



**Epsom, Ewell
& Banstead**

ANNUAL REVIEW

**YEAR ENDING
31ST MARCH 2024**

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Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead is a Company Limited by Guarantee.
Company No: 08765689. Charity No: 1156539

Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead (including Mole Valley North) is an independent charity, part of a network of local Home-Starts across the UK and one of eight locations under the umbrella of Home-Start Surrey. We have been supporting local families for over 28 years covering Epsom and Ewell, Banstead wards, as well as Ashted, Leatherhead, Bookham and Fetcham.

How We Make a Difference

We have a wide range of service offerings and projects to achieve positive outcomes; helping families to become less isolated and more independent, including:

- Core home visiting service by staff and trained volunteers
- Parent support workshops, groups and one-to-one support for primary aged children with special needs
- Family Links Parenting courses and workshops increasing parents' skills and knowledge
- Perinatal mental health support individually and in The NEST Nurture and drop-in groups
- Annual outings and events
- Refugee/Asylum Seekers Family Support
- 'Dad Matters' - supporting the wellbeing of Fathers*

All our services, groups and events allow us to support local families in need, providing them with opportunities to connect with our staff, volunteers, and other parents. This helps reduce isolation, increase parenting confidence and gives children the best possible start in life.

Our Vision

Together with Families, we will shape a compassionate community of support for families, parents and children – because childhood can't wait.

What We Do

'Together with Families'

Being a parent is, for many, a daunting experience. Families often must face many challenges, such as physical and mental health concerns, financial hardship and lack of support.

At a time of life which should be happy and fulfilling, it can be scary and lonely for families. Facing these issues alone can lead to long-term mental health issues for the parent and children, leading to decreased parental capacity.

By providing families with non-judgemental, compassionate, confidential support, we can help parents realise and build on their strengths and work responsively to meet the needs of their family.

Why it Matters

There is considerable evidence to support early years intervention. We know that by providing early help to struggling parents, we can provide the support they need to avoid longer-term difficulties. Our staff and volunteers are best placed to build trust and confidence, helping and encouraging the family to access services and help themselves. Many families find it difficult to engage with other services due to fear or stigma. Feedback from our group work evidences our value in helping anxious and isolated families build relationships and achieve healthy and positive outcomes for their children.

The start of a child's life, starting from pregnancy, lays the foundation 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 in life requires nurturing relationships, an enriching home environment, and parents who are supported to fulfil this essential role. Home-Start's relational, compassionate, reliable, and trusted support offers practical and emotional help to parents and carers living in Epsom, Ewell, Banstead, and Mole Valley North.

Chair's Report

I am delighted to report that, due to our successful Crowd Funding Appeal and funding from The National Lottery, we ended 2023/2024 in much better financial position than anticipated. We would like to thank you all for your incredible support. To the staff and volunteers, my heartfelt thanks for another wonderful year. Hayley stepped up when Hazel left, and in January we were delighted to welcome Michelle Jones as our new manager. You are a fantastic team who combine commitment, dedication, and great teamwork to make a significant difference to the lives of our families; ensuring their children have the best start in life. Mary Coleman and Elizabeth Hume, our volunteer representatives continue to work hard to make sure the Trustees hear the voice of volunteers.

'Together with Families' continues to be the focus for HSEEB. Our team of volunteers know what a huge difference they make as they play a central role in supporting positive family life and building compassionate communities. This year we have extended our community reach in North Mole Valley, with a positive response from other community groups.

The Manager's Report reflects our current service provision. Early in 2024, we worked collaboratively with charities in Surrey Downs to grow funding to support new parents and parents of children with challenging behaviour. This work has enhanced our community presence and recognises that we are an inclusive charity, ensuring the voices of our families, volunteers and staff are heard.

The cost-of-living crisis continues to impact on families who are facing financial and emotional hardship, and this year, winter will be another challenging season as keeping their children warm and fed is already causing additional stress and concern.

