Starts across Lancashire
More parents with young children can access support in a way that works for them	More families avoiding crisis as a result of receiving appropriate early support	Everyone feels included at Home-Start	A thriving, collaborative community of high-quality Home-Start provision for families with young children

Why it Matters

The start of a child's life, starting from pregnancy, lays the foundations for physical and mental health. Babies' brains develop rapidly and are at their most adaptable in the earliest years of life.
• To give children the best start for life requires nurturing relationships, an enriching home environment, and parents who are supported to fulfil this essential role.
• Home-Start's relational, compassionate support offers practical and emotional help to parents and carers in communities.

How will we know we are successful?

By 2025, through a vibrant, resilient, inclusive organisation, we will:

AMBITION 1:	AMBITION 2:	AMBITION 3:	AMBITION 4:
Home-Start will be working directly with 350 families each year through home visiting and group work (156 active families as of April 2022).	150 active volunteers will power our Home-Start across Blackpool Fylde and Wyre (106 as at 2022).	We will see greater diversity across Home-Start volunteers, trustees, staff and leadership, and families - with access to our support from underrepresented groups.	We will be working with the HSUK network to develop new models of partnership, delivery, and services with the potential to radically scale our reach and accessibility for local families.

What we do

A child's earliest years are irreplaceable. Without a stable loving and nurturing environment, a very young child will not develop the vital foundations they need.

Home-Start is there for parents when they need us most because childhood can't wait. Our community network of trained volunteers, and expert support helps families with young children through their challenging times.

Why we do it

The earliest years make the biggest impact.

Home-Start makes sure those years count so that no child's future is limited.

How we do it

Home-Start offer no judgement, just compassionate, confidential help, and support.

Starting in the home or in a group environment, our approach is as individual as the people we're helping.

Chair's Report 2022-2023

In 2008, I attended a meeting to set up a steering group to raise enough funds to launch Home-Start Fylde. The scheme was launched in 2010. Over the last 13 years, Home-Start Fylde became Home-Start Blackpool and Fylde and then what it is today, Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. During these years there have been many changes and challenges, BUT one thing that has not changed and WILL not change, is the commitment to local families, in providing support, encouragement and friendship wherever it is needed. This support is provided by our fantastic volunteers, supervised by our co-ordinators. We know that the support has benefitted the family when they know longer require our help. Throughout all the changes and challenges faced over the years, I am proud to report that HSBFW continues to provide support to local families across the region through home-visiting, stay and play groups and our Dad Matters programme.

Everyone needs a helping hand from time to time. I know that I have had moments in my life when I have been very grateful to be on the receiving end of much needed support. Support is not always easy to quantify. It can be as simple as providing a listening ear, to more drastic intervention when safety and welfare may be at risk.

I have already mentioned our priceless volunteers without whom there wouldn't be this local Home-Start. They are supported by the staff at HSBFW, whose commitment to HSBFW is second to none. To both staff and volunteers, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for all that they do, often going beyond the call of duty.

Another group of volunteers are my fellow trustees who give their time and expertise to HSBFW and I thank them for too.

We also enjoy much local support ranging from donations to fundraising activities and supporting our shop for which we are very grateful.

To our CEO, Pat there are no words to express my admiration for her hard work and commitment to HSBFW. Redoubtable is a word that I have used in the past to describe Pat and it remains so. She provides leadership and example to all who are fortunate to work with her. "Thank you" seems inadequate.

This is the last report that I will make as Chair of Trustees of HSBFW, the charity I have supported during the last 15 Years. I will continue to support HSBFW but not in the same way. It has been my privilege and honour to be associated with such a necessary and worthwhile charity. I have met and worked with some wonderful people and made some lifelong friends.

My fervent wish is that HSBFW continues to provide this priceless and invaluable service for many years to come.

Carole Harrison
July 2023

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

Financial Review:

This year has again been a relatively stable one for Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre (HSBF&W). However, we are aware that our Lottery funding ends next year so are, as always, working hard to ensure that we have sufficient funds to keep doing the important work that we do. Our reserves are in a healthy position and ensure we are properly prepared in case of any unforeseen circumstances.

Charity Shop:

The shop continues to be a great asset to HSBF&W not only provides vital funds to our reserves but also increases the profile locally. This year the shop generated over £34,000 in income.

Enormous thanks are given to Sue and our fabulous team of volunteers who make the shop so successful. We are extremely grateful for everything they do, particularly promoting Gift Aid to our donors. This enables us to claim an extra 25% back from HMRC at no cost to us or our donors.

Financial information:

The cash at Bank and in hand at 31 March 2023 totalled £300,818 (£238,664 for 21/22). Taking into account the net effect of other assets (the value of furniture and fittings and computer equipment, and debtors in respect of money owed to us at 31 March) and liabilities (creditors in respect of amounts owed by the Scheme at 31 March), the Total Charity Funds is £293,945 (£230,543 in 21/22) at the end of the financial year.

Those Total Funds are split between Restricted Funds, which must be used for the purpose specified by the funder at the time they were given, and Unrestricted Funds which may be used for any purpose in keeping with the Scheme's aims and objectives. The split of those Total Funds is - Restricted Funds £110,505 (£59,402 in 21/22) and Unrestricted Funds £183, 440 (£171,141 in 21/22). The details are in Note 15 to the accounts.

We are fortunate to be in a financially sound position but are always aware of the precarious nature of funding. However, with our reserves, the continued support of staff, volunteers, donors and supporters I am confident that we shall go forward into the next year with continued success both professionally and financially.

Karen Eaton (Treasurer HSBF&W)

September 2023

Pat Naylor - CEO
April 2022 – March 2023

One of the best things about being involved with Home-Start is the privilege of supporting parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationship with their children and widen links with the local community, giving their children the best possible start in life.

We couldn't do this without our volunteers who are the heart of everything we do they donate their valuable skills and time to our families and do tremendous work.

This year we worked with 370 families with 572 children from 1/4/22 – 31/3/23, which for a relatively small team of 11 staff is pretty remarkable. There were 1053 attendances at our family group sessions. We delivered holiday, activities and food provision (HAF) at the Progress Housing Community Centre in Freckleton during 2022. Over 50 children attended. As part of this funding, we organised two, one day, Christmas parties, one in Freckleton for our HAF group and one in St Anne's for Ukrainian, Polish and Turkish refugee and asylum seeker families.

We said goodbye to our Senior Coordinator, **Lesley Hoyle** who retired at the end of March 2023. Lesley has been with Home-Start from the beginning, being a volunteer on our first ever-volunteer preparation course.
We also said goodbye to **Dona Kirkham** (Corporate Fundraiser) **Paul Aisthorpe** (Trustee), **Joanne Jenkinson** (Wyre Coordinator) and **Aviel Lowndes** (Blackpool Coordinator) all these people have moved on to take up other work and I thank them all for their contribution to Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

Cont.'

We recruited and trained 16 new home visiting and family group volunteers. We now have 113 volunteers, including Home Visitors, Trustees, Retail, Group support, Fundraisers, Administration support and other ad hoc volunteers. We need more though, so if you know someone who wants to be involved in an amazing organisation, please do send them our way.

This year, support has been provided to families dealing with: Lone Parents, Substance Misuse, Domestic Abuse, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities (parent / child), Perinatal Mental Health, Child's Behaviour, Financial Issues, Isolation and Loneliness, Parents Self Esteem, Stress Caused by Conflict in the Family, Multiple Births, Bereavement and Refugee and Asylum families.

We have delivered this support through:

- ✓ One to one home visiting by trained volunteers in the family's own home
- ✓ Family stay and play groups in Blackpool, Fylde, Wyre and Weeton Barracks
- ✓ Dad Matters Walk and Talk events and drop ins
- ✓ Holidays Activities and Food holiday clubs for children aged 6 – 12 (Easter, Summer and Christmas)
- ✓ Day trips and events with parents and children
- ✓ Our school readiness programme – Big Hopes Big Future
- ✓ Early Language Development
- ✓ Blackpool Football Club Supporters Trust donated three Mascot Days for three of our children.

  https://www.blackpoolfc.co.uk/news/2022/july/23/mascot-packages-available-again/ the cost of this package ranges from £125 for season ticket holders, to £165 for non-season ticket holders – its huge opportunity for the child to make forever memories.

Of course, we couldn't do any of this without our funders, both large and small and those people who have donated their hard earned cash to us, or done crazy sponsored events such as, Running a mile for every £1 donated, Walking the Big One, Skydiving, or Driving Across Europe in a 'banger'!

Every penny counts.

This report really is just a snapshot of the work we have undertaken this financial year.

I am sure you will enjoy reading the rest of this report – we are a brilliant, committed, funny, professional, hardworking, skilled, passionate team of Trustees, Staff and Volunteers
(And yes, I am blowing our own trumpet!)
Thank you for your continued support. Pat Naylor CEO

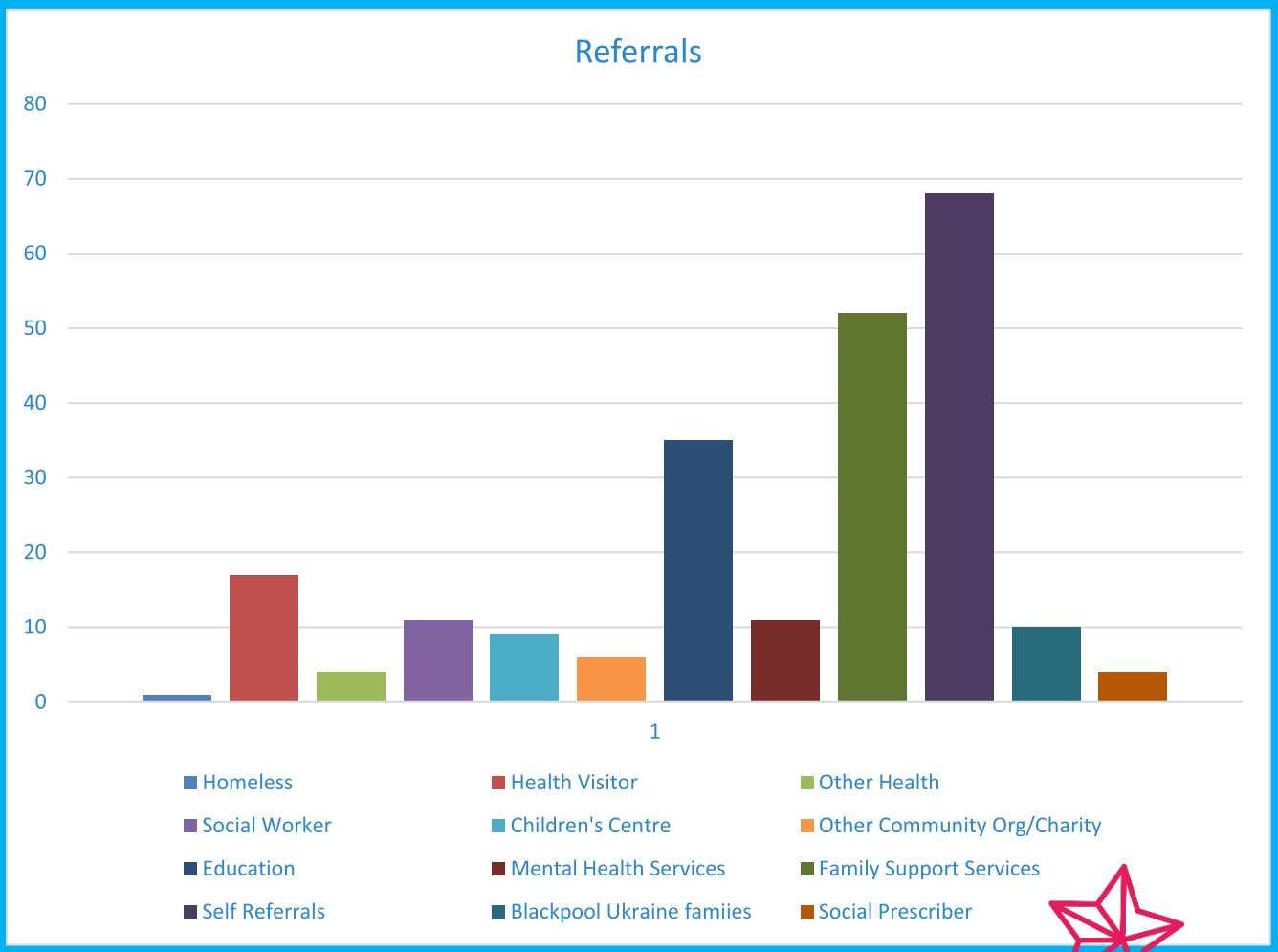
Home-Start in the Community - Our Partners

Home-Start works with a wide range of local organisations within the voluntary and statutory sector to enhance the support offered to families, to tackle the issues together that are important to families and communities.

We receive referrals from Families themselves, Health Visitors, Family Support Services, Mental Health Services and Education.

