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Home-Start Newcastle Borough

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chair	Carole Dawn Johnson - Chair
Trustees	Carole Dawn Johnson - Chair Dilys Beard - Vice Chair David Williamson - Treasurer Gillian Burnett-Faulkner (appointed 27 June 2023, resigned 9 October 2023) Julie Cooper (appointed 14 March 2023) Neil Dudley Yvonne Flood (appointed December 2022) Mark Hammersley (resigned 26 July 2022) Timothy Wolley
Senior Management Team	Wendy Hocking - Scheme Manager
Registered Office	Cornerstone High Street Knutton Newcastle-under-Lyme ST5 6BX
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Hope Street Stoke on Trent ST5 1DD
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Charity Registration Number	1161247
	The charity is incorporated in England.
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Trustees' Report (incorporating Directors' Report)

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 6th March 2015. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited through a variety of advertising channels, including personal recommendations from current trustees, advertising, posters displayed promoting the scheme's work in public places and disseminating information via our partnerships in the locality, and the VCSE advocacy organisations such as Voluntary Action Stoke on Trent, VAST and Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Organization SCVYS.

Expressions of interest are followed up by the Chair. Interested individuals are invited as guests to observe the management committee meetings and subject to a successful meeting with the Chair and Scheme Manager and agreement that they wish to be nominated for a position on the trustee board, they are invited to complete a formal application, provide references, undergo a DBS enhanced level check and sign up the scheme's code of conduct.

With reference to the Memorandum and Articles of Association, a third of the committee is required to stand down at the AGM and if they wish to continue in their role as a trustee and a director of the organisation, they can be re-elected by the committee.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The charitable objects of the charity are:

- a) To safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and 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, principally but not exclusively within the area of Newcastle Borough and its environs.

The aims of the Charity are to provide support for local families and to give these families the means to cope with the difficulties they are experiencing. We aim to build better lives for both the child or children of the family and their parents by improving their confidence, health, mental wellbeing and to improve and encourage better family relationships.

The trustees of Home-Start Newcastle Borough oversee the governance of the scheme which works within the local community aiming to help parents build better lives for their children by helping them to tackle issues that they face such as loneliness and isolation, coping with multiple children, difficult child behaviour and ill health, disability or special needs.

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Charitable Activities undertaken for public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Home-Start Newcastle Borough provides front-line family support services within Newcastle-under-Lyme. Our expert staff and lived-experience volunteers support parents with children under 12.

Newcastle has pockets of deprivation; 19 neighbourhoods within the top 30% and Knutton, our location; in the top 10% most deprived. (IMD 2019). This year, rising living costs have exacerbated crises for local, low-income households already struggling with poor mental health, housing, disability, and social isolation, increasing demand on our services. 70% of the families we support have low-income and are receiving benefits.

As a local Home-Start, at our core is delivering home-visiting support via our volunteers, often parents themselves, there is a great deal of evidence highlighting the distinctive value of volunteer-led support, for a comprehensive support offer, we also have an experienced staff team, who are more able to support alongside statutory agencies, or with parents who have more complex needs, who we are able to engage with successfully, building relationships and helping them access the service and support they need. Our service brings real impact to the lives of families.

We provide practical and emotional support for families in their own homes and in the community. Our support is tailored to the individual needs of our families who may be experiencing difficulties and challenges including poor emotional wellbeing of parents or children, child development and learning needs, isolation, and financial worries. The earliest years make the biggest impact, and we work to make sure those years count. For example, our service supports parents:

- To help them manage their children's behaviour and anger outbursts
- To help their child sleep in their own bedroom
- To introduce positive parenting and rewards
- To help set boundaries and consequences.
- To encourage children to eat a healthy diet and eat varied food
- To introduce a good bed-time routine, so children go to bed at a regular time
- To help with their child's anxiety, which may be about leaving them to go to nursery or school
- To encourage sharing and turn taking, not grabbing or hitting other children
- To help manage their walk to school or nursery in the morning
- To improve parents' confidence and reduce parents' isolation
- To reduce parents isolation and help them go to groups and meet other parents
- To help with their child's confidence and social skills with others

During April 2022 - March 2023, we supported over 400 households and 500 children, reaching out to them via our community groups and delivering family support in their own homes.