Home-Start Surrey

With Home-Start Surrey we continue to share our experience and expertise in safeguarding and fundraising. We are working collaboratively to develop joint initiatives that help us to meet the needs of Surrey families and address service inequality. Dad Matters continues to move forward by developing a three-year funding and business plan to meet the needs of Dads across Surrey.

Funding

As I have already mentioned, we were fortunate to secure National Lottery funding in November 2023; this was a huge relief for us all. Our successful collaboration with Surrey Downs Mental Health Investment Fund has both provided further funds and raised our profile. This year we are again grateful to our local supporters from the 200 club, Rotary and Colin Sutherland for again opening his garden as a fundraiser in memory of his wife Jean, a past volunteer with Home-Start.

Trustees

I am very grateful to our skilled and hard-working board of trustees, Michael Blackburn (Treasurer), Nic Morgan, Liz Yiangou, Richard Moody, Judy Walsh and Jayne Morgan who all contribute their time and experience to Home-Start. During the year we said a sad good-bye to Hakan Yonel. Nic Morgan will retire as a trustee at the AGM. Nic and I joined Home-Start together 8 years ago and he has been a great colleague and support during the years.

Patron

In 2023/2024, we continued to benefit from the support of Lady Lamport as our Patron. She is committed to helping us raise the profile of Home-Start as we meet the needs of families in Surrey.

Financial Report

Although we are in a much better financial position this year, we know that the next three years will be critical to continue to raise much needed funds. We are indebted to Michael Blackburn (treasurer); He has worked hard to help us understand our financial position, prepare financial forecasts and manage the accounts. A special thank you to John Graves who, as our volunteer Independent Examiner, has examined our accounts.

Manager's Report

2023-2024 was not without its difficulties here at HSEEB, with the departure of Manager Hazel Davies in August, recruitment complications, and significant funding uncertainties throughout the year. Despite these challenges, our team of dedicated trustees, staff, and volunteers bravely weathered the storms and continued to provide unparalleled support to families in need, and we concluded the year on much more steady, solid ground.

Perhaps the most significant event of FY 23/24 was the successful bid for National Lottery funding which, along with various other sources of funding, including a successful Crowdfunding campaign, provided much-needed capital and confidence to the organisation and those we support. These funds will allow us to continue to help families when, and how, they need it.

We continue to see a continuous stream of referrals for our Home-Visiting, Perinatal, and Over 5s/SEND projects. Pressures facing our local health and social services (primarily staffing) have resulted in a reduction of support to local families, and Home-Start has seen a rise in the need for signposting to alternative services.

The team continues to go from strength to strength, engaging with families and professionals and continuing to expand our abilities and the services we provide. With a new manager in place, our staff and volunteers continue to be a lifeline for families. However, the cost-of-living crisis has forced a few of our volunteers into paid employment, and so we are finding it harder to recruit volunteers. Please do let your friends and family know about Home-Start and how just 2 hours a week of volunteering can transform a family's life.

I would like to give a special thanks to all of our Staff and Volunteers, including our Trustees, for welcoming me to the team this year and continuing to dedicate their time, effort and support to such a worthy cause. Without them so much of our work would not be possible.

Michelle Jones, Manager

A Volunteer's Story - Elizabeth

I became a Home-Start Volunteer about eighteen months ago after taking early retirement from working as an Early Years practitioner for thirty years. I am married and my three children are all grown up and, although two are still living at home, are quite independent.

A huge part of the Early Years role was being involved in the children's development but also with their families trying to give support and encouragement when needed. I knew I would really miss this part of my job.

I found the initial Home-Start training excellent and very helpful, giving me a clear understanding of what it means to be a volunteer, and that you are always supported by the staff team and the other volunteers. As a volunteer, we often have professional speakers that provide interesting, valuable information and advice that I have used to support the families that I visit.

I have had the privilege of meeting and helping families that have had many different challenges in their day-to-day lives. It has been my pleasure to be able to offer a 'listening ear', an extra pair of hands to help with the shopping, sharing cooking skills or just playing with the children so that a mummy can have a shower. I have had lots of happy moments playing and talking to the children; this has been such a valuable opportunity as I have often seen the parent using some of the same phrases and games in later visits.