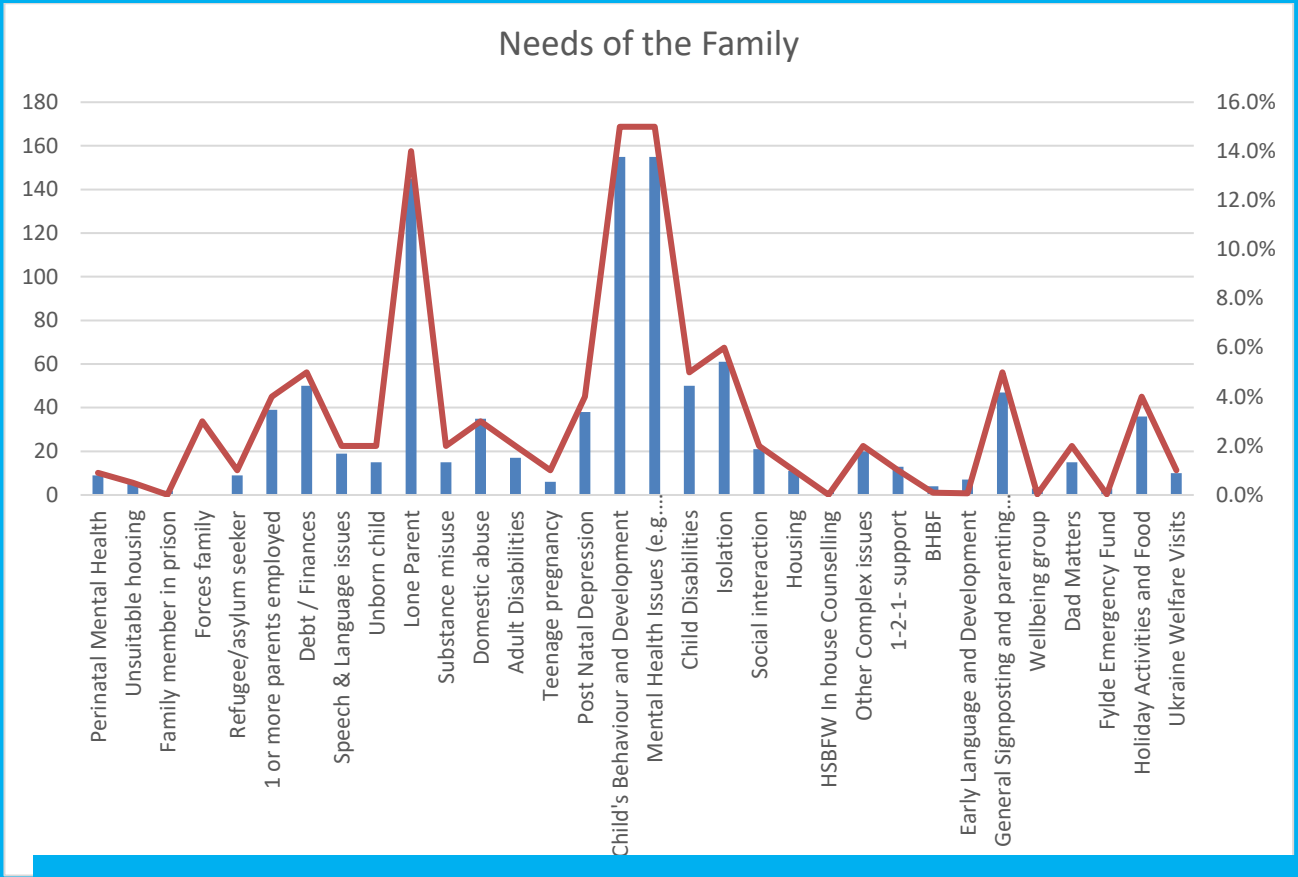
Home-Start is not a substitute for professional service, but complimentary to them and the best results are achieved through working together.

Working together improves the outcomes for our children and families. By communicating and working together, we reduce the risk of family crisis and breakdown, helping to break the cycle of deprivation and reduce isolation in our community.



Working with Families

Becoming a parent is a joyful but sometimes overwhelming time and it becomes even harder when you are facing additional challenges such as mental health difficulties, financial pressures, loneliness, isolation, or lack of support networks.



Many families face more than one challenge. Here is breakdown of some of the issues the families face.

Managing Child's Behaviour, Listening To Children and Respecting Their Rights	Coping With Child's Physical Health
Being involved in the Child (ren)'s Development/Early Learning and Socialisation	Coping With Child's Mental Health
Coping With Own Physical Health	Managing the Household Budget
Coping With Own Mental Health	The Day-to-day Running of the House
Coping With Loneliness and Social Isolation	Stress Caused By Conflict in the Family
Parent's Confidence Self-esteem	Coping with Extra Work Caused by Multiple Birth/children Under 5
Parents own learning needs	Access to Other Services

Measuring the impact

We have supported over the year 2022-2023

237
Families

314
Adults

427
Children

227
5yrs and under

200
6yrs and over

No. of children subject to an assessment of needs

40

No. of children on a child in need plan child Protection plan

8

Group News 2022-2023

St Annes Group

St Annes is a well-established group and the volunteers who attend to help are consistent and valuable, members of the team. They help set up, support, and entertain the children and families throughout the session, then help to sanitise and clear away at the end, making sure the hall is just as we found it.

We have been consistent with new and returning families who have seen their children grow in confidence, learning to play, socialise, share, and develop new skills. The parents have also developed a friendly bond staying connected over a WhatsApp group sharing support to each other and with support from the Home-Start team they have loved returning after holiday breaks.

We continue to hold theme days to determine what activity we put out, some examples of this are:
Burns Night – one parent made haggis for everyone to try with a helping of 'neeps and tatties.' The children loved hearing bagpipes, and all attended in their best tartan.

Pancake day – with premade pancakes they made smiley faces on the top with fruit. We discussed their favourite toppings.

Educational week – Each session is about the development of the child, this particular session we looked at jigsaws, sorting colours and shapes, name recognition.

Gardening week – we planted some sunflower seeds and decorated the pot; this has become a little bit of a competition now of who's is the biggest.

The parents have taken it upon themselves to bring snacks to introduce into the group timetable. By doing a snack time we have instilled skills on developing table manners and mealtime routine.

Last year we graduated 3 children who completed the Big Hopes Big Future programme and now attend big school. We also said goodbye to a long-standing volunteer at group who went on to retire.

Steph Cartmell - Coordinator

Weeton Group

The Duke of Lancaster Regiment is based at Weeton Barracks, the majority of the regiment moved to Cyprus during the year, however we continued to offer our stay and play group, a drop in and our Dad Matters programme. We received support from Rachel Day of the Army Welfare Service to do this work. The aim of the Stay and Play Group is to provide an environment where children and parents can get together in a friendly relaxed atmosphere and make new friends; this is particularly important at Weeton Barracks due to its isolated location.
Our Army Coordinator has specific responsibilities to support Army families whether at group or through Home Visiting.

Blackpool Group

We've had an exciting year as we settled into a new venue for our Blackpool Group, at Holy Cross Church on Central Drive; a bright and welcoming environment for our families, with the added bonus of a large and beautiful garden. The children love exploring the outdoors and we have spent many sessions learning about nature, smelling the herb plants and flowers and looking for bugs! The garden is large, allowing for the children to run and get much needed fresh air.

Our group has grown from strength to strength, and it has been lovely seeing our families socialise and make new friendships. It is especially rewarding to see our parents support and empowering each other.

We have some amazing volunteers who give up their time to come to our group, support our families and children and build great relationships. They are a huge asset to Home-Start and work incredibly hard to ensure that our group runs smoothly, safely and meets the needs of our families and children. Special thanks go to our volunteers Melissa, Sue and Vicky for your support.

We have celebrated many events this year and had our first Christmas in our new venue. We had a great party, with a visit from Santa and lots of games. We have enjoyed many celebrations and we look forward to the year ahead, planning lots of new activities and growing our fantastic group.

Karen Charlton - Coordinator

Fleetwood Group

We would like to thank Fleetwood Methodist Church for their unwavering support. They continue to help us provide support in Fleetwood and the surrounding community which simply wouldn't be possible without them.

Our volunteers Niccola, Melissa, Barbara, and Liz, give up their time to support each week to help set up our sessions and support our families on a weekly basis. They are a fantastic asset and work extremely hard to enable our sessions to run effectively.

As always, we have celebrated many different events and throughout the year. Including promoting awareness weeks such as self-care week and Children's mental health week.

We entered the Fleetwood Methodist Church Christmas tree competition again this year, and as always, it's great to be a part of this beautiful event and see the many different tree designs entered. We were also ecstatic to find out that we WON our category, and the planning for this year's tree has already started.

Katie Ashworth - Coordinator

Easter ‘22 Summer ’22, Christmas ’22, Holiday and Activities Food (programme)

During the year we have continued to support Fylde Council Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme by delivering Holiday clubs at Lower Lane Freckleton Christmas 2022 (1 day party), Easter 202 (4 days) and Summer 2022 (16 days). We also held a Christmas Party in St Annes (1 day).

The aim of the HAF Programme is to provide a hot meal during the school holiday period for the 5 to 11 year old children in the local area who would be entitled to free school meals. Over the 3 Holidays, we provided 18 days of Holiday Club with 348 meals enjoyed by the children attending. Each day of the Club was attended by up to twenty-five children who enjoyed a great lunch, activities, games, craft, outdoor play and had lots of fun!!

We were supported every day by some of our amazing Volunteers who came along to paint, glue, run about outside and help to ensure the children have a positive and rewarding experience when with us. We would not be able to run our club without our Volunteers and are incredibly grateful for their fabulous support.

AFC Fylde have continued to support with a member of their Community Team providing outdoor sports and indoor games every day. At both Easter and Summer clubs, we were visited by a representative from Healthy Heads Education who helped the children to learn about healthy eating and nutrition through games and hands on making healthy food.

We have been able to provide a signposting pack for each child to take home to their families to help them find local support organisations.

Every child received a Christmas gift and bag of goodies to take home after the party. During Easter, we were able to provide an Easter egg for every child who attended the Club. Summer fun concluded with a talent show and an outdoor water balloon challenge.

Everyone who attended the Clubs has enjoyed their experience and we receive positive feedback from the Children attending, the Parents we meet and from Fylde Council. As well as providing an enjoyable and enriching experience, the Holiday Club is raising awareness of Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre in the local area.

Thank you very much to everyone involved in delivering the HAF Programme Holiday Clubs.

Hilda Siddoway

DAD MATTERS PROGRAMME

We currently have partnerships with The Community Trust Fleetwood, Healthier Fleetwood, P.A.I.R.S, The Library Service, Better start, Healthier Minds, Baby Steps, Aiming Higher, the Neonatal unit and Maternity at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals, the Post Partum group, and the MVP.

Eric visits the hospital maternity unit every Wednesday and the Neo-Natal Unit on a Thursday, he also visits Brian's House Hospice and Thingamjigz in Poulton once a month for their baby clinics - all of which cover Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

He has recently networked at Dadscon 2023 at Brockholes Nature Reserve, Maternal Mental Health week, Infant Mental Health week, and Dads Mental Health week, at Blackpool Teaching Hospital. I run regular drop-ins in Blackpool and Fleetwood.

Eric has interacted with a number of dads face to face. He currently sees eight dads, most on a regular basis.

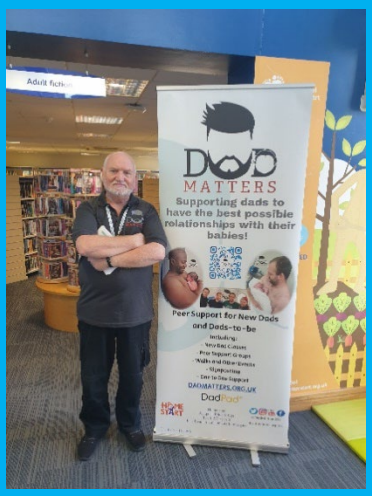
Since Eric started his role, he has done hundreds of outreach and networking meetings including some online meetings with Dad Matters wellbeing groups and various other organisations. He has introduced himself to many dads at the Blackpool Maternity unit as part of the outreach program since it launched on the 30th November 2022.

The Dad Matters Paediatric First Aid workshop will be rolled out nationally in 2023 2024. Eric will be the mentor and central information point to help the Dad Matters Coordinators with any problems that might arise.

This has been a successful start for our Dad Matters programme at Home-Start BFW, with Eric's referrals increasing - proving how much Dad Matters is needed.

2023 2024 will see a new Assistant Dad Matters Coordinator join Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre; a welcome addition to the team. This post will assist Eric to reach more dads across the Fylde coast. Eric has two dads in Wyre, and his working relationships are developing with Fleetwood Community Trust and Healthier Fleetwood.

Eric would like to thank you all for the opportunity to lead this valuable work and for the chance to move forward with it into the next year.