Service Development

At the end of 2021/2022, we were preparing for a change in our service delivery. Many of our staff team were leaving us, some under TUPE to the new provider of Staffordshire County Council's Tier 2 Family Support service which we were no longer delivering. Other staff eligible for TUPE left us at the end of March 2022 for new positions elsewhere. Our staff team was reduced by half. Our two main grant funders were not prescriptive on delivery so we recognised the opportunity to focus on and develop our Home-Start service model to meet families and children's outcomes without the constraints of the contractual obligations.

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Whilst we had held the contract (2018-2022) our volunteer service complimented the more complex work delivered by our Family Support Workers. After reviewing our delivery model it was evident that we needed to continue to provide more intensive support for local families by providing that peer worker support to our volunteers. The trustees approved the introduction of a Family Support Advisor (FSA) post, which through recruitment, enabled us to keep one of our experienced staff team who was facing the prospect of TUPE to the new provider.

Being a full time post, our FSA has the capacity to support and address a multitude of issues that a family may face and utilises our flexible working arrangements to suit family's availabilities and children's school attendance commitments to realise a greater number of support interventions. As a fully trained, experienced support worker, they use their professional knowledge and excellent familiarity with other available services and working relationships to provide comprehensive, holistic support to the entire family including direct support to the children.

Our FSA supports:

- Families who require short but intense intervention
- Children who require direct work
- More complex needs families
- Families where the children require more than 1 visit a week
- Intensive support to families who may have a social worker assigned to them if they are on a child protection plan or child in need plan

At the end of March 2023 we had 16 families on our waiting list, a 50% reduction from the previous year, assisted by the introduction of the Family Support Advisor, and also the introduction of a part-time Family Support Worker (FSW) specialising in supporting parents whose children have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our FSW SEND commenced in January 2023, funded by the National Lottery Awards for All project funding.

In 2022-2023, our Family Support service supported 101 families and 204 children:

- 64% had complex needs
- 68% reported poor mental health affecting family life
- 66% faced financial struggles
- 27% dealt with substance abuse and/or domestic violence

Our Approach

Remaining aligned to Staffordshire the County Council's Early Help Strategy, 'Right Help, Right Time, Right Place', we provide timely support to parents, and children preventing issues escalating into crises, fostering resilience and independence, and reducing strain on statutory services through:

- One-on-one support in families' homes
- Information, advice, and guidance
- Stay-and-play community group sessions

Parenting Together

We are approaching the conclusion of the second year of our Parenting Together project. It has been made possible through the generous funding provided by The National Lottery's Reaching Communities grant, and it continues to make a significant impact on the lives of families and volunteers in our local community.

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The Parenting Together Project was initiated as a three-year endeavor aimed at providing comprehensive support to families facing various challenges, recognising the value that volunteering brings to the community.

We began our journey with the launch of two core services: 'Parent 2 Parent' Home-Visiting and 'Time 4 You' Telephone Befriending, delivered by our local volunteers who have parenting or caring experience. The Time 4 You service developed in response to the unique needs brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, we introduced a community group, 'Stay and Play,' catering to the 0-4 age group, also supported by volunteers.

Service Integration:

In our second year, we recognised the evolving needs of the families we serve. Consequently, we decided to merge the 'Parent 2 Parent' and 'Time 4 You' services into a unified offering known as 'Parenting Together Family Support.' This adaptation was a response to the feedback received from parents who desired a more versatile and hybrid approach to support. As a result, our methodology of service delivery transformed to include a mix of home-visiting and telephone support, tailored to each family's specific needs.

Enhanced Referral Process:

To improve the efficiency of our services, we introduced an online referral process for both parents and referring agencies. Families are now given the opportunity to specify their preferred method of support. The majority request home-visiting, with a few opting for telephone support only. However, we often provide a hybrid solution, primarily based on home-visiting and supplemented with telephone support when necessary.

Triage and Welcome Process:

Following a referral, which is increasingly facilitated through our streamlined online system, our weekly triage team ensures that we can meet the needs of the families as indicated in the referral form. Communication often begins with a comprehensive welcome letter, acknowledging their placement on a waiting list while assuring them that we will maintain regular contact which we call Keep In Touch (KIT) calls.

Managing Waitlists and KIT Calls:

We understand the anxiety that being on a waiting list can evoke, and to alleviate this, we promptly assign each applicant to a KIT team member who contacts them weekly or fortnightly based on their circumstances. The objective is to provide continuous support, monitor changes in their needs, and address any safeguarding concerns or urgent support requirements.

Matching Process:

Our Family Services Coordinator meticulously matches parents with a suitable volunteer or staff member after engaging in a discussion with both parties. This ensures a harmonious partnership that is instrumental in achieving the goals set during the initial meeting.

