

Home-Start Craven

(Registered Charity Number: 1138830)
(Registered Company Number: 7301263)

(A Company Charity limited by guarantee)

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended

31st July 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 01 August 2023

To: 31 July 2024

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2024. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015).

Charity's full name Home-Start Craven

Registered Company number 7301263

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Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

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

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

In all areas the Board of Trustees works for the sole public benefit as defined by the Charity Commission. Home-Start Craven offers a volunteer befriending service in the home to support families with young children. This is supplemented with a range of group activities. The strategy is one of early support and is therefore aimed at vulnerable families with children under the age of five. Home-Start Craven's aims are: to support families in their homes with a view to improving their emotional, mental and physical health, to give parents the opportunity to develop their parenting skills, to increase the confidence and independence of vulnerable families by building strong and sustainable social networks and by harnessing the volunteer capacity within the local community; to develop a culture of families supporting each other in the community, to support families in accessing health and social care services, to provide high quality volunteering opportunities to enable those who engage to gain experience which will benefit both the families they support and themselves in terms of general well-being and provision of more opportunities to access paid employment.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Home-Start Craven aims to help increase the confidence and empower families by building strong and sustainable social networks for vulnerable families by harnessing volunteer capacity within the local community. This is part of an early intervention strategy and is therefore targeted at families with children under the age of five. Families, with the support of their volunteer, are more likely to access health and social care services, have opportunities to develop their parenting skills, grow confidence and be more able to access activities and opportunities in their communities. Home-Start Craven also provides high-quality volunteering opportunities to enable those who engage to gain relevant experience to access employment opportunities and to enjoy improved physical, emotional and mental well being.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

In its fourteenth year of operation, Home-Start Craven has continued to offer support to families throughout Craven and has consolidated links with partnership agencies. The team works consistently with members of the local community to promote the service and raise awareness of the scheme in a wide range of locations. The number of referrals received continues to rise, the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis continue to influence demand. Referrals received from a number of agencies and the scheme is well placed in terms of strategic development within family support provision in Craven. Staff attend local networking events and continue to meet with other Home-Start schemes throughout the county to share best practice and experiences and to ensure that future planning reflects the needs of the local community. Throughout the year, Home-Start Craven has provided individual support to 55 families, benefiting 199 people. In addition to individual volunteer-based support, the scheme has continued to develop a range of activities to reduce isolation and loneliness in families and to encourage healthy lifestyles, 594 families accessed the groups on 2023/4. In addition, Home-Start Craven works alongside the local Aldi store to offer surplus food and household items to families on a weekly basis and has worked in partnership with Principle Trust to provide family holidays for those in need of a break away from home. Home-Start Craven continues to recruit high calibre volunteers and 7 volunteers attended our preparation course in 2024. Volunteers report that they feel valued and are able to use their training to access employment opportunities to further their own professional development. We are confident that we will be able to retain regular support for the families who are referred to us, or who self-refer. The scheme has secured funding from; Children in Need, Albert Hunt, Henry Smith, Brelms, Two Ridings, Tesco Groundworks, AWC, Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust, Trusthouse, Bilton Trust, Garfield Weston, Wharfedale Foundation and Craven Communities Together Partnership, to support funding for the next two to three years of operation. We are confident that top-up funding will be sourced from a number of smaller funders to ensure that the financial situation remains stable and the charity will thrive in the coming years. Homestart UK have just completed a quality assurance process and this has resulted in a very positive report. The Trustees and Staff would like to express their thanks to all volunteers, families, funders and partnership agencies for their continued support over the past year. In addition, sincere thanks must be given to the trusts, charitable organisations and personal donations which have provided the financial support required to allow us to enjoy continued success.

Financial review

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Home-Start Craven has developed its Reserves Policy within the Financial Management Policy to ensure stability of the mission, projects, employment and ongoing operations of the charity. Reserves are intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as sudden increase of expenses, one-off unbudgeted expenses, unanticipated losses in funding or uninsured losses. The Reserves may also be used for one-time, non-recurring expenses that will build long term capacity, such as staff development, research and development or investment in infrastructure. A full copy of the Reserves Policy, including a breakdown of operating costs is available on request by contacting the Home-Start Craven Office, Cowling Village Hall, Acre Road, Cowling, BD22 0FN.

Amount of reserves held

Unrestricted funds amounted to £53,225 at 31 July 2024.

Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/A

Funds materially in deficit

N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

None

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Memorandum and Articles of Association

Memorandum and Articles of Association

How the charity is constituted

Incorporated as a Limited Company

Trustee selection methods

Appointed at AGM or by Board

Additional governance issues

Home-Start Craven is officially affiliated to Home-Start UK (HSUK) a national body which supports and advises local schemes. The two organisations work to a signed agreement and Home-Start Craven has adopted the mandatory policies set down by Home-Start UK.

Reference and administration details

Charity's full name Home-Start Craven

Other names the charity is known by None

Charity's principal address Cowling Village Hall
Acre Road
Cowling, North Yorkshire
Postcode BD22 0FN

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to
Pam Waring	Chair	01.08.2023-23.10.2023	
Graham Brotherton	Treasurer to 23.10.23, then Chair		
Katherine Kitterick			
Gill Osmond			
Chris Rickerby	Treasurer from 23.10.2023		
Tracy Hopkins			
Leah Rebecca Hull			

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Julie Moore - Co-Manager
Wendy Barrett - Co-Manager

Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue on that basis.

The directors (trustees) are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial 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.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law, and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

Disclosure of information

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware;
- The Trustees have taken the necessary steps to be aware of the information, which would be relevant for independent examination purposes and have communicated them to the Independent Examiner.

Exemptions


The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies, including the audit exemption (as detailed on the balance sheet).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature
Full Name
Position
Date


Graham Brotherton
Chair
5/9/24.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Home-Start Craven

I report on the accounts of: **Home-Start Craven**
for the year ended: **31 July 2024** which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

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

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 386 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records
- 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.



Jeff Todd (FCA)

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31 July 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Grants, donations and legacies	3.1	6,365	143,750	150,115	127,274
Investments	3.2	2,310	-	2,310	540
Total income	3	8,675	143,750	152,425	127,814
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4.1	-	140,130	140,130	115,667
Total expenditure	4	-	140,130	140,130	115,667
Net income/(expenditure)		8,675	3,620	12,295	12,147
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,675	3,620	12,295	12,147
Total funds brought forward		44,550	49,887	94,437	82,290
Total funds carried forward		53,225	53,507	106,732	94,437

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Balance Sheet as at:

31 July 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		109,220	95,462
Debtors & prepayments	7	811	1,446
Total current assets		110,031	96,908
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	8	3,299	(2,471)
Total current liabilities		(3,299)	(2,471)
Net Assets		106,732	94,437
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	9	53,225	44,550
Restricted Funds	9	53,507	49,887
Total Funds carried forward	9 & 10	106,732	94,437

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors (trustees) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of each financial year and of its profit and loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the 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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).


The financial statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Graham Brotherton

Chair

Trustee

Date:


5/11/24.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

31 July 2024

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the 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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Change to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

Income and endowments

Recognition of income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure

Charitable activities

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

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least **£1,000**. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

There are currently no tangible fixed assets listed for the charity.

Fund accounting

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

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

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 July 2024

3 Income	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
3.1 Grants, donations and legacies						
Henry Smith	-	40,000	40,000	-	61,000	61,000
Garfield Weston	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Trusthouse	-	40,000	40,000	-	25,000	25,000
AWC	-	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Children In Need	-	9,800	9,800	-	10,300	10,300
Albert Hunt North Craven	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
Two Ridings	-	12,000	12,000	-	2,000	2,000
Brelms	-	3,840	3,840	-	-	-
Tesco Groundworks	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	-
Wharfedale Foundation	-	5,610	5,610	-	-	-
Communities Together	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
NYCC Twins	-	-	-	-	925	925
ABCD	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Other grants	6,215	-	6,215	1,780	-	1,780
Other donations	150	-	150	269	-	269
	6,365	143,750	150,115	2,049	125,225	127,274
3.2 Investments						
Interest	2,310	-	2,310	540	-	540
Total income	8,675	143,750	152,425	2,589	125,225	127,814