A Home-Start Family Journey

Family Journey

This family have been supported by Home-Start twice. Mum has suffered with mental health, and the second referral was from the Peri-natal mental health team. Mum and Dad have 6 children, the eldest being 15 years old and their youngest only 3 months.

One of the children has been diagnosed with additional needs, which requires a lot of work and understanding. Dad also works full time; therefore, Mum is often the one that carries out most of the parenting tasks. Mum had very little self-confidence in herself and has recently been diagnosed with ADHD. She has experienced a difficult and traumatic labour, which understandably made this recent pregnancy very stressful. When I first met Mum, she asked for support, identifying that she needed some emotional support and guidance, support to access groups and signposting to appropriate services. She was very isolated and was extremely anxious about leaving the home or attending any groups.

After careful matching, we identified a suitable volunteer who had her own lived experiences of having a child herself who had additional needs. The match visit took place and things looked positive.

After getting to know her volunteer, she told me that she was a breath of fresh air and that by talking with someone who could empathise with her was such a relief. Her support from the volunteer enabled Mum to grow in confidence, be open to try new ways of parenting and manage her emotions. With the encouragement from Home-Start Mum began attending the stay and playgroup where she made friends, and again this was something that she enjoys and very much looks forward to. Mum's progress was clear to see to the point where she no longer needed a home visiting volunteer, and she just continued to attend group every week. Here she still receives support and encouragement when she needs it, but the lovely thing to see is that she has become a confident lady who makes others feel welcome and not judged.

Below is what Mum had to say about the support she has received:

"Home-Start has provided me with a friendly ear and advice when needed. The staff have been there for me when I've struggled, and they've celebrated my success and achievements with me. I genuinely feel Home-Start staff care, they are always willing to listen, and they remember what we've discussed previously. They make me feel heard and supported.

Home-Start playgroup has allowed me to build my confidence to socialise with other parents and make some friends as well as helped improve my children's confidence and social skills. We look forward to attending each week."

Family Journey

Family referred by school. The family consists of mum, dad and 4 children (3 boys and 1 girl). The children's ages range from 6 years to 12 years old with the 6-year-olds being twins.

Family referred to Home Start for support with managing behaviour, being more involved in the children's development, mental health issues (parents and children), mum's self-esteem and family finances/budgeting.

A suitable volunteer was matched with the family. Weekly visits were conducted over a four-month period. The volunteer during her visits helped to increase mum's confidence. The volunteer shared and model behavior strategies, which mum started to implement.

Information was shared with the family, which included services, which could support Dad's mental health.

Mum was empowered to make positive future plans for herself and her family.

Mum was spending quality time was her children 'play dates'

At this point it was recognized by both mum and the volunteer that it was the right time to close our support as mum was confident to continue to progress on her own, knowing she could refer back to us at any point.

QUOTES FROM FAMILIES AND VOLUNTEERS

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Melissa Humphries – Volunteer

What has Home-Start given me as a volunteer?

Life…

I was so scared and shy, so insecure when I started. It starts with helping others, but secretly, by working with families, in return I found myself becoming me.

I became someone I liked, and to be trusted by adults and children when they are not doing their best is just an honour you can't explain.

I didn't have a family I could reach out to, but volunteering gave me so much more than I ever knew it could. It gave me a family of friends, it helped me.

Home-Start and everybody involved don't just work with families, they empower volunteers like me to also believe in themselves and that is something I personally will forever be grateful for xx

A message from our Senior Co-ordinator

"After 13 years of working with Home-Start, initially as one the first volunteers when we started in 2010 and as Coordinator and Senior over the past 8 years it is with some regret, yet anticipation that I announce my retirement on 31st March. I have some great memories of the time I have spent with Home-Start and while most of them involve the fabulous group of people with whom I have worked, I must include our wonderful volunteers and the families I have helped to support.

Our Volunteers
And Their Training

who have completed their training and are now ready to support families in their home or support in groups.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS WHO COMPLETED THE PREP COURSE AND BIG HOPES BIG FUTURE TRAINING

Lisa Fitsimmons

Shauna Larkin

Lauren Johnson

Christine Wilson

Joe Abbott

Kerry Cossens

Lauren Johnson

Matthew Bourne

Sharon Athay

They now ready to support families in their home or support in groups

Thank you to our Trustees. You do an amazing job in supporting Home-Start and the staff:

Carole	Peter	Liz
Kath	Angie	Denise
Karen	Glenys	Hilary
Viv	Adrian	Adrian
Revd. Damian	Paul	

We would like to thank Diane one of our volunteers for hosting an afternoon tea event for our Volunteers week 2022 at the Almeria Hotel, Blackpool.

Thank you for your support and here are just a few photos from the day.

Fundraising Shop 2022-2023

WOW.....Where has the last 12 months gone?
It's not until we sit back and reflect do we realise how much we have done.
How many families have we helped and supported?
How many people have we met?
How many donations have we received?
How many hours do our volunteers give?
How many tears both happy and sad, have we shed?

But on this reflection now is the ideal time to give many thanks to each and every one who has helped and supported our shop to get to where we are now.

Our shop is now in its 7th year as we continue to go from strength to strength. This certainly wouldn't have been possible without all of you!!

Our team of volunteers who give up numerous hours of their free time. That could be through sorting donations, pricing items, tidying the shop, serving customers, collecting donations, doing tip runs, supporting families and helping customers.

To all of our donors to the shop, we've had huge amounts that have helped raise funds.

To our customers in the shop, either new or regular, it doesn't matter how much you spend, every little helps.

To all the individuals and local businesses who contribute towards our tombola's, your continued support throughout the years means so much to us and we are truly grateful.

I will say again, we are not just a fundraising shop, we are a little community hub that loves what we do.....
Could be just saying hello to a customer, supporting someone in need, or signposting. Some customers just pop in to say hello and others to give staff and volunteers gifts of appreciation, biscuits, cake, flowers, chocolates, drawings and colourings from children. The best of all is a simple thank you for all we do.

We have continued to support families with free school uniforms across Blackpool Fylde and Wyre. This helped over 250 families last year. Due to the significant increase in families' needs we also had the support from The Waters Edge Pub who sorted and donated uniforms. We will continue with free uniforms in the future. This is not just for people on low income, it's for anybody who needs a little extra support.
Coming up to the colder weather and the winter coat appeal we were able to give families, both adults and children, warm coats and hats. They were all so grateful but also heart-warming to us being able to help them.

During this last year we had also received donations of nappies, Easter eggs, Selection boxes, tubs of sweets, Christmas hampers made by customers all donated to families.
Staff, trustees and volunteers also gave up time to support our tombolas at the Christmas light switch on and at St Annes carnival.

We also managed to fit in an Afternoon tea with the volunteers at Christmas which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

So a huge thanks from us all for your continued support

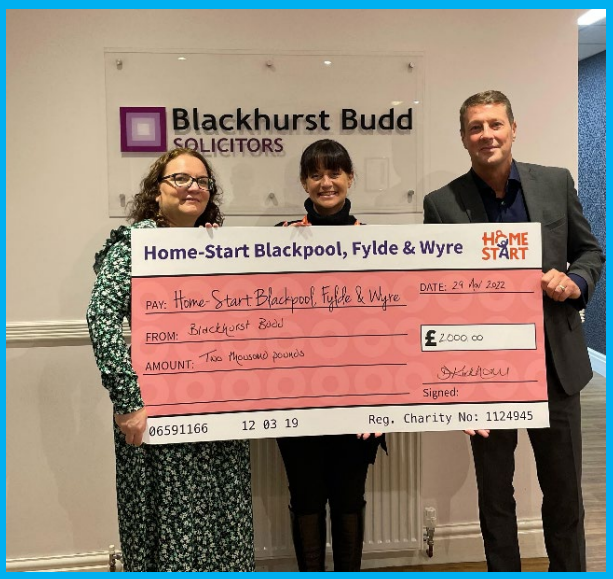
Sue and the Shop Team
If you would like to volunteer in the shop please call
Sue Uttley – Shop Manager on 07827 876066

Opening hours
Monday to Friday
10.00am – 4.00pm [3]

Cheque presentations
Thanks Dona Kirkham!

On behalf of the Staff and Trustees of Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and overwhelming. All parents struggle at one time or another. For some, the challenges can be too much to bear. We work with parents to build on their strengths, give them the support that they tell us that they need and leave them with a feeling of empowerment.



Corporate and Community Fundraising Events

Building relationships is an essential element of the fundraising role. Building awareness of the wonderful work that we do we foresee to be a key part of our role.

Over the last 12 months

Charity Fashion Show in St Annes

Charity fundraising events organised by
Cllr Karen Henshaw
Charity Fashion show
Christmas Carol Raffle
Baubles, Bangles & Beads
with Clayton Jewellers

Coral Island Collection

Hole in Wand

Two Ball Banger Rally
Adrian & Alex Williams

Easter 2022

Thank you everyone for supporting our families by donating an Easter egg. Every child we support received one.

Hungry Monkey
Carly Earley – BAE
Bonny Fabrics
BT Openreach
Julie and John Webb – The White Church
Marie Hawkins – BAE
Adcroft Hilton
Business First Clients

International Women's Day Festival 2023

What an amazing bunch of people who Walked The Big One for our charity

Pat Naylor
Carly Earley
Sukie Woodhouse
Stephanie Cartmell
Viv Hamilton
Andrew Kirkham
Adrian May
Jon Doyle
Tracy Kirkland
Elizabeth Johnson
Gina McDonald
Aimi O'Donnell
Jennifer Maudsley
Claire Ashcroft
Stuart Harrison
Pat Sharples
Andrew Barnes
Daniel Elliott
Linda Adams
Ross Adams

Another fab event a Tandem Parachute with the Black Knights at Cockerham

Timothy Walton
Jordan Conlin
Jon Doyle
Elizabeth McQuillan

Totally Rotary gave us summer activities for the families 2022

Thornton and St Annes Gala 2022

Group Christmas Party 2022

Bispham Junior Football Club

Norcross Cricket Club

Pure Energy

Family day out to Knowsley Safari Park – sponsored by Lytham Community Benefit Society, Ltd

Acknowledgements

Thank you for your support

Thank you for all your support to Home-Start, it makes such a difference. For our donations, fundraising, giving your time and expertise, we are truly thankful.

You have contributed to supporting over 237 families and 427 children.

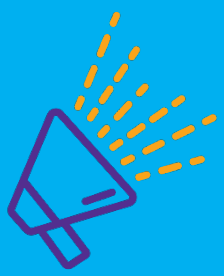
This year, our coordinators and volunteers were able support families face to face in their home. Our families have told us that support from Home-Start has been invaluable.

There have been some difficult times, especially with the electricity and food crises at Christmas, and Home-Start has been overwhelmed with the generosity of people like yourselves. Your donations enabled us to give our families something special at Christmas.

All our families received presents, selection boxes, and some food hampers.

Adrian Williams
Alexandria Drive Chip Shop
Amanda - Bonny Fabrics
Andy Haines - BT Openreach
Anna Blackburn
Arnold Clark
B Parkinson
Baines Masonic Lodge
Beaverbrooks
Blackhurst & Budd
Blackpool essentials fund
Carly Earley and Marie Hawkins, Air Service - Sports & Social Club
Cllr Karen Henshaw
Community Funding
D Harrison
D Reeh
David Elliott
Dawn Attwell - Therapy House
E Williamson
F Boyce
Fleetwood Methodist Church
Fylde essential fund
Groundwork UK
Holy Trinity Church Freckleton
Homes for Ukraine - Blackpool Council
Hungry Monkey
John Turner
Julie and John Webb - The White Church
Just Giving
Kath Asquith
Kinndertons
Links View Retirement Community
Lytham Community Benefit Society, Ltd
Malcolm Asquith
Minter Carwash
Mirrie Dancer

Mr & Mrs Harrison
Mrs Parkinson
Pat Naylor
Phil Hargreaves
Rose Spencer
Ross - Fylde BC ITC Breaking Ross
Rossall Rose Society
Sheryl Armour - Adcroft House
Slimming World (Jason)
St Annes Mayor
The DJ Sidebottom/Glasdon Charitable Programme
Toni Consulting
Tony Ford
Totally Rotary FY8
Unite The Union -Fylde Coast Branch
Woodhouse Opticians
Wyre Community Lottery



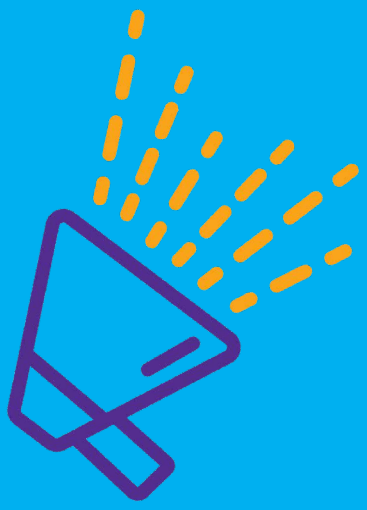
Investing in Volunteers

Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre are so proud to have achieved the Investing in Volunteers award for good practice in volunteer management!