We provide personalised support for each family, completing a simple assessment of needs with them, and identify areas where they want change. Together with their volunteer or support worker, they can be helped to gain the outcomes identified.

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The length of the support needed to meet their needs can vary from family to family, depending on what outcomes are identified. The support given to each family is regularly reviewed until the outcomes have been met and there is a positive change for the children and parents in the household. An average time of support for families is 9 months, but for some complex families this can be much longer.

Personalised Support and Outcome Plans:

Every family we serve benefits from personalised support, including a needs assessment, goal identification, and a detailed outcome plan. Our volunteer or support worker collaborates with the family to help them achieve the specified outcomes, addressing areas identified in need of change.

We have seen a growing number of families with complex mental health and wellbeing concerns and needs, and many of them have more than one area of need, defining these families as having complex needs. These families are usually supported by our staff team.

Ongoing Review and Duration of Support:

The support provided to each family is regularly reviewed until the agreed outcomes are met, as a family's journey to success is not always a linear one, we adjust as we go along to ensure positive changes for both children and parents in the household. The duration of support varies from family to family, contingent on the outcomes identified. On average, families receive support for approximately 9 months, although some complex cases may require longer-term assistance.

Adaptation of Grant Funding:

We are grateful to The National Lottery for their flexibility in supporting our project's evolution. One element was initially designated for IT improvements and equipment, the grant was revisited, and it was mutually agreed to allocate the unused funds towards covering the costs associated with our invaluable Family Support Advisor. This adaptation recognises the significant impact this role has had on achieving positive outcomes for the families we serve.

Information Advice and Guidance

This element of our service is growing in success, in instances where families need to move on from our main family support, our Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG) service allows parents to access support on a more personalised, flexible basis, especially when specific concerns arise, without the need for a comprehensive outcome plan or a family-wide assessment.

The IAG service has been evolving throughout the year, records show during 22-23 we had 15 families accessing IAG services, 8 families had previously received home-visiting family support, and we trialled the introduction of the IAG telephone advice service with these families to assist case closure. We specifically placed 7 families, on the IAG support service as it was recognised that this service would suit their needs the best.

Our experienced staff have developed and learnt how to support families with many varying needs. Learning how to support them effectively by working closely with them, listening to them regarding the difficulties they were facing, and hearing what they felt would help them. The staff team deal with a higher number of families than our volunteers, and as such gain and develop a higher level of skills, utilised, by sharing information and guidance with the volunteers.

Our IAG service is often for specific issues, and usually for a shorter time span. We are monitoring this for evaluation, having altered our CRM system to capture the outcomes from this new service.

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Home-Start Together

Our Family Support Service is complemented by the delivery of community groups, and mainly concentrating on delivery to the 0-4, under school age children fitting with Home-Start UK's focus and our early years support offer. Accessed free to anyone with a child under 4 residing in Newcastle, we also signpost our families with young children into our groups, assisting our family support work with the family.

During this year, we held over 1,000 sessions of Stay and Play to children below school age. The groups are a place for parents to engage in developmental and fun activities with their 0-4 year old. We have continued to provide numerous free Stay and Play groups, delivering Rhyme and Craft in both Clayton and Kidsgrove libraries, these are 45-minute sessions encouraging story time, rhymes and craft activities, and a longer Stay and Play in Kidsgrove Children's Centre, which always had a messy play area, gratefully acknowledged by parents, a make and take craft activity and a snack. And we open these sessions up in the school holidays so that older siblings (up to 12 years) can come along too.

We constantly review the sessions, to ensure that we meet our community's needs. Using the feedback and listening to parents' comments and discussions with the Family Engagement Worker, when asking what they would like included in the next sessions.

We dropped one under-utilised group and altered another into a free Lunch n Play session, providing children with a healthy meal, and parents with a bit of basic comfort too such as toast and crumpets. This was in response to the conversations around the children's snack table, and the cost-of-living increases at the time. We have found the new Lunch and Play sessions to be very popular.

Holiday sessions 0-12

We held five sessions during year 2, three in the summer holidays, one at Halloween and one at Easter as it was early this year.

We had 120 children attend overall. All children were offered a free lunch, we received a lot of positive feedback including that the sessions were fun, free and something to do to keep the children busy in the holidays. Many families returned for the other sessions, which indicated they enjoy the sessions and are happy to return.