Being a Home-Start volunteer is so rewarding. I value the time that I spend with a parent trying to make just one thing easier in their day. It's the parent that gives you a smile or a 'thank you' message as they realise that you are there for them because you want to be, not because you have to be.

Thanks to our volunteers...

We continue to be supported by Volunteers who give their time up to complete the initial preparation course and then visit families regularly. We have run two successful Volunteer Preparation Courses this year and would like to welcome our new volunteers to the team. We are always looking for more volunteers to join us, so if you are keen to become a volunteer, please contact Tracey Cobb at tracey.cobb@hseeb.org.uk.

Anne	Hilary P	Mags	Sarah M
Carla	Hilary W	Mary C	Sarah T
Cath	Janet	Mary N	Sheila
Debbie	Jill	Natalie	Susan C
Elizabeth	Jo	Pam	Susan F
Emily	Joanne	Rachel	Tamara
Filomena	John	Rosalind	Trudie
Geraldine	Lee	Sally	Wendy
Helen	Louisa	Sarah H	

Treasurer's Report and Summary Statement For the year ended 31st March 2024

The income for the year of £234,022 was £100,460 greater than the prior year, due almost entirely to successful grant bids, which were £93,974 higher than the previous year. Expenditure only increased by £3,232 during the year and therefore the reserves increased by £49,170 compared to a decrease of £48,058 the year before.

We have received grants of either £10,000, or more, from five separate bodies: Henry Smith Foundation, The National Lottery (TNL), Garfield Weston, St. Faiths and Awards for All, putting the charity in a stronger position than it was this time last year. We have secured 3-year funding from TNL. Donations from fundraising activities are up £15,816 mainly due to the success of the Crowdfunding initiative, which raised £9,235.

Costs rose slightly, despite having a full year of costs for Home-Start Dad Matters, which was £7,142 higher than prior year. HSEEB was able to reduce overall costs by making prior year claims for a National Insurance rebate from the Government. As mentioned above reserves have bounced back this year and as a percentage of annual expenditure, they now represent 62% of annual costs. We remain confident that we are well placed to achieve the aims of Home-Start across Epsom, Ewell and Banstead, although continued fundraising remains a priority.

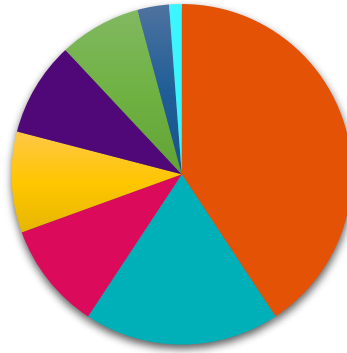
Financial Overview for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Current year 2023-24	Prior year 2022-23
Total Income	£234,022	£133,562
Total Costs	£184,852	£181,620
Surplus/Deficit	£49,170	(£48,058)
Funds Brought Forward	£64,925	£112,983
Funds Carried Forward	£114,095	£64,925

Our Vital Statistics

The charts below show further information about our organisation for the year 01.04.2023 – 31.03.2024. This is compared to the previous year, when we supported 148 families with 237 children.

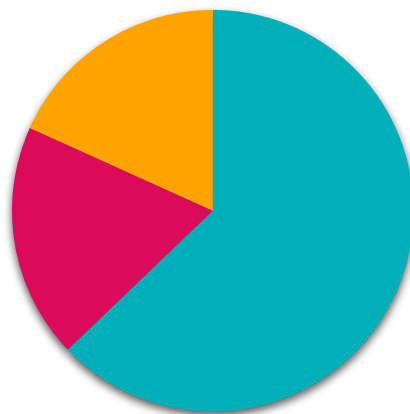
Source of Referrals



■ Health Visitors
 ■ Self-Referral
 ■ Family Centres
 ■ Health 'other'