This prestigious award was given by the United Kingdom Volunteering Forum (UKVF) from July 2020 until July 2023. The UKVF assessment process confirmed that our volunteers feel recognised and are proud to be part of our team supporting families in Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre.

Our volunteers at Home-Start go above and beyond for our families.

We understand how important it is that our volunteers are given the right support and we are delighted to have achieved the Investing in Volunteers Award.



There are many ways to support Home-Start

Have a chance of winning £25,000 every week, for just £1 per week!

By playing our lottery you are helping us and the Home-Start Network give thousands of families the lifeline they need. Find out more at
www.home-start.org.uk/unity-lottery or email enquiries@homestartbfw.org.uk

For just £1 per ticket you can win while supporting Home-Start!

You can help us to continue helping parents by joining the Lottery and signing up to support Home-Start. At the same time you have a chance to win!

Buy your ticket and support us at
www.wyrelottery.co.uk/support/home-start-blackpool-fylde-and-wyre

Or you can donate direct to us to help!

To help us continue supporting local families to give children the best start in life you can donate direct to our Just Giving Page.

www.justgiving.com/homestart-blackpool-fylde-wyre

Help us as you shop!

If you would like to support us while you shop you can support us through easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk

PROVIDING EXCELLENT QUALITY

Quality Assurance System

Home-Start's Quality Assurance System for local Home-Starts is based on a programme of self-assessment against set Quality Standards and a process that focuses on the ongoing development and continuous improvement of all practice areas relating to the governance, management and service delivery of local Home-Starts.

Working with Charities Evaluation Services (CES) the bespoke Home-Start quality assurance system was introduced in 2006. It incorporates the elements of PQASSO (CES's quality assurance system for small organisations and recognised as the industry standard in the voluntary sector). The system has also been designed to include and reflect the requirements of Investors in People, The Charity Commission and other national quality and occupational standards.

We work to a common set of standards and methods of practice and have detailed guidance on all aspects of providing the Home-Start service. All Home-Start staff, trustees and volunteers receive thorough induction and on-going training opportunities.

Before supporting families, all volunteers attend a comprehensive Preparation Course.

The Home-Start Agreement is the foundation of the Home-Start Quality Assurance system. The Agreement is signed by each Local Home-Start and Home-Start UK who in doing so agree to certain Quality Standards and to take part in the monitoring and review process. Should a problem arise within the terms of the Home-Start Agreement, there is a Problem Solving and Complaints Procedure.

This robust system is based on 4 quality areas. Local Home-Starts carry out ongoing self-assessments to ensure continuous improvement and are externally reviewed on a 4-5 year rolling programme by the QA Team from Home-Start UK.

The 4 Quality Standards

1. **Governance**
2. **People Management**
3. **Managing information and**
4. **Safeguarding/Child Protection**

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Thank you for supporting us with funding

Arnold Clark Community Fund

Eric Wright

Tudor Trust

Lytham Schools Foundation

Lottery

Groundwork - One Stop Funding

Community Funding

Fylde Household Support Fund

Blackpool Council Community Grants Programme

Spring North

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre

Reference and Administrative Information

Registered Charity Name
Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre

Charity Registration Number
1124945

Company Registration number
06591166

Registered Office and Operational Address
Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre

Blackpool First Business Centre, Lancaster House, Amy Johnson Way Blackpool, FY4 2RP

Fundraising Shop address
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Governing document
The Charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Blackpool,
Fylde & Wyre

Thank you for reading the Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Annual Report 2022 - 2023

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90% of volunteers feel they make a difference through their volunteering

"The Volunteer Prep course was very informative, excellent and much needed to have the necessary awareness about family issues for when we start volunteering. Personally I am looking forward to starting".
Sedi, Volunteer

Volunteering… What's in it for me?

Volunteers tell us they want to feel they belong to a team, it helps them feel less isolated.

Improved Mental Health & Wellbeing
Being fully supported and valued in your volunteering role Helping families and meeting new people

More Confidence
A greater sense of purpose
Friendship

Knowing that my life experiences can help others
A feeling of belonging
Giving back to my community

Fun
Laughter
Coffee & Cake

DOD MATTERS
Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre **Company Limited by Guarantee**

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) Year ended 31 March 2023

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 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number:	1124945
Company Registration Number:	6591166
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Accountants

Rawcliffe & Co.Limited, Chartered Accountants, Unit 1 Barons Court, Graceways, Blackpool, Lancs., FY4 5GP

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 10th July 2008 as Home-Start Fylde.

On 8th May 2016, the Charity changed its governing document to increase its environs, becoming Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

The Charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 13th May 2008 and is managed by members of the Board of Trustees, along with non-voting advisors.

Membership of the Charity is open to voluntary organisations/statutory bodies whose objects include those which are consistent with those of Home-Start; and to interested individuals accepted into membership by the board of Trustees.

The board of Trustees meet no less than three times in each financial year.

Objectives and activities

Home-Start works with families in communities right across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. Starting in the home, our

approach is as individual as the people we're helping. No judgement, it is just compassionate, confidential help and expert support. Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and over-whelming. Life-changing events can happen to anyone. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times.

Every Home-Start volunteer is trained to help them work alongside families to overcome the challenges they are facing. We work with families to build on their strengths and give them the support that they tell us they need. Our aim is to support parents to give their children the best possible start in life. To Home-Start, every family is unique, and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home visiting support, group work and social events. We believe that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life to help them achieve their full potential, because childhood can't wait.

The key activities of the charity include:

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and over-whelming. Life-changing events can happen to anyone. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times, such as mental ill health, postnatal illness, isolation, forces families, bereavement, twins, triplets and multiple children, poverty, disability and other pressures.

Home-Start volunteers understand how hard parenting can be. They work alongside parents, in their own homes, family groups or drop in sessions, to help them cope with the stresses and strains of life and make sure they have the skills, confidence and strength they need to nurture their children.

Trained Volunteers offer regular **Home Visiting** support, friendship and practical help to families under stress in their own homes. **Family Support Groups** offer families a chance to get together in a family learning and friendly environment. **Dad Matters** is our newest programme, working with Dads who have children from pre-birth to two years old, supporting their partners with post / perinatal mental health or postpartum depression, and supporting their own mental health. Meeting fathers for walks and talks, and offering online support with the wider Dad Matters community across the North West. **Big Hopes Big Future is Home-Start's** school readiness programme. We train our volunteers to use original, specifically produced materials, to work directly with the young children in the families they are supporting. They help develop reading, writing, numeracy and understanding of the routines of the school day. This work is backed up with our own **Early Language Development Information** with is shared with parents both in the home and at groups. Our **Fundraising shop** raises vital income for the charity, and is also regarded as a hub for families who need help with signposting, school uniforms, and other items that can be sourced for them.

Public Benefit

In setting out its plans and priorities for areas of work, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public statement of benefit. The summary of achievements demonstrates how Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre has set out to fulfil its principal charitable objective, that is: the relief of children or parents in despair or in distress and the prevention of emotional, physical or mental abuse of children.

Achievements and performance 2022 – 2023

The key activities of the charity through this difficult year include:

Received 228 new referrals from 1/4/22 – 31/3/23 the top five referrers were:

1. Self Referrals
2. Family Support Services
3. Education
4. Health Visitors
5. Mental Health Services

- Worked with 370 families.
- Supported over 400 children with free school uniform coordinate by our charity shop and partners
- Supported 12 Ukrainian families via Blackpool Council with Welfare Visits
- Delivered 3 volunteer training courses, training 11 new home visiting volunteers

- Continued to develop our charity shop to generate much needed funding and raise awareness
- Recruited a new Family Support Team Leader to take over from our Senior Coordinator who retired
- Delivered stay and play groups in Blackpool, Fleetwood, St Anne's, and Weeton Barracks
- Delivered home visiting family support to families across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre, including forces families
- Delivered support to fathers through our Dad Matters programme
- Delivered three Holidays Activity and Food – holiday clubs in the Fylde Area for local children
- Delivered 100's of food parcels, Easter eggs, and Christmas gifts
- Offered 70-day placements to two outstanding Social Work Students
- Had success in funding applications including:
    - Arnold Clark Community Fund
    - Blackpool Council and Fylde Council for Emergency Essentials equipment for families
    - Blackpool Council for Ukraine family support
    - Fylde Council for delivery of Holidays Activities and Food holiday clubs for children on free school meals
    - Home-Start UK, Army Central Fund
    - Home-Start UK, Big Hopes Big Future Fund
    - One Stop Community Grant
    - Team Spirit
    - The Eric Wright Foundation
    - The Spring North Consortium
    - Tudor Trust
    - Windmill Community Fund

- Volunteers, Trustees and Staff have accessed continuous professional development opportunities in:

1. Basic 1st Aid
2. Basic Food Hygiene
3. Big Hopes Big Future – School Readiness Programme
4. Birth Trauma Overview Webinar - Make Birth Better
5. Brain Architecture
6. Caring for children
7. CEOP Ambassador 2 day training
8. Charity Log Database – Further training
9. Connect 5 Mental Health and Wellbeing Training
10. Cosy Homes in Lancashire - WARM Matters
11. Dad Matters Monitoring Training
12. Enjoy – Digital Webinar
13. Equity, Equality, diversity and inclusion
14. First Aid at Work (Inc. Emergency Paediatric First Aid) 3 day (18hrs)
15. Food Safety and Hygiene for Catering

16. Good Practice in Volunteer Management
17. HENRY Raise, Engage, Refer - Training course
18. Improving early childhoods in the face of deepening uncertainty
19. Induction for new staff and students
20. Learning Lessons - Perinatal Mental Health
21. Making Every Contact Count MECC
22. Managing Challenging Behaviour
23. Physical and psychological needs of children
24. Postpartum Webinar
25. Pre Birth to Three – Positive Outcomes for Children
26. Prevent
27. Reducing Parental Conflict
28. Safeguarding
29. Safer Recruitment
30. Settling in @Home
31. Settling in @Home Webinar
32. Suicide Awareness Training
33. The biology of Stress and the Science of Hope
34. The cost-of-living crisis: lived experiences
35. The Future of Volunteering
36. Trauma Informed Approach Practitioner Training
37. Volunteer Preparation Course
38. Youth Mental Health First Aid

Partnership

In addition to the above, we have continued to work with local agencies to offer training to our staff and volunteers, including Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board, Blackpool Council Safeguarding, NSPCC - A Better Start and others. We work closely with Local Home-Starts across Lancashire to ensure best practice and contribute to sustainability. We continue to work closely with The University of Central Lancashire and Blackpool and The Fylde College to offer placements for students undertaking Social Work and Health and Social Care Degrees.

APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential Trustees/Advisors are assessed by the existing Trustees (Chair and others) to determine whether they have skills and attributes which will be beneficial to the Charity.

On appointment, new Trustees/Advisors are recommended to familiarise themselves with the Charity Commission's and Home-Start UK's guidance regarding their duties and responsibilities.

When new Trustees/Advisors are to be appointed, efforts are made to recruit them from the Charity's geographical area of operation.

WIDER NETWORK

There are 204 Local Home-Start charities in existence throughout the United Kingdom, which operate with common objectives but in discrete geographical areas. There is no formal connection with these charities, but it is intended that they will informally co-operate to assist delivering their common objectives. Local Home-Starts in Lancashire work closely together to share good practice and work towards financial stability for Home-Start in Lancashire. We are affiliated to the Home-Start UK Network, which provides branding, policy, training, national research and reports, resources, specific programmes for working with families and early years children, and support / advice with income generation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees examine the major risks the Charity faces as part of their planning for each financial year and develop systems to monitor and control these risks and to mitigate any impact that they may have on the Charity in the future.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Company law requires the Trustees, who are Directors of the Company, to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

-prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operational existence

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which 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.

The Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of Charity law, who served during the year are listed on page 1.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Registered office:

Blackpool Business First Business Centre
Lancaster House
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Blackpool
FY4 2RP

Signed by order of the trustees:

Carole A. Harrison

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's 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 FCA, 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 Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre Ltd 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)].

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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

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Ian Harrison BA Hons FCA
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26 September 2023

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	7,298	261,860	269,158
Other trading activities	4	5,559	105,883	111,442
Total income		12,857	367,743	380,600
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	-	(9,105)	(9,105)
Charitable activities	6	(157)	(246,467)	(246,624)
Other expenditure	7	(401)	(61,068)	(61,469)
Total expenditure		(558)	(316,640)	(317,198)
Net income		12,299	51,103	63,402
Net movement in funds		12,299	51,103	63,402
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		171,141	59,402	230,543
Total funds carried forward	15	183,440	110,505	293,945

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	21,215	178,732	199,947
Other trading activities	4	6,579	59,092	65,671
Total income		27,794	237,824	265,618
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	-	(2,244)	(2,244)
Charitable activities	6	(209)	(235,560)	(235,769)
Other expenditure	7	(450)	(54,244)	(54,694)
Total expenditure		(659)	(292,048)	(292,707)
Net income/(expenditure)		27,135	(54,224)	(27,089)
Net movement in funds		27,135	(54,224)	(27,089)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		144,006	113,626	257,632
Total funds carried forward	15	171,141	59,402	230,543

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

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 15.