Our busiest session in Easter had 50 parents and children attending; the families particularly liked taking a craft item away with them. An Easter bonnet was a firm favourite.



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Coalfields Regeneration Fund (CRF)

This single-year project started back in June 2021, ending 31st May 2022, it provided us with additional administration hours to support the then Volunteer Co-ordinator running the volunteer service, and mobile telephones for our volunteers to use during COVID. In our end of project report to CRF, exceeding our prediction, we were able to successfully report that their grant assisted:

- 19 volunteers supported families for 3 months or over during the project period
- 26 parents have seen relief from anxiety / depression
- 25 have shown positive improvements in their emotional wellbeing and are better able to manage their anxiety and depression and have had support to seek additional support
- 26 parents feel more and have a better understanding of how to manage their daily lives
- 21 families have seen positive improvements in managing their daily lives and the stresses of the home/work life balance.

As part of their support, we continue to gain access to the Coalfields Community Investment Program, providing access to many guidance documents for research and support, as well as regular updates from the service which highlights training and grant funding opportunities.

Children in Need Grant

We are in year 2 of our Children in Need grant, which has provided essential unrestricted funds towards our core costs for 3 years, which started in October 2021. By providing funding to Charities who support disadvantaged children, their support has been invaluable as we work across many areas within Newcastle affected by significant deprivation. We advised that our support would assist children in the following ways:

- Children will have improved social skills
- Children will feel more confident
- Children will feel less worried.

Having the contribution to core costs has provided the stability to enable us to continue to deliver our family support service and focus on a natural process of continuous improvement, assisting us to manage our deficit budget and employ a Family Support Advisor.

Awards for All

We were lucky enough to gain 12 months funding from The National Lottery Awards for All funding, for our part time Family Support Worker (SEND) commencing in January 2023. This funding will enable us to:

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- Help parents implement strategies and routines specific to children's needs
- Support referrals to specialist organisations
- Navigate application processes to secure support such as Disability Living Allowance, Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and specialist equipment
- Help secure correct support in educational settings
- Assist attendance to medical appointments
- Help parents with learning needs understand correspondence from bodies such as schools and Social Workers
- Help parents where physical disabilities make it difficult to play with children or take them out.

Our SEND support is helping families to break down the obstacles that physical and learning needs often present which can prevent them from participating in community life. Helping parents develop confidence to manage their child(ren) outside the home; become less isolated and more able to access groups, services, people and facilities in their community.

We help families access the right equipment, advice and reassurance so parents can provide a nurturing and positive home environment in which children can flourish and meet their potential because every child matters.

As a new service, after recruitment and induction, by 31st March 2023, our FSW SEND was actively supporting 7 families.

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Use of volunteers

Our volunteers commit to support, one or sometimes two families at a time, donating 3 to 4 valuable hours per week. Volunteers, usually parents or grandparents themselves, are recruited from our local community and provided with a quality training schedule to support the families in a non-judgemental, empathetic way; The Home-Start approach.

We are here to ensure that children thrive, and we do this by being alongside families, in the children's early years providing:

- relational support to parents and families
- volunteer home-visiting
- a focus on the early years
- primarily an offer of 'early help'
- accessible and inclusive
- community-centered

Babies, infants, and children develop within the relationships and environments that are created around them. By prioritising strong attachments, loving caregivers and a focus on their whole development needs, children can be protected from the extreme impacts of adversity and the challenges and difficulties experienced by families from time to time.

We provide earliest help, supporting parental and child wellbeing with a listening ear, a volunteer is that friendly, non-judgemental person, who families can confide in, not a family member, so as to remove the worry of 'what will they think' 'will this be held against me'

Parents tell us that having someone they trust alongside them is often the most significant factor in our support being effective. Volunteers, with their understanding and experience, help build trust and good relationships with parents.

Families tell us that having someone close who cares is important to them and the positive feeling of people who give their time freely helps build a trusting relationship. Volunteers give their time, experience and understanding to help ensure we can be there when needed most.

Because Home-Start is invited into the homes and lives of families with young children, it remains critical that our offer is a voluntary relationship for families, on their terms. This is part of building a mutually respected relationship between Home-Start volunteers and staff and the families we work with.