■ Education
 ■ Mental Health
 ■ Other
 ■ Family Support Team

Location of Referrals



■ Epsom and Ewell
 ■ Mole Valley
 ■ Reigate and Banstead

Number of new referrals during the year	121
Number of families supported during the year	298
Number of children supported during the year	543

Top Reasons Families Turn to HSEEB for Support:

1. Coping with Parent's Own Mental Health
2. Coping with Feeling Isolated
3. Use of Services
4. Managing Children's Behaviour

Links

Throughout the year there were numerous opportunities to network with workers in other organisations and to attend various training and discussion events. Some of the main links are as follows:

0-19 Team Epsom & Ewell	Mary Francis Trust
0-19 Team Mole Valley	Mental Health Services
0-19 Team Tattenhams & Leatherhead	Merland Rise Church
Banstead Rotary Club	Mole Valley Borough Council
Barnardo's	Mole Valley Family Centre
Besom – St. George's Church, Ashted	North Surrey Domestic Abuse Service
Citizens Advice Bureau	Housing Associations
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	PANDAS
Community Midwives	Parent Infant Mental Health Service
Community Fridges	Perinatal Mental Health Service
Early Support Team	Preston Community Network
East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service	Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
Epsom Downs Family Centre	School Outreach Service
Epsom and Ewell Family Centres	Social Prescribing Teams
Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network	Stripey Stork
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	Surrey Action for Carers
Epsom Methodist Church	Surrey Adult Services
Family Voice Surrey	Surrey Care Trust
GPimhs: GP Integrated Mental Health Service	Surrey Children's Services
Home-Start UK	Surrey Downs Health and Care (NHS)
Home-Start Surrey	Central Surrey Community Action
Hygiene Bank	Surrey Early Help Hub
KT22 Group	Surrey Early Years & Childcare Service
Leatherhead Community Hub	Surrey Family Information Service
Leatherhead Youth Project	Surrey Partnership with Parents
Lloyd's Bank	Surrey Youth Focus
Local Faith/Community run parent/toddler groups	The Family Nurse Partnership
Local Early Years settings	The Good Company
Local Schools	YMCA
Local Food Banks	

Fundraising

We are grateful for the high level of financial support received over the year. Thank you for the generosity of all who have contributed. Fundraising enables our team to continue to provide much needed support to local families.

200 Club Entrants & Winners
The Anchor Pub, Leatherhead
AON
Aberdour School
Banstead Methodist Church
Banstead Rotary Club
CEO QA London Team
Christchurch Ewell
Colin Sutherland's Train Day
Co-op Local Community Fund
Community Foundation for Surrey
Ewell Rotary Club
Garfield Weston
Gatwick Foundation Fund
Henry Smith Charity

Home-Start Volunteers
Home-Start Trustees
'In memory' donations
Lloyds Bank Match Funding
The Meeting Place, Bookham
Margaret Kennedy Legacy
Ookla
Pears Foundation
St Faith's Trust
St James's Place Plc.
Sutton Masonic Lodge
The National Lottery Awards for All
The National Lottery Community Fund
Toddler Time, Ewell
Toyota Community Fund
Waitrose Epsom

Everyone who contributed to the Crowdfunding campaign, and many other individual and local supporters.

Quotes from families

The support received from Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead has meant...

"For the first time since first being pregnant, I'm enjoying the gift of Motherhood"

"We are more confident to deal with our daughter. We are able to understand her behaviour and emotions better."

"[My Home-Start Volunteer] has helped me so much with my confidence as a mother"

"When I first started Nurture group I didn't feel my son was mine. Now I feel like we've got a really good mother-son bond".

One parent that came to our summer outings stated: *"Typically we wouldn't be able to afford Bocketts farm for our whole family to attend so it was wonderful to be able to have the day out together. We are very appreciative of the opportunities."*

Quotes from referrers

"Homestart has been pivotal in the delivery of early help services for local families. Epsom & Ewell Family Centre has worked collaboratively with Homestart to understand and meet the needs of the community to deliver much needed support and workshops. Feedback from families attending the workshop indicates value, gratitude and hope with families feeling empowered to make change and become resilient. We are looking forward to continuing our working relationship with Homestart to embed Surrey's Family First Principles."