The charity received Main Grant BWF lottery funding of £130,342 in the year.

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

(Registration number: 6591166)

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,745	3,303
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	12	300,818	238,664
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,618)	(11,424)
Net current assets		291,200	227,240
Net assets		293,945	230,543
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		110,505	59,402
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		183,440	171,141
Total funds	15	293,945	230,543

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

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 26 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Carole A. Harrison

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Carole A Harrison
Chair of Trustees

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:
Blackpool Business First
Lancaster House
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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees o 26 September 2023.

2 Accounting policies

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

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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

Donations and legacies

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

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants receivable

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

Expenditure

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

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

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

Support costs

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

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and Fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	25% reducing balance

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

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

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

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Legacies	-	14,336	14,336
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	-	250,948	250,948
Regular giving and capital donations	7,298		7,298
Money Raising events		(3,424)	(3,424)
Total for 2023	7,298	261,860	269,158
Total for 2022	21,215	178,732	199,947

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Trading income;			
Other trading income	-	34,375	34,375
Events income;			
Other events income	5,559	71,508	77,067
Total for 2023	5,559	105,883	111,442
Total for 2022	6,579	59,093	65,672

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Marketing and publicity		9,105	9,105
Total for 2023		9,105	9,105
Total for 2022		2,244	2,244

	Total costs £

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs		157	13,957	14,114
Governance costs		-	232,510	232,510
Total for 2023		157	246,467	246,624
Total for 2022		209	235,560	235,769

7 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Staff costs				
Other staff costs		-	162	162
Marketing and publicity		-	66	66
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	8	401	-	401
Other resources expended		-	53,849	53,849
Allocated support costs		-	6,991	6,991
Total for 2023		401	61,068	61,469
Total for 2022		450	54,244	54,694

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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	558	6812

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	232,510	225,984
Other staff costs	162	781
	232,672	226,765

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full-time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Management	2	2
Administration	3	3
Front Line Staff	8	8
	13	13

13 (2022 - 13) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £4,309 (2022 - £3,433).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Taxation

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

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	15,301	6,275	21,576
At 31 March 2023	15,301	6,275	21,576
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	12,627	5,646	18,273
Charge for the year	401	157	558
At 31 March 2023	13,028	5,803	18,831
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	2,273	472	2,745
At 31 March 2022	2,674	629	3,303

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	174	322
Cash at bank	300,644	238,342
	300,818	238,664

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	6,798	8,604
Accruals	2,820	2,820
	9,618	11,424

14 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	171,141	12,857	(558)	183,440
Restricted funds	59,402	367,743	(316,640)	110,505
Total funds	230,543	380,600	(317,198)	293,945

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	144,006	27,794	(659)	171,141
Restricted funds	113,626	237,825	(292,049)	59,402
Total funds	257,632	265,619	(292,708)	230,543

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:	
Donations and legacies	7,298
Other trading activities	5,559
Total income	12,857
Expenditure on:	
Charitable activities	(157)
Other expenditure	(401)
Total expenditure	(558)
Net income	12,299
Net movement in funds	12,299
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	171,141
Total funds carried forward	183,440

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:	
Donations and legacies	21,215
Other trading activities	6,579
Total income	27,794
Expenditure on:	
Charitable activities	(209)
Other expenditure	(450)
Total expenditure	(659)
Net income	27,135
Net movement in funds	27,135
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	144,006
Total funds carried forward	171,141

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Restricted Funds

	Total Restricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:	
Donations and legacies	261,860
Other trading activities	105,883
Total income	367,743
Expenditure on:	
Raising funds	(9,105)
Charitable activities	(246,467)
Other expenditure	(61,068)
Total expenditure	(316,640)
Net income	51,103
Net movement in funds	51,103
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	59,402
Total funds carried forward	110,505

	Total Restricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:	
Donations and legacies	178,732
Other trading activities	59,093
Total income	237,825
Expenditure on:	
Raising funds	(2,244)
Charitable activities	(235,561)
Other expenditure	(54,244)
Total expenditure	(292,049)
Net expenditure	(54,224)
Net movement in funds	(54,224)
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	113,626

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Total Restricted Funds 2022 £
Total funds carried forward	59,402

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	7,298	261,860	269,158	21,215	178,732
Other trading activities (analysed below)	5,559	105,883	111,442	6,579	59,093
Total income	12,857	367,743	380,600	27,794	237,825
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds (analysed below)	-	(9,105)	(9,105)	-	(2,244)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(157)	(246,467)	(246,624)	(209)	(235,561)
Other expenditure (analysed below)	(401)	(61,068)	(61,469)	(450)	(54,244)
Total expenditure	(558)	(316,640)	(317,198)	(659)	(292,049)
Net income/(expenditure)	12,299	51,103	63,402	27,135	(54,224)
Net movement in funds	12,299	51,103	63,402	27,135	(54,224)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	171,141	59,402	230,543	144,006	113,626
Total funds carried forward	183,440	110,505	293,945	171,141	59,402

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Donations and legacies					
Donations unrestricted	7,298	-	7,298	21,215	-
Donations - restricted	-	14,336	14,336	-	39,457
Grants	-	250,948	250,948	-	139,275
Money raising events -restricted	-	(3,424)	(3,424)	-	-
	7,298	261,860	269,158	21,215	178,732

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Other trading activities					
Money raising events - unrestricted	5,559	-	5,559	6,579	-
Money raising events -restricted	-	71,508	71,508	-	31,224
Shop takings	-	34,375	34,375	-	27,869
	5,559	105,883	111,442	6,579	59,093

	2023		2022
	Restricted funds £	Total £	Restricted funds £
Raising funds			
Money raising events	(9,105)	(9,105)	(2,244)
	(9,105)	(9,105)	(2,244)

	2023		2022	
Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Charitable activities					
Accountancy & independent examination fees	-	(2,520)	(2,520)	-	(2,400)
Legal and professional fees	-	(11,483)	(11,483)	-	(7,177)
Depreciation of computer equipment (owned)	(157)	-	(157)	(209)	-
Other interest receivable	-	46	46	-	-
	(157)	(13,957)	(14,114)	(209)	(9,577)

	2023		2022
	Restricted funds £	Total £	Restricted funds £
Governance costs			-
Wages and salaries	(232,510)	(232,510)	(225,984)
			-
	(232,510)	(232,510)	(225,984)

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Other expenditure					
Staff training	-	(162)	(162)	-	(781)
Rent and room hire	-	(22,636)	(22,636)	-	(18,007)
Rates and water	-	706	706	-	884
Light heat and power	-	(600)	(600)	-	(598)
Insurance	-	(1,381)	(1,381)	-	(1,380)
Repairs and maintenance	-	(157)	(157)	-	(137)
Telephone	-	(3,612)	(3,612)	-	(3,336)
IT costs restricted	-	(6,210)	(6,210)	-	(7,987)
IT costs unrestricted	-	-	-	22	-
Printing postage and stationery	-	(3,882)	(3,882)	-	(2,037)

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Home-Start UK fees	-	(8,637)	(8,637)	-	(12,608)
Volunteer expenses	-	(3,065)	(3,065)	-	(1,102)
Sundry expenses	-	(7,440)	(7,440)	-	(1,997)
Travel expenses (staff)	-	(3,926)	(3,926)	-	(2,787)
Marketing	-	(66)	(66)	-	(2,371)
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings (owned)	(401)	-	(401)	(472)	-
	(401)	(61,068)	(61,469)	(450)	(54,244)

Company registration number: 6591166
Charity registration number: 1124945

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre **Company Limited by Guarantee**

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) Year ended 31 March 2023

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 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity Name:	Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre
Charity Registration Number:	1124945
Company Registration Number:	6591166
Principal Registered Office:	Blackpool Business First Business Centre Lancaster House Amy Johnson Way Blackpool FY4 2RP

The Trustees

Carole A Harrison	Chair
Peter Law Jones	Vice Chair
Karen Mary Eaton	Treasurer
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Accountants

Rawcliffe & Co.Limited, Chartered Accountants, Unit 1 Barons Court, Graceways, Blackpool, Lancs., FY4 5GP

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 10th July 2008 as Home-Start Fylde.

On 8th May 2016, the Charity changed its governing document to increase its environs, becoming Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

The Charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 13th May 2008 and is managed by members of the Board of Trustees, along with non-voting advisors.

Membership of the Charity is open to voluntary organisations/statutory bodies whose objects include those which are consistent with those of Home-Start; and to interested individuals accepted into membership by the board of Trustees.

The board of Trustees meet no less than three times in each financial year.

Objectives and activities

Home-Start works with families in communities right across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. Starting in the home, our

approach is as individual as the people we're helping. No judgement, it is just compassionate, confidential help and expert support. Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and over-whelming. Life-changing events can happen to anyone. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times.

Every Home-Start volunteer is trained to help them work alongside families to overcome the challenges they are facing. We work with families to build on their strengths and give them the support that they tell us they need. Our aim is to support parents to give their children the best possible start in life. To Home-Start, every family is unique, and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home visiting support, group work and social events. We believe that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life to help them achieve their full potential, because childhood can't wait.

The key activities of the charity include:

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and over-whelming. Life-changing events can happen to anyone. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times, such as mental ill health, postnatal illness, isolation, forces families, bereavement, twins, triplets and multiple children, poverty, disability and other pressures.

Home-Start volunteers understand how hard parenting can be. They work alongside parents, in their own homes, family groups or drop in sessions, to help them cope with the stresses and strains of life and make sure they have the skills, confidence and strength they need to nurture their children.

Trained Volunteers offer regular **Home Visiting** support, friendship and practical help to families under stress in their own homes. **Family Support Groups** offer families a chance to get together in a family learning and friendly environment. **Dad Matters** is our newest programme, working with Dads who have children from pre-birth to two years old, supporting their partners with post / perinatal mental health or postpartum depression, and supporting their own mental health. Meeting fathers for walks and talks, and offering online support with the wider Dad Matters community across the North West. **Big Hopes Big Future is Home-Start's** school readiness programme. We train our volunteers to use original, specifically produced materials, to work directly with the young children in the families they are supporting. They help develop reading, writing, numeracy and understanding of the routines of the school day. This work is backed up with our own **Early Language Development Information** with is shared with parents both in the home and at groups. Our **Fundraising shop** raises vital income for the charity, and is also regarded as a hub for families who need help with signposting, school uniforms, and other items that can be sourced for them.

Public Benefit

In setting out its plans and priorities for areas of work, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public statement of benefit. The summary of achievements demonstrates how Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre has set out to fulfil its principal charitable objective, that is: the relief of children or parents in despair or in distress and the prevention of emotional, physical or mental abuse of children.

Achievements and performance 2022 – 2023

The key activities of the charity through this difficult year include:

Received 228 new referrals from 1/4/22 – 31/3/23 the top five referrers were:

1. Self Referrals
2. Family Support Services
3. Education
4. Health Visitors
5. Mental Health Services

- Worked with 370 families.
- Supported over 400 children with free school uniform coordinate by our charity shop and partners
- Supported 12 Ukrainian families via Blackpool Council with Welfare Visits
- Delivered 3 volunteer training courses, training 11 new home visiting volunteers

- Continued to develop our charity shop to generate much needed funding and raise awareness
- Recruited a new Family Support Team Leader to take over from our Senior Coordinator who retired
- Delivered stay and play groups in Blackpool, Fleetwood, St Anne's, and Weeton Barracks
- Delivered home visiting family support to families across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre, including forces families
- Delivered support to fathers through our Dad Matters programme
- Delivered three Holidays Activity and Food – holiday clubs in the Fylde Area for local children
- Delivered 100's of food parcels, Easter eggs, and Christmas gifts
- Offered 70-day placements to two outstanding Social Work Students
- Had success in funding applications including:
    - Arnold Clark Community Fund
    - Blackpool Council and Fylde Council for Emergency Essentials equipment for families
    - Blackpool Council for Ukraine family support
    - Fylde Council for delivery of Holidays Activities and Food holiday clubs for children on free school meals
    - Home-Start UK, Army Central Fund
    - Home-Start UK, Big Hopes Big Future Fund
    - One Stop Community Grant
    - Team Spirit
    - The Eric Wright Foundation
    - The Spring North Consortium
    - Tudor Trust
    - Windmill Community Fund

- Volunteers, Trustees and Staff have accessed continuous professional development opportunities in:

1. Basic 1st Aid
2. Basic Food Hygiene
3. Big Hopes Big Future – School Readiness Programme
4. Birth Trauma Overview Webinar - Make Birth Better
5. Brain Architecture
6. Caring for children
7. CEOP Ambassador 2 day training
8. Charity Log Database – Further training
9. Connect 5 Mental Health and Wellbeing Training
10. Cosy Homes in Lancashire - WARM Matters
11. Dad Matters Monitoring Training
12. Enjoy – Digital Webinar
13. Equity, Equality, diversity and inclusion
14. First Aid at Work (Inc. Emergency Paediatric First Aid) 3 day (18hrs)
15. Food Safety and Hygiene for Catering

16. Good Practice in Volunteer Management
17. HENRY Raise, Engage, Refer - Training course
18. Improving early childhoods in the face of deepening uncertainty
19. Induction for new staff and students
20. Learning Lessons - Perinatal Mental Health
21. Making Every Contact Count MECC
22. Managing Challenging Behaviour
23. Physical and psychological needs of children
24. Postpartum Webinar
25. Pre Birth to Three – Positive Outcomes for Children
26. Prevent
27. Reducing Parental Conflict
28. Safeguarding
29. Safer Recruitment
30. Settling in @Home
31. Settling in @Home Webinar
32. Suicide Awareness Training
33. The biology of Stress and the Science of Hope
34. The cost-of-living crisis: lived experiences
35. The Future of Volunteering
36. Trauma Informed Approach Practitioner Training
37. Volunteer Preparation Course
38. Youth Mental Health First Aid

Partnership

In addition to the above, we have continued to work with local agencies to offer training to our staff and volunteers, including Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board, Blackpool Council Safeguarding, NSPCC - A Better Start and others. We work closely with Local Home-Starts across Lancashire to ensure best practice and contribute to sustainability. We continue to work closely with The University of Central Lancashire and Blackpool and The Fylde College to offer placements for students undertaking Social Work and Health and Social Care Degrees.

APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential Trustees/Advisors are assessed by the existing Trustees (Chair and others) to determine whether they have skills and attributes which will be beneficial to the Charity.

On appointment, new Trustees/Advisors are recommended to familiarise themselves with the Charity Commission's and Home-Start UK's guidance regarding their duties and responsibilities.

When new Trustees/Advisors are to be appointed, efforts are made to recruit them from the Charity's geographical area of operation.

WIDER NETWORK

There are 204 Local Home-Start charities in existence throughout the United Kingdom, which operate with common objectives but in discrete geographical areas. There is no formal connection with these charities, but it is intended that they will informally co-operate to assist delivering their common objectives. Local Home-Starts in Lancashire work closely together to share good practice and work towards financial stability for Home-Start in Lancashire. We are affiliated to the Home-Start UK Network, which provides branding, policy, training, national research and reports, resources, specific programmes for working with families and early years children, and support / advice with income generation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees examine the major risks the Charity faces as part of their planning for each financial year and develop systems to monitor and control these risks and to mitigate any impact that they may have on the Charity in the future.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Company law requires the Trustees, who are Directors of the Company, to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

-prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operational existence

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which 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.

The Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of Charity law, who served during the year are listed on page 1.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Registered office:

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Signed by order of the trustees:

Carole A. Harrison

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's 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 FCA, 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 Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre Ltd 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)].

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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

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Ian Harrison BA Hons FCA
Independent Examiner

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26 September 2023

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	7,298	261,860	269,158
Other trading activities	4	5,559	105,883	111,442
Total income		12,857	367,743	380,600
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	-	(9,105)	(9,105)
Charitable activities	6	(157)	(246,467)	(246,624)
Other expenditure	7	(401)	(61,068)	(61,469)
Total expenditure		(558)	(316,640)	(317,198)
Net income		12,299	51,103	63,402
Net movement in funds		12,299	51,103	63,402
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		171,141	59,402	230,543
Total funds carried forward	15	183,440	110,505	293,945

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	21,215	178,732	199,947
Other trading activities	4	6,579	59,092	65,671
Total income		27,794	237,824	265,618
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	-	(2,244)	(2,244)
Charitable activities	6	(209)	(235,560)	(235,769)
Other expenditure	7	(450)	(54,244)	(54,694)
Total expenditure		(659)	(292,048)	(292,707)
Net income/(expenditure)		27,135	(54,224)	(27,089)
Net movement in funds		27,135	(54,224)	(27,089)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		144,006	113,626	257,632
Total funds carried forward	15	171,141	59,402	230,543

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

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 15.

The charity received Main Grant BWF lottery funding of £130,342 in the year.

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

(Registration number: 6591166)

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,745	3,303
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	12	300,818	238,664
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,618)	(11,424)
Net current assets		291,200	227,240
Net assets		293,945	230,543
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		110,505	59,402
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		183,440	171,141
Total funds	15	293,945	230,543

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

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 26 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Carole A. Harrison

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Carole A Harrison
Chair of Trustees

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

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

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:
Blackpool Business First
Lancaster House
Amy Johnson Way
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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees o 26 September 2023.

2 Accounting policies

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

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

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

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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

Donations and legacies

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

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants receivable

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

Expenditure

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

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

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

Support costs

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

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and Fittings	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	25% reducing balance

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

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

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

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Legacies	-	14,336	14,336
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	-	250,948	250,948
Regular giving and capital donations	7,298		7,298
Money Raising events		(3,424)	(3,424)
Total for 2023	7,298	261,860	269,158
Total for 2022	21,215	178,732	199,947

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Trading income;			
Other trading income	-	34,375	34,375
Events income;			
Other events income	5,559	71,508	77,067
Total for 2023	5,559	105,883	111,442
Total for 2022	6,579	59,093	65,672

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Marketing and publicity		9,105	9,105
Total for 2023		9,105	9,105
Total for 2022		2,244	2,244

	Total costs £

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs		157	13,957	14,114
Governance costs		-	232,510	232,510
Total for 2023		157	246,467	246,624
Total for 2022		209	235,560	235,769

7 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Staff costs				
Other staff costs		-	162	162
Marketing and publicity		-	66	66
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	8	401	-	401
Other resources expended		-	53,849	53,849
Allocated support costs		-	6,991	6,991
Total for 2023		401	61,068	61,469
Total for 2022		450	54,244	54,694

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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	558	6812

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	232,510	225,984
Other staff costs	162	781
	232,672	226,765

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full-time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Management	2	2
Administration	3	3
Front Line Staff	8	8
	13	13

13 (2022 - 13) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £4,309 (2022 - £3,433).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Taxation

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

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	15,301	6,275	21,576
At 31 March 2023	15,301	6,275	21,576
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	12,627	5,646	18,273
Charge for the year	401	157	558
At 31 March 2023	13,028	5,803	18,831
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	2,273	472	2,745
At 31 March 2022	2,674	629	3,303

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	174	322
Cash at bank	300,644	238,342
	300,818	238,664

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	6,798	8,604
Accruals	2,820	2,820
	9,618	11,424

14 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	171,141	12,857	(558)	183,440
Restricted funds	59,402	367,743	(316,640)	110,505
Total funds	230,543	380,600	(317,198)	293,945

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	144,006	27,794	(659)	171,141
Restricted funds	113,626	237,825	(292,049)	59,402
Total funds	257,632	265,619	(292,708)	230,543

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:	
Donations and legacies	7,298
Other trading activities	5,559
Total income	12,857
Expenditure on:	
Charitable activities	(157)
Other expenditure	(401)
Total expenditure	(558)
Net income	12,299
Net movement in funds	12,299
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	171,141
Total funds carried forward	183,440

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:	
Donations and legacies	21,215
Other trading activities	6,579
Total income	27,794
Expenditure on:	
Charitable activities	(209)
Other expenditure	(450)
Total expenditure	(659)
Net income	27,135
Net movement in funds	27,135
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	144,006
Total funds carried forward	171,141

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Restricted Funds

	Total Restricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:	
Donations and legacies	261,860
Other trading activities	105,883
Total income	367,743
Expenditure on:	
Raising funds	(9,105)
Charitable activities	(246,467)
Other expenditure	(61,068)
Total expenditure	(316,640)
Net income	51,103
Net movement in funds	51,103
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	59,402
Total funds carried forward	110,505

	Total Restricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:	
Donations and legacies	178,732
Other trading activities	59,093
Total income	237,825
Expenditure on:	
Raising funds	(2,244)
Charitable activities	(235,561)
Other expenditure	(54,244)
Total expenditure	(292,049)
Net expenditure	(54,224)
Net movement in funds	(54,224)
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	113,626

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Total Restricted Funds 2022 £
Total funds carried forward	59,402

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	7,298	261,860	269,158	21,215	178,732
Other trading activities (analysed below)	5,559	105,883	111,442	6,579	59,093
Total income	12,857	367,743	380,600	27,794	237,825
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds (analysed below)	-	(9,105)	(9,105)	-	(2,244)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(157)	(246,467)	(246,624)	(209)	(235,561)
Other expenditure (analysed below)	(401)	(61,068)	(61,469)	(450)	(54,244)
Total expenditure	(558)	(316,640)	(317,198)	(659)	(292,049)
Net income/(expenditure)	12,299	51,103	63,402	27,135	(54,224)
Net movement in funds	12,299	51,103	63,402	27,135	(54,224)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	171,141	59,402	230,543	144,006	113,626
Total funds carried forward	183,440	110,505	293,945	171,141	59,402

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Donations and legacies					
Donations unrestricted	7,298	-	7,298	21,215	-
Donations - restricted	-	14,336	14,336	-	39,457
Grants	-	250,948	250,948	-	139,275
Money raising events -restricted	-	(3,424)	(3,424)	-	-
	7,298	261,860	269,158	21,215	178,732

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Other trading activities					
Money raising events - unrestricted	5,559	-	5,559	6,579	-
Money raising events -restricted	-	71,508	71,508	-	31,224
Shop takings	-	34,375	34,375	-	27,869
	5,559	105,883	111,442	6,579	59,093

	2023		2022
	Restricted funds £	Total £	Restricted funds £
Raising funds			
Money raising events	(9,105)	(9,105)	(2,244)
	(9,105)	(9,105)	(2,244)

	2023		2022	
Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Charitable activities					
Accountancy & independent examination fees	-	(2,520)	(2,520)	-	(2,400)
Legal and professional fees	-	(11,483)	(11,483)	-	(7,177)
Depreciation of computer equipment (owned)	(157)	-	(157)	(209)	-
Other interest receivable	-	46	46	-	-
	(157)	(13,957)	(14,114)	(209)	(9,577)

	2023		2022
	Restricted funds £	Total £	Restricted funds £
Governance costs			-
Wages and salaries	(232,510)	(232,510)	(225,984)
			-
	(232,510)	(232,510)	(225,984)

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Other expenditure					
Staff training	-	(162)	(162)	-	(781)
Rent and room hire	-	(22,636)	(22,636)	-	(18,007)
Rates and water	-	706	706	-	884
Light heat and power	-	(600)	(600)	-	(598)
Insurance	-	(1,381)	(1,381)	-	(1,380)
Repairs and maintenance	-	(157)	(157)	-	(137)
Telephone	-	(3,612)	(3,612)	-	(3,336)
IT costs restricted	-	(6,210)	(6,210)	-	(7,987)
IT costs unrestricted	-	-	-	22	-
Printing postage and stationery	-	(3,882)	(3,882)	-	(2,037)

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde & Wyre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £
Home-Start UK fees	-	(8,637)	(8,637)	-	(12,608)
Volunteer expenses	-	(3,065)	(3,065)	-	(1,102)
Sundry expenses	-	(7,440)	(7,440)	-	(1,997)
Travel expenses (staff)	-	(3,926)	(3,926)	-	(2,787)
Marketing	-	(66)	(66)	-	(2,371)
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings (owned)	(401)	-	(401)	(472)	-
	(401)	(61,068)	(61,469)	(450)	(54,244)

HOME-START BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1124945

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 6591166
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1124945

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 March 2022

STANLEY WILKINSON & CO.
Chartered accountants
139 Red Bank Road
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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2022

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 31 March 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Charity registration number 1124945

Company registration number 6591166

Principal office and registered Blackpool Business First, Lancaster House, Amy Johnson Way, Blackpool FY4 2RP

The Trustees

Carole Harrison	Chair
Karen Mary Eaton	Treasurer
Kath Asquith	Vice Chair
Paul Aisthorpe	Secretary
Angela Walsh OBE	
Denise Taylor	
Elizabeth Petch	
Glenys Markland	
Hilary Wilkinson	
Peter Law Jones	
Revd Damian Platt	
Cllr Vivienne Miller Willder	

Accountants

Stanley Wilkinson & Co. Chartered Accountants, 139 Red Bank Road, Bispham, Blackpool FY2 9HZ

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 10th July 2008 as Home-Start Fylde.

On 8th May 2016, the Charity changed its governing document to increase its environs, becoming Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

The Charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 13th May 2008 and is managed by members of the Board of Trustees, along with non-voting advisors.

Membership of the Charity is open to voluntary organisations/statutory bodies whose objects include those which are consistent with those of Home-Start; and to interested individuals accepted into membership by the board of Trustees.

The board of Trustees meet no less than three times in each financial year.

Objectives and activities

Home-Start's core work is to recruit and train home-visiting parent volunteers to offer friendship and informal support to parents with young children in local communities, with the aim that every child has the best possible start in life. To Home-Start, every family is unique, and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home visiting support, group work and social events. Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential, because childhood can't wait.