Volunteer recruitment remains an issue within the sector and as a volunteer led service it presents a key challenge to us. This year, we have utilised a variety of means to address this including:

- Social media campaigns
- Attending volunteer recruitment fayres
- Press coverage such as the Mayoral opening of the volunteer lounge
- Adverts in local publications
- Introduction of an online application process

With the help of unrestricted funds and Reaching Communities funding, we have been able to invest more funds into the promotion of our scheme including the redevelopment of our website which will enable families to make online referrals for support, offer information and guidance and increase donations to our scheme by providing access to fundraising platforms for potential donors.

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Our volunteering opportunities and roles are designed to improve wellbeing and reduce social isolation for those choosing to work with us whilst building our community activity. We provide fantastic training, and support and many opportunities for people to volunteer to improve their employability, skills and support their local community.

There are many volunteering opportunities within Home-Start

- Family support
- Keep in touch calls (to families on our waiting list)
- Admin support
- Social media volunteer
- Book-Start, storytelling volunteer
- Stay and play group volunteer

We designed and introduced a fantastic, designated volunteer welcome area; the Volunteer Lounge, integrating an informal training space and resource area. It has a comfortable, bright, and welcoming feel, where volunteers can stop off, meet other volunteers, provide peer to peer support, pick up resources for their families, and have a coffee together. The Volunteer Lounge has IT space for volunteers to learn together, to access and input into Lamplight, and a space for accessing e-learning too, together if they wish.

Our volunteers have told us that this area makes them feel valued and are appreciative of the change we have made for them, having recently updated and introduced many improvements for them.

Christine, our longest serving Award Commended volunteer, said, "All of this is marvellous, I can feel the difference, it makes me feel really appreciated, the lounge is a lovely area".

With the natural comings and goings of volunteer recruitment and retention, we have had a regular number of volunteers throughout the year. The majority deliver home-visiting family support, some assist with our KIT calls, and IAG service. The majority still support one family at a time due to their capacity. We know that volunteers like to feel that they are giving back and using their empathy and experience to help others, saying that they feel their confidence grow with each family.

This year, 34 volunteers used their valuable time for Newcastle families.

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Achievements and performance

- We were delighted to be chosen by the Newcastle Borough Mayor Councillor Gill Burnet as one of her Mayoral Charities of the Year, 2022/23. She is a great supporter of ours, she wanted to support the children and families of Newcastle and felt this was an ideal opportunity to do so. The Mayor, attended many of our functions throughout the year, helping us celebrate and promote our services
- We introduced a new website, improving accessibility and ease of application for new vacant posts, referrals into the service and our volunteer recruitment process
- One of our longest serving volunteers, Christine, was awarded a Commendation as Volunteer of the Year for Newcastle under Lyme, at the Support Staffordshire Awards on 22nd June 2022. She was very humbled to receive the commendation. Seen here accepting her certificate.



We supported over 100 families and 204 children via our Family Support model, of those families:

- 87% experienced improved parental health and wellbeing
- 83% reported improvements in family life and their relationships
- 75% felt more able to reach their goals
- 66% reported an improvement in general daily living

66% of the families we supported had complex needs. Our FSA supports these families and provided intensive support for 36 families and carried out 49% (238) weekly information, advice and guidance calls to families on our waiting list. As a result of this support

- 78% families reported improvements in their mental health and wellbeing
- 94% families experienced improved relationships and reduced social isolation
- 18 children said they felt less worried whilst improved social skills were observed in 15
- 89% of families reported improved health and wellbeing of their children
- 61% of families reported they were better able to cope with the stress of home and work
- 33 referrals made to other agencies for specialist, specific support for 11 different families.

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Our Social and Added Value

We take pride in our comprehensive approach to delivering family support services. Through our partnerships, we gain access to specialised services that excel in their respective domains, benefiting the families we serve in ways that other organisations, agencies, and individuals cannot match.

Throughout 2022 and 2023, we received additional assistance for our families from various organisations including Alice Charity, Star Bikers, John Lewis & Partners, Foodbank, Aspire, Amazon, Waitrose and Tesco (Kingsgrove) as well as the kind contributions from individual donors. This support was instrumental in providing much-needed aid to our families. It encompassed financial aid for safety equipment, school uniforms, household appliances, bedding, Christmas presents, play equipment, activity packages, Easter treats, and foodbank vouchers.

Relationships with related parties

Home-start UK

Home-Start Newcastle Borough is a local, independent charity operating within the ethos, guidance and policies of the Home-Start UK as part of its international network of schemes.