Tracey Robbins, Team Manager, Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

"Home-Start is a valued and excellent support service and without this service in Epsom and Ewell our families would be at a massive disadvantage."

Penny Russell, Health Visitor, 0-19 Team Epsom and Ewell

Staff (for period 01.04.2023 – 31.03.2024)

Hazel Davies	Manager (until 23.08.2023)
Michelle Jones	Manager (from 03.01.2024)
Hayley Ronald	Senior Family Coordinator
Tracey Cobb	Senior Family Coordinator (Volunteer Recruitment & Training)
Lesley Lane	Senior Family Coordinator (Over 5s/SEND)
Claire Stevens	Senior Family Support Coordinator (Perinatal)
Jenny Bond	Administrator/Finance Assistant

Management Committee (for period 01.04.2023-31.03.2024)

Briony Thomas	Chair of Trustees
Michael Blackburn	Treasurer
Elizabeth Yiangou	Trustee
Nicholas Morgan	Trustee
Richard Moody	Trustee
Judy Walsh	Trustee (Safeguarding)
Jayne Morgan	Trustee
Hakan Yonel	Trustee (Resigned April 2024)
Mary Coleman	Volunteer Representative
Elizabeth Hume	Volunteer Representative (from September 2023)
Pam Whiteley	Volunteer Representative (until September 2023)

HOME-START EPSOM, EWELL & BANSTEAD
(A company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 8765689

ENGLAND AND WALES

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1156539

HOME-START EPSOM, EWELL & BANSTEAD

DIRECTORS REPORT

The directors, who are also the trustees, submit their report and financial statements for the year ending March 31st, 2024.

Statement of director/trustee responsibilities

Company law requires directors 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 profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) Prepare financial statements on the going concerns basis unless it is inappropriate to assume the company will continue to trade.

The directors 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 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.

Principal activities

The company is registered with the Charity Commissioners and aims to give practical help to families under stress and to give children the best possible start in life.

The Charity is fortunate to have secured a three-year funding grant from the National Lottery, together with grants from the organisations listed on note 5 to the financial statements which will provide the Charity with some short-term stability.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors, who are also trustees, who served during the year were as follows;

Briony Thomas – Chair

Michael Blackburn - Treasurer

Nicholas Morgan

Elizabeth Yiangou

Richard Moody

Jayne Morgan

Judy Walsh

Hakan Yonel

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Small company rules

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the Small Companies Regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102), effective January 1st, 2015.

Reference and administrative details

Registered company number
8765689 (England and Wales)

Registered charity number
1156539

This report was approved by the directors on 27th August 2024 and signed on its behalf.



Briony Thomas
Chair

Registered office:
128 Great Tattenhams
Epsom Downs
Surrey KT18 5SE

HOME-START EPSOM, EWELL & BANSTEAD

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead on the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

I have examined the attached financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and you consider that the audit requirements of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) do not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

No matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Name: John Graves

Address: Little Paddock, 3 White Beam Way, Tadworth, KT20 5DL

Date: 27th August 2024

HOME-START EPSOM, EWELL & BANSTEAD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2024

	Mar-24		Mar-23	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets:				
Investments				
Cash at Bank and in Hand	147,801		101,471	
Debtors and Prepayments	2,466		2,572	
	<u>150,268</u>		<u>104,043</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors Falling due within one year	6,173		4,118	
Donations and Grants	30,000		35,000	
	<u>36,173</u>		<u>39,118</u>	
Net Assets		<u>114,095</u>		<u>64,925</u>
Represented by				
General Funds	57,631		64,925	
Restricted Funds	56,464		-	
Total charity funds		<u>114,095</u>		<u>64,925</u>

For the financial year ended March 31, 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no notice has been deposited under Section 476 requesting an audit. The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company maintains accounting records which comply with Section 386 and preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 396 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies subject to the Small Companies Regime within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2015), were approved by the directors and trustees on 27th August 2024.