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 July 2024

4 Expenditure	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
4.1 Charitable activities						
Salaries	-	82,750	82,750	-	70,010	70,010
Staff training & other costs	-	5,377	5,377	-	6,126	6,126
Volunteer expenses	-	2,088	2,088	141	1,753	1,894
Volunteer training	-	551	551	-	1,078	1,078
Rent	-	4,162	4,162	-	3,840	3,840
Memberships & affiliation fees	-	3,113	3,113	-	1,686	1,686
Office overheads	-	810	810	-	764	764
Telephone, printing & postage	-	571	571	-	420	420
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	1,345	1,345	1,117	235	1,352
Professional & payroll fees	-	754	754	59	632	691
Independent examination fees	-	375	375	-	360	360
Mama Meet sessions	-	8,543	8,543	-	8,537	8,537
Picnic & Play	-	1,720	1,720	-	1,226	1,226
Sportathon	-	10,425	10,425	-	7,500	7,500
Yoga & Reflexology	-	5,534	5,534	-	4,901	4,901
Healthy Living	-	10,895	10,895	-	3,809	3,809
Twins Group	-	1,117	1,117	449	1,024	1,473
	-	140,130	140,130	1,766	113,901	115,667

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 July 2024

5 Trustee expenses & examination fees

5.1 Trustee expenses

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

	2024	2023
	£	£
5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts		
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	375	360
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner	-	100

6 Paid Employees

	2024	2023
	£	£
6.1 Staff costs		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	79,762	68,016
Employer's National Insurance costs	685	229
Employer's Pension costs	2,303	1,765
Total staff costs	82,750	70,010

6.2 Average number of full time equivalent employees by department

	2024	2023
Charitable Activities	2.11	2
Total	2.11	2

7 Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	811	1,446
Total	811	1,446

8 Creditors and accruals

8.1 Analysis of creditors	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,299	2,471
Total	3,299	2,471

9 Movement of funds

9.1 Movement of major funds 2024

Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds (General)					
General funds	44,550	8,675	-	-	53,225
Restricted					
Henry Smith	-	40,000	40,000	-	-
Garfield Weston	14,198	10,000	21,175	-	3,023
Trusthouse	25,895	40,000	31,941	-	33,954
AWC	9,794	15,000	21,964	-	2,830
Children In Need	-	9,800	9,800	-	-
Albert Hunt North Craven	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Two Ridings	-	12,000	12,000	-	-
Brelms	-	3,840	1,750	-	2,090
Teco Groundworks	-	1,500	1,500	-	-
Wharfedale Foundation	-	5,610	-	-	5,610
Craven Communities Together	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
	49,887	143,750	140,130	-	53,507
Total Funds	94,437	152,425	140,130	-	106,732

2023

Fund Name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds (General)					
General funds	34,535	2,589	1,766	9,192	44,550
Restricted					
Henry Smith - Improving lives	-	31,000	30,645	(355)	-
Garfield Weston	4,198	10,000	-	-	14,198
NYCC	-	925	1,024	99	-
Henry Smith Recovery	3,747	30,000	29,931	(3,816)	-
Children In Need	4,755	10,300	10,323	(4,732)	-
Scurrah Wainwright	3,570	-	3,226	(344)	-
Trusthouse	25,000	25,000	24,105	-	25,895
Tesco Community Fund	1,125	-	1,130	5	-
NYCC Suicide Prevention	4,460	-	4,960	500	-
Craven Community	900	-	-	(900)	-
AWC	-	15,000	5,206	-	9,794
Two Ridings Community	-	2,000	2,351	351	-
ABCD	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
	47,755	125,225	113,901	- 9,192	49,887
Total Funds	82,290	127,814	115,667	-	94,437

9.2 Details of Funds Held**Unrestricted Funds (General)**

The General fund is unrestricted and available for the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund.

Henry Smith

Towards running costs and providing home-visiting for vulnerable families with at least one child under five

Garfield Weston

Towards running costs and providing home-visiting for vulnerable families with at least one child under five

Trusthouse

Towards running costs and providing home-visiting for vulnerable families with at least one child under five

AWC

Towards running costs and Mama Meet project

Children In Need

Towards running costs and providing home-visiting for vulnerable families with at least one child under five

Albert Hunt North Craven

Towards running costs and Mama Meet project

Two Ridings

Towards healthy living project

Brelms

Towards rent cost

Tesco Groundworks

Towards healthy living project

Wharfedale Foundation

Towards Mama Meet project

Communities Together

Towards provision of the Mama-Meet project in North Craven

10 Net assets between funds**2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Balances at 31st July 2024			
Current assets	53,225	56,806	110,031
Current liabilities	-	(3,299)	(3,299)
	<u>53,225</u>	<u>53,507</u>	<u>106,732</u>

2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Balances at 31st July 2023			
Current assets	44,550	52,358	96,908
Current liabilities	-	(2,471)	(2,471)
	<u>44,550</u>	<u>49,887</u>	<u>94,437</u>