The key activities of the charity include:

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and over-whelming. Life-changing events can happen to anyone. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times, such as mental ill health, postnatal illness, isolation, forces families, bereavement, twins, triplets and multiple children, poverty, disability and other pressures.

The earliest years make the biggest impact: Home-Start makes sure those years count so that no child's future is limited. Children who are raised in a stable, loving, family environment are more likely to have a positive and healthy future.

Home-Start works because our volunteers have parenting experience. They understand how hard it can be. They work alongside parents, in their own homes or in family groups, to help them cope with the stresses and strains of life and make sure they have the skills, confidence and strength they need to nurture their children.

Trained Volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families under stress in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown. **Family Support Groups** offer families a chance to get together in a Family learning and friendly environment. **Big Hopes Big Future is Home-Start's** school readiness programme. We train our volunteers to use original, specifically produced materials, to work directly with the young children in the families they are supporting. They help develop reading, writing, numeracy and understanding of the routines of the school day. This work is backed up with our own Early Language Development Information with is shared with parents both in the home and at groups.

Public Benefit

In setting out its plans and priorities for areas of work, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public statement of benefit. The summary of achievements demonstrates how Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre has set out to fulfil its principal charitable objective, that is: the relief of children or parents in despair or in distress and the prevention of emotional, physical or mental abuse of children.

Achievements and performance 2021 - 2022

This year has been one of continued change, mainly due to the easing of the restrictions around the Covid-19 Pandemic. We have continued to work throughout the year, both remotely, and visiting when guidelines allowed.

The key activities of the charity through this difficult year include:

- Received and accepted 117 new family referrals across Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre, we had to close our doors to any further referrals due to capacity issues
- Supported 186 families and 308 children by telephone, text, zoom, WhatsApp, social media and face to face, home visiting and in groups
- Supported over 100 children with free school uniform from our charity shop
- Delivered 3 volunteer training courses, training 16 new volunteers
- Continued to develop our charity shop to generate much needed funding and raise awareness
- Continued to generate income via our Corporate and Community Fundraising
- Developed two new staff roles – Dad Matters, to work solely with fathers who's partners are going through perinatal illness and have a child under the age of 3 years, and an Army Coordinator to focus solely on working with Army Families

- Offered parent and toddler group support face to face, and zoom groups during lockdown for families in Fleetwood, St Anne's, Wesham and Weeton Barracks
- Delivered family support to Army Families
- Delivered 100's of food parcels, Easter eggs, and brand-new shoes for children kindly donated by Russell and Bromley
- Offered 70-day placements to two outstanding Social Work Students
- Had success in funding applications including:
    - The National Lottery Community Fund
    - The Eric Wright Foundation
    - NHS Respiratory Infections work via the Spring North Consortium
    - Fylde and Wyre Councils for delivery of Holidays Activities and Food holiday clubs for children on free school meals
- Offered our Volunteers, Trustees and Staff continuous personal development opportunities in:

Perinatal & Infant Mental Health Training

Safeguarding at Levels 1 and 2

The Importance of Self-Esteem in the Workplace

HSUK Strategy Development – phase one workshops

LGBTQ+ (QUALIFICATION)

Infant mental health: addressing the baby blind spot

Improving the Resilience and Mental Health of the Fylde Coast Workforce: Wellbeing Best Practice

Working Well with Families in Lancashire

Armed Forces Community 3rd Sector Conference

The benefits of Mental Health Peer-to-Peer support

Storytelling Communication

Fearless Fundraising

Big Hopes Big Future School Readiness programme

Young People, Drugs and Mental Health

Introduction to Managed Payments

Green Charity Retail

Online Sales (retail)

Mentoring for charity retailer online seminar

Fundraising and PR Webinar

The Child House model of multi-agency support to children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse

Maternal Mental Health Education, Research and Celebration

Safer Recruitment

Strength Based Approaches

Home-Start UK Wellbeing Plan

ICON Babies Cry - You can Cope

Child Sexual Exploitation

Pan Lancs Parental Conflict Relationship Toolkit

The Power Of Human Leadership

Rebuilding the future - putting babies and children first

Data Protection Update

Well Being Training

Domestic Abuse

Relationships and Mental Health: conception to age 5 North West Coast Summit 2022 Online

Caring for Babies and Toddlers

Henry Core Training Course 2 days

A Better Start 5 Site Annual Conference

Lancashire Family Hubs Theory Of Change Workshop
Mapping, scoping and planning a parent-infant relationship service

Perinatal Infant Mental Health

Fundraising Everywhere Conference

Together With Families Strategy drop-in

Findings from research in Wales to map, plan & develop parent-infant teams.

Better Start - Trauma Hope and Growth: Supporting children and families who have experienced trauma

Health and Safety/Risk Assessment Training
Lancashire's Family Safeguarding Model First Anniversary Event

Safeguarding Adults

Volunteer Training Dad Matters - 2 days

Reducing Parental Conflict Toolkit Training

IHV Fathers Training

IHV Father and Perinatal Mental Health Multi Agency champion Training (follow up)

Family Law Presentation

Reducing Inequalities in Early Childhood

Partnership

In addition to the above, we have continued to work with local agencies to offer training to our staff and volunteers, including Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board, Blackpool Council Safeguarding, NSPCC A Better Start, The Skills Network, and others. We work closely with Local Home-Starts across Lancashire to ensure best practice and sustainability. We continue to work closely with The University of Central Lancashire and Blackpool and The Fylde College to offer placements for students undertaking Social Work and Health and Social care degrees.

APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential Trustees/Advisors are assessed by the existing Trustees to determine whether they have skills and attributes which will be beneficial to the Charity.

On appointment, new Trustees/Advisors are recommended to familiarise themselves with the Charity Commission's and Home-Start UK's guidance regarding their duties and responsibilities.

When new Trustees/Advisors are to be appointed, efforts are made to recruit them from the Charity's geographical area of operation.

WIDER NETWORK

There are 204 Local Home-Start charities in existence throughout the United Kingdom, which operate with common objectives but in discrete geographical areas. There is no formal connection with these other charities, but it is intended that they will informally co-operate to assist delivering their common objectives. Local Home-Starts in Lancashire work closely together to share good practice and work towards financial stability for Home-Start in Lancashire. We are affiliated to the Home-Start UK Network, which provides branding, policy, training, national research and reports, resources, specific programmes for working with families and early years children, and support / advice with income generation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees examine the major risks the Charity faces as part of their planning for each financial year and develop systems to monitor and control these risks and to mitigate any impact that they have on the Charity in the future.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Company law requires the Trustees, who are Directors of the Company, to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operational existence

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which 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.

The Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of Charity law, who served during the year are listed on page 1.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Registered office:

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Signed by order of the trustees

Carole A Harrison

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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 Blackpool Fylde and Wyre *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

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

139 Red Bank Road
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28 September 2022

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	21,215	178,732	**199,947**	267,945
Other trading activities	6	6,579	59,092	**65,671**	21,864
Total income		27,794	237,824	**265,618**	289,809
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	–	2,244	**2,244**	198
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	659	289,804	**290,463**	271,088
Total expenditure		659	292,048	**292,707**	271,286
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		27,135	(54,224)	**(27,089)**	18,523
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		144,006	113,626	**257,632**	239,109
Total funds carried forward		171,141	59,402	**230,543**	257,632

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 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	14		3,303	3,984
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		238,664		262,929
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	11,424		9,281
Net current assets			227,240	253,648
Total assets less current liabilities			230,543	257,632
Net assets			230,543	257,632
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			59,402	113,626
Unrestricted funds			171,141	144,006
Total charity funds	16		230,543	257,632

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

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 28 September 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Carole A. Harrison

Mrs Carole Harrison
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 10 to 16 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 Blackpool Business First, FY4 2RP.

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.

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)*

Incoming resources

Recognition of income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)when:
- the charity becomes entitled to the resources
- it is more likely than not that trustees will receive the resources
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting
There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS102.

Grants and donations
Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS102 SORP).

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period.

The method of allocating incoming resources is shown in the notes to the accounts.

Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Costs of generating funds relate to the income from those activities, which is stated gross. Governance comprise costs arising in connection with fulfilling the statutory obligations of the Charity. The method of allocating Resorces expended is shown in the notes to the accounts.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings	-	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	-	25% reducing balance

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Donations			
Grants	–	139,275	**139,275**
Donations	21,215	39,457	**60,672**
	21,215	178,732	**199,947**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Grants	5,400	252,262	257,662
Donations	10,083	200	10,283
	15,483	252,462	267,945

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Money-raising events	6,579	31,223	**37,802**
Shop takings	–	27,869	**27,869**
	6,579	59,092	**65,671**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Money-raising events	5,714	5,153	10,867
Shop takings	–	10,997	10,997
	5,714	16,150	21,864

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of generating income - Money -Raising Events	2,244	**2,244**	198	198

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Charitable activities	659	289,404	**290,063**
Support costs	–	400	**400**
	659	289,804	**290,463**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charitable activities	7,795	262,873	270,668
Support costs	–	420	420
	7,795	263,293	271,088

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	**Total funds 2022**	Total fund 2021
	£	£	**£**	£
Charitable activities	290,063	–	**290,063**	270,668
Governance costs	–	400	**400**	420
	290,063	400	**290,463**	271,088

10. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**681**	834

11. Independent examination fees

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**400**	420

12. Staff costs

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**225,984**	204,953

Staff salaries includes Employer's National Insurance costs of £14,748 (2021 £10,431).

The average head count of employees during the year was 13 (2021: 11). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Management	**2**	2
Administration	**3**	3
Front Line Staff	**8**	6
	13	11

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. None of the Trustees had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer Equipment £	**Total £**
Cost			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	15,301	6,275	**21,576**
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	12,155	5,437	**17,592**
Charge for the year	472	209	**681**
At 31 March 2022	12,627	5,646	**18,273**
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2022	2,674	629	**3,303**
At 31 March 2021	3,146	838	3,984

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	**2,820**	2,820
Social security and other taxes	**4,479**	3,461
Other creditors	**4,125**	3,000
	11,424	9,281

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	**At 31 March 2022 £**
Unrestricted Funds - General Fund	144,006	27,794	(659)	–	**171,141**

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds - General Fund	141,331	21,197	(7,795)	(10,727)	144,006

16. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted Funds	113,626	237,824	(292,048)	–	**59,402**

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Restricted Funds	97,778	268,612	(263,491)	10,727	113,626

Restricted funds	At 31/03/2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	At 31/03/2022
Blackpool Moving On	72,252	128,938	-133,580		67,610
Shop	14,091	28,380	-29,277		13,194
Holiday Club	0	5,771	-4,449		1,322
BHBF	0	2,063	-2,063		0
Co-op	-40	40			0
Infant Mental Health	22,758			-22,758	0
Army Central	8,169	5,000	-983		12,186
Fundraiser	-5,604	28,741	-26,694		-3,557
Central Costs	2,000	18,891	-79,002	26,758	-31,353
Charities Trust		20,000	-16,000	-4,000	0
	113,626	237,824	-292,048	0	59,402

The charity received Main Grant BWF lottery funding of £128,494 in the year.

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Management Information

Year ended 31 March 2022

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	**139,275**	257,662
Donations	**60,672**	10,283
	199,947	267,945
Other trading activities		
Money-raising events	**37,802**	10,867
Shop takings	**27,869**	10,997
	65,671	21,864
Total income	**265,618**	289,809
Expenditure		
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Money-raising events	**2,244**	198
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	**225,984**	204,953
Rent & room hire	**18,007**	25,557
Home-Start UK fees	**12,607**	6,127
Rates and water	**(884)**	(1,182)
Repairs and maintenance	**137**	176
Insurance	**1,380**	1,493
Printing, postage & stationery	**2,037**	1,412
Volunteer expenses	**1,102**	426
Electricity	**598**	260
Travel expenses (staff)	**2,787**	1,051
Legal and professional fees	**7,176**	3,363
Telephone	**3,336**	3,420
Staff training	**781**	4,015
Accountancy & independent examination fees	**2,400**	2,400
Depreciation	**681**	834
Marketing	**2,371**	7,200
Sundries	**1,998**	1,696
IT costs	**7,965**	7,887
	290,463	271,088
Total expenditure	**292,707**	271,286
Net (expenditure)/income	**(27,089)**	18,523

HOME-START BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1124945

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 6591166
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1124945

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 March 2021

STANLEY WILKINSON & CO.
Chartered accountants
139 Red Bank Road
Bispham
Blackpool
FY2 9HZ

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2021

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Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2021

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 31 March 2021.