Briony Thomas
Chair



Nicholas Morgan
Trustee

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

HOME-START EPSOM, EWELL & BANSTEAD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Voluntary contributions:				
Donations and grants	133,147	56,464	189,611	95,055
Fundraising activities	15,816		15,816	3,161
	148,963	56,464	205,426	98,216
Public funding:				
Surrey County Council	28,398		28,398	26,148
NHS Funding	-		-	9,027
	28,398	-	28,398	35,175
Bank interest received	197		197	171
Total income	177,558	56,464	234,022	133,562
Expenditure:				
Salaries and contributions	142,741		142,741	138,689
National Insurance recovery	(8,705)		(8,705)	-
Staff expenses	3,053		3,053	3,723
Volunteers' expenses	331		331	770
Training costs	1,770		1,770	665
Rent, rates and cleaning	11,721		11,721	10,727
Communications	1,692		1,692	5,572
Computer costs	5,695		5,695	2,382
Insurance	1,299		1,299	971
Sundry expenses	3,347		3,347	1,532
Recruitment and publicity	1,981		1,981	972
Other	938		938	1,317
Professional fees	312		312	915
Home-Start levy	2,404		2,404	3,835
Family programmes	4,593		4,593	5,269
Home-Start Dads Matter	11,423		11,423	4,281
Entertainment	257		257	-
Total expenses	184,852	-	184,852	181,620
Net movement in funds	(7,294)	56,464	49,170	(48,058)
Balances brought forward	64,925	-	64,925	112,983
Funds carried forward	57,631	56,464	114,095	64,925

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

HOME-START EPSOM, EWELL & BANSTEAD

NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) 2005, the Charities Act 2011 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2015).

Fixed assets and depreciation:

Initial furniture and equipment were donated when the previous organisation was set up. Additions are expensed on acquisition

Restricted funds arise from grants or donations where the donor specifies the use for which the funds may be applied. We are required by law to comply with the donor's wishes.

2. Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain reserves at the equivalent of approximately six months expenditure on an historic basis. The objective being to enable an orderly rundown in the event of a significant cut in funding. On March 31, 2024 the reserves amounted to approximately 62% (2023: 36%) of such expenditure. The trustees have made a forecast of confirmed income and expenditure for the year ending March 31, 2024 and remain of the opinion that they could ensure an orderly rundown in the event of a significant cut in funding.

3. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Due within 12 months</i>		
Staff and volunteer expenses	301	493
Salaries and contributions	3,469	-
Communication	132	20
Cleaning	325	-
Home-Start Levy	-	1,652
Home-Start – Dad Matters	1,946	1,800
Sundry	-	153
	<u>6,173</u>	<u>4,118</u>

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NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

4. Creditors (Donations and Grants)	2024	2023
	£	£
Mary Kennedy legacy	<u>30,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>
5. Grants received during the year	2024	2023
	£	£
Henry Smith Foundation	57,800	59,350
The National Lottery	56,464	-
Garfield Weston	15,000	-
Awards for All	10,000	10,000
St. Faiths	10,933	7,975
Pears Foundation	9,852	-
Gatwick Foundation Fund	7,000	-
St James Place	2,500	-
Toyota Charitable Fund	<u>1,750</u>	-
	<u>171,299</u>	<u>77,325</u>

The financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2023 reported £43,150 of funding which was attributed to Surrey County Council. The funds which were received via Home-Start Surrey should have been attributed as follows: Surrey County Council (£26,148), NHS Funding (£9,027) and St. Faiths (£7,975). This split has been corrected in the comparisons for the prior year in the P&L on page 6.

6. Other financial commitments

There are no other financial commitments.

7. Taxation

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

8. Company status and trustees

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees, also directors, named in the Directors Report. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member.

The trustees receive no remuneration.

9. Expenditure

All expenditure relates to the provision and support of charitable activities.

10. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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I have examined the attached financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and you consider that the audit requirements of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) do not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

No matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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