Reference and administrative details
Registered charity name Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Charity registration number 1124945

Company registration number 6591166

Principal office and registered Blackpool Business First, Lancaster House, Amy Johnson Way, Blackpool FY4 2RP

The Trustees

Carole Harrison	Chair
Karen Mary Eaton	Treasurer
Kath Asquith	Vice Chair
Paul Aisthorpe	Secretary
Angela Walsh OBE	
Denise Taylor	
Elizabeth Petch	
Glenys Markland	
Hilary Wilkinson	
Peter Law Jones	
Revd Damian Platt	
Vivienne Miller Willder	

Accountants
Stanley Wilkinson & Co. Chartered accountants, 139 Red Bank Road, Bispham, Blackpool FY2 9HZ

Structure, Governance and Management
The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 10th July 2008 as Home-Start Fylde.

On 8th May 2016, the Charity changed its governing document to increase its environs, becoming Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

The Charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 13th May 2008 and is managed by members of the Board of Trustees, along with non-voting advisors.

Membership of the Charity is open to voluntary organisations/statutory bodies whose objects include those which are consistent with those of Home-Start; and to interested individuals accepted into membership by the board of Trustees.

The board of Trustees meet no less than three times in each financial year.

Objectives and activities

Home-Start recruits and trains home-visiting parent volunteers to offer friendship and informal support to parents with young children in local communities, with the aim that every child has the best possible start in life. To Home-Start, every family is unique, and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home visiting support, group work and social events. Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential, because childhood can't wait.

The key activities of the charity include:

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and over-whelming. Life-changing events can happen to anyone. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times, such as mental ill health, postnatal illness, isolation, forces families, bereavement, twins, triplets and multiple children, poverty, disability and other pressures.
The earliest years make the biggest impact: Home-Start makes sure those years count so that no child's future is limited. Children who are raised in a stable, loving, family environment are more likely to have a positive and healthy future.

Home-Start works because our volunteers are parents. They understand how hard it can be. They work alongside parents, in their own homes, to help them cope with the stresses and strains of life and make sure they have the skills, confidence and strength they need to nurture their children.

Trained Volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families under stress in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown.

Family Support Groups offer families a chance to get together in a Family learning and friendly environment, including Stay & Play Toddler groups and Healthy Cooking Courses.

Big Hopes Big Future is Home-Start's school readiness programme. We train our volunteers to use original, specifically produced materials, to work directly with the young children in the families they are supporting. They help develop reading, writing, numeracy and understanding of the routines of the school day.

Public Benefit

In setting out its plans and priorities for areas of work, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public statement of benefit. The summary of achievements demonstrates how Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre has set out to fulfil its principal charitable objective, that is: the relief of children or parents in despair or in distress and the prevention of emotional, physical or mental abuse of children.

Achievements and performance 2020 - 2021

This year has been one of change, mainly due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Having said that, we have continued to work throughout the year, mainly remotely, and visiting when guidelines allowed.

The key activities of the charity through this very unusual and difficult year include:

- Moved offices from Blackpool Football Club to Lancaster House, Amy Johnson Way in August 2020
- Began remote working during the pandemic
- Supported 225 families and 356 children with isolation with their mental wellbeing by telephone, text, zoom, WhatsApp, social media
- Supported over 140 children with free school uniform from our charity shop
- Achieved the National Award – Investing in Volunteers Award
- Delivered 3 volunteer training courses, training 26 new volunteers
- Developed and recruited to a brand-new income generation post – Corporate and Community Fundraising Manager
- Continued to develop our charity shop to provide much needed revenue – again once guidelines allowed
- Strategically restructured the organisation and updated the role of the Coordinator to focus more on volunteer management
- Received 125 new family referrals across Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre
- Offered parent and toddler group support face to face when guidelines allowed, and zoom groups during lockdown for families in Fleetwood, St Anne's and Wesham
- Delivered 100's of food parcels and coordinated delivery of over 3,000 Easter eggs
- Conducted a scoping exercise around perinatal mental health for the Lancashire & South Cumbria Maternity and Newborn Alliance – Better Births Maternity Transformation Programme
- Coordinated Perinatal Mental Health training on behalf of Home-Start UK for all Local Home-Starts in the North West
- Introduced and set up a new database – Charity Log
- Offered 60-day placements to two Social Work Students
- Worked with the Washington Group to develop an Evaluation Report of the Lottery Funded Project from 2015 - 2020
- Had success in funding applications including:
    - 7-month extension to our National Lottery Funding
    - 5-month emergency covid-19 from HM Government, administered by The National Lottery Fund
    - £3,000 funding from the Lytham Lions to develop Child Exploitation & Online Protection awareness (to start in 2021)

- Offered our Volunteers, Trustees and Staff continuous personal development opportunities in:

Armed Forces Community 3rd Sector Conference
Big Hopes Big Future
Counselling Skills with the Skills Network
Fearless Fundraising
Green Charity Retail
HSUK Strategy Development – phase one workshops
HSUK Strategy Development – phase two workshops
Improving the Resilience and Mental Health of the Fylde Coast Workforce: Wellbeing Best Practice
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Infant mental health: addressing the baby blind spot
Infection and Prevention Awareness for Front Line Staff
Introduction to Managed Payments
Launch of The Hearts & Minds Partnership - celebrating the VCS community in Perinatal Mental Health
LGBTQ+ (QUALIFICATION in progress)
Mentoring for charity retailer webinar
Online Safeguarding Levels One and Two
Online Sales (Innovation Series)

Perinatal & Infant Mental Health
Settling in @Home Home-Start UK Webinar
Staff training on Charity Log - new database
Storytelling Communication (sales)
The benefits of Mental Health Peer-to-Peer support
The Importance of Self-Esteem in the Workplace
The Innovation Series - Automated multichannel online retailing
Volunteer Preparation Course
Working Well with Families in Lancashire Launch Event
Young People, Drugs and Mental Health

Partnership
In addition to the above, we have continued to work with local agencies to offer training to our staff and volunteers, including Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board, Blackpool Council Safeguarding, NSPCC Better Start, The Skills Network, and others. We work closely with Local Home-Starts across Lancashire to ensure best practice and sustainability. We continue to work closely with UCLan and Blackpool and The Fylde College to offer placements for students undertaking Social Work and Health and Social care degrees. We have worked in partnership with the Blackpool Better Start programme to deliver a crèche for their Mellow Dads course and with the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver an Infant Mental Health Service.

APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential Trustees/Consultants are assessed by the existing Trustees to determine whether they have skills and attributes which will be beneficial to the Charity.
On appointment, new Trustees/Consultants are recommended to familiarise themselves with the Charity Commission's and Home-Start UK's guidance regarding their duties and responsibilities.
When new Trustees/Consultants are to be appointed, efforts are made to recruit them from the Charity's geographical area of operation.

WIDER NETWORK

There are around 180 Local Home-Start charities in existence throughout the United Kingdom, which operate with common objectives but in discrete geographical areas. There is no formal connection with these other charities, but it is intended that they will informally co-operate to assist delivering their common objectives. Local Home-Starts in Lancashire work closely together to share good practice and work towards financial stability for Home-Start in Lancashire. We are affiliated to the Home-Start UK Network, which provides branding, policy, training, national research and reports, resources, specific programmes for working with families and early years children, and support with income generation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees examine the major risks the Charity faces as part of their planning for each financial year and develop systems to monitor and control these risks and to mitigate any impact that they have on the Charity in the future.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Company law requires the Trustees, who are Directors of the Company, to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the Company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operational existence

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which 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.

The Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of Charity law, who served during the year are listed on page 1.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Registered office:
Blackpool Business First
Lancaster House
Amy Johnson Way
Blackpool
FY4 2RP

Signed by order of the trustees

Carole A. Harrison

Carole Harrison
Chair of Trustees
8 September 2021

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Year ended 31 March 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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 Blackpool Fylde and Wyre *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

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

139 Red Bank Road
Bispham
Blackpool
FY2 9HZ

8 September 2021

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	15,483	252,462	**267,945**	319,749
Other trading activities	6	5,714	16,150	**21,864**	32,212
Total income		21,197	268,612	**289,809**	351,961
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	–	198	**198**	257
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	7,795	263,293	**271,088**	284,135
Total expenditure		7,795	263,491	**271,286**	284,392
Net income		13,402	5,121	**18,523**	67,569
Transfers between funds		(10,727)	10,727	–	–
Net movement in funds		2,675	15,848	**18,523**	67,569
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		141,331	97,778	**239,109**	171,540
Total funds carried forward		144,006	113,626	**257,632**	239,109

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 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Blackpool Fylde and Wyre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	**14**		**3,984**	4,818
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		**262,929**		241,054
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	**9,281**		6,763
Net current assets			**253,648**	234,291
Total assets less current liabilities			**257,632**	239,109
Net assets			**257,632**	239,109
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			**113,626**	97,778
Unrestricted funds			**144,006**	141,331
Total charity funds	**16**		**257,632**	239,109

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

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 8 September 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Carole A. Harrison

Mrs Carole Harrison
Trustee

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 Blackpool Business First, Lancaster House, Amy Johnson Way, Blackpool, FY4 2RP.

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.

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)*

Incoming resources

Recognition of income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
- the charity becomes entitled to the resources
- it is more likely than not that trustees will receive the resources
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting
There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS102.

Grants and donations
Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS102 SORP).

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period.

The method of allocating incoming resources is shown in the notes to the accounts.

Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Costs of generating funds relate to the income from those activities, which is stated gross. Governance comprises costs arising in connection with fulfilling the statutory obligations of the Charity. The method of allocating resources expended is shown in the notes to the accounts.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings	-	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	-	25% reducing balance

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Donations			
Grants	5,400	252,262	**257,662**
Donations	10,083	200	**10,283**
Legacies			
Legacies	–	–	–
	15,483	252,462	**267,945**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations			
Grants	–	259,652	259,652
Donations	13,278	1,283	14,561
Legacies			
Legacies	45,536	–	45,536
	58,814	260,935	319,749

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Money-raising events	5,714	5,153	**10,867**
Shop takings	–	10,997	**10,997**
	5,714	16,150	**21,864**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Money-raising events	3,847	93	3,940
Shop takings	–	28,272	28,272
	3,847	28,365	32,212

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Costs of generating income - Money -Raising Events	–	198	**198**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Costs of generating income - Money -Raising Events	20	237	257

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Charitable activities	7,795	262,873	**270,669**
Support costs	–	420	**419**
	7,795	263,293	**271,088**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Charitable activities	10,334	273,381	283,715
Support costs	–	420	420
	10,334	273,801	284,135

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2021	Total fund 2020
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	270,668	–	**270,668**	283,715
Governance costs	–	420	**420**	420
	270,668	420	**271,088**	284,135

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**834**	1,026

11. Independent examination fees

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**420**	420

12. Staff costs

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**204,953**	199,677

Staff salaries includes Employer's National Insurance costs of £10,431 (2020 £9,415).

The average head count of employees during the year was 11 (2020: 12). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Management	**2**	2
Administration	**3**	3
Front Line Staff	**6**	7
	11	12

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

16. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Restricted Funds	97,778	268,612	(263,491)	10,727	**113,626**

	At 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2020 £
Restricted Funds	82,516	289,300	(274,038)	97,778

Restricted funds	At 01/04/2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Deficits Covered by Unrestricted Funds Transfers	At 31/03/2021
Central Gateway	413			-413		0
Wyre	56,021		-14,280	-41,741		0
Blackpool Moving On	34,733	194,023	-205,236	48,732		72,252
Public Health Fund	6,578			-6,578		0
Shop	7,112	28,185	-21,206			14,091
LENA	-7,790				7,790	0
Co-op			-40			-40
Infant Mental Health	3,648	35,000	-15,890			22,758
Beaverbrooks	-2,937				2,937	0
Army Central		8,169				8,169
Fundraiser		1,235	-6,839			-5,604
Central Costs		2,000				2,000
	97,778	268,612	-263,491	0	10,727	113,626

The Moving On figure incoming resources figure of £194,023 comprises grants received from the National Lottery Community Fund- Reaching Communities NW Region.

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Year ended 31 March 2021

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	**257,662**	259,652
Donations	**10,283**	14,561
Legacies	**–**	45,536
	267,945	319,749
Other trading activities		
Money-raising events	**10,867**	3,940
Shop takings	**10,997**	28,272
	21,864	32,212
Total income	**289,809**	351,961
Expenditure		
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Money-raising events	**198**	257
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	**204,953**	199,677
Rent & room hire	**25,557**	24,800
Home-Start UK fees	**6,127**	7,236
Rates & water	**(1,182)**	3,460
Repairs and maintenance	**176**	738
Insurance	**1,493**	1,105
Printing, postage & stationery	**1,412**	3,375
Volunteer expenses	**426**	2,685
Electricity	**260**	900
Travel expenses (staff)	**1,051**	4,001
Legal and professional fees	**3,363**	11,817
Telephone	**3,420**	2,995
Staff training	**4,015**	711
Accountancy & independent examination fees	**2,400**	2,700
Depreciation	**834**	1,026
Marketing	**7,200**	4,311
Sundries	**1,696**	1,645
IT costs	**7,887**	10,953
	271,088	284,135
Total expenditure	**271,286**	284,392

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income	**18,523**	67,569