Working in Partnership

The premises we work in are under the management of Elim Church, which has granted us the flexibility to collaborate with Newcastle Foodbank. Together, Newcastle Foodbank operate a foodbank service from our offices on Wednesday afternoons, offering a convenient and local venue for residents in the area to seek assistance and collect their essential food parcels. We view this partnership as a valuable opportunity, mutually benefiting both organisations. Families who visit the foodbank for their parcels are able to access support from Home-Start and discover the range of services we provide.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition October 2019) grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any condition linked to the grants have been met. As such income granted for use this financial year (1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023) is part of a three year grant awarded in, and therefore included in, our previous year's accounts, therefore our accounts for this year show a deficit.

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Policy on reserves

The trustees have set a reserves policy which requires:

- 1) Reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that Home-Start's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty
- 2) A proportion of reserves are maintained in a readily realisable form.

The calculation of the required level of reserves is an integral part of the scheme's planning, budget and forecast cycle and considers:

- 1) Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted
- 2) Planned activity level
- 3) Organisation's commitments

Having considered the risks, activity and commitments of the organisation trustees have agreed that the scheme needs to retain a level of reserves of between 3 and 6 months running costs which equates to approximately £48,000 to £96,000. At the year end general unrestricted reserves at the year end were £52,900 (2022: £80,602).

In addition to the general unrestricted reserves, the charity holds £65,000 in a designated fund to be used in event of the scheme closing.

Risks arising and management of those risks

Changes to Funding

This year, our Risk Register illuminated a diverse range of risks that the trustees carefully considered. The awarding of Staffordshire County Councils Tier 2 Family Support Outreach contract to an alternative provider presented a mixed blessing due to its tight budget. Instead, we seized the opportunity to revamp our service delivery, involving both volunteers and staff, resulting in the birth of a new Home-Start Service. Upon review, the Trustees assessed the impact of these changes and implemented adjustments to the staffing structure for the remaining service, which commenced on April 1st 2022. To facilitate this transition, they approved a deficit budget for the fiscal year 2022/23, demonstrating prudent use of the charity's substantial reserves, which had become mismatched with our new service expenditures. This allowed the Trustees to provide interim funding for new staff positions and an updated service offering to Newcastle families.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/11/23 and signed on its behalf by:



Carole Dawn Johnson - Chair

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Newcastle Borough ('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

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 Newcastle Borough 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.



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Date:.....28/02/2024

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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	1,450	125,912	127,362
Charitable activities	4	2,841	-	2,841
Other trading activities	5	825	-	825
Investment income	6	861	-	861
Total income		<u>5,977</u>	<u>125,912</u>	<u>131,889</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>(88,082)</u>	<u>(112,054)</u>	<u>(200,136)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(88,082)</u>	<u>(112,054)</u>	<u>(200,136)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(82,105)</u>	<u>13,858</u>	<u>(68,247)</u>
Net movement in funds		(82,105)	13,858	(68,247)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>200,005</u>	<u>28,736</u>	<u>228,741</u>
Total funds carried forward	18	<u><u>117,900</u></u>	<u><u>42,594</u></u>	<u><u>160,494</u></u>

The notes on pages 19 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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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 (as restated) 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	306	101,867	102,173
Charitable activities	4	236,449	-	236,449
Other trading activities	5	1,582	-	1,582
Investment income	6	17	-	17
Total income		<u>238,354</u>	<u>101,867</u>	<u>340,221</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>(249,311)</u>	<u>(73,131)</u>	<u>(322,442)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(249,311)</u>	<u>(73,131)</u>	<u>(322,442)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(10,957)</u>	<u>28,736</u>	<u>17,779</u>
Net movement in funds		(10,957)	28,736	17,779
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>210,962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,962</u>
Total funds carried forward	18	<u>200,005</u>	<u>28,736</u>	<u>228,741</u>

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

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	4,371	3,779
Current assets			
Debtors	14	-	59,113
Cash at bank and in hand		169,728	174,397
		<u>169,728</u>	<u>233,510</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(13,605)</u>	<u>(8,548)</u>
Net current assets		<u>156,123</u>	<u>224,962</u>
Net assets		<u>160,494</u>	<u>228,741</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	18	42,594	28,736
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>117,900</u>	<u>200,005</u>
Total funds	18	<u>160,494</u>	<u>228,741</u>

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.

The financial statements on pages 16 to 33 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20.11.23.. and signed on their behalf by:



Carole Dawn Johnson - Chair
Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 19 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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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 consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

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) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Home-Start Newcastle Borough 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 financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

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.

Reclassification of comparative amounts

The prior year figures have been restated to adjust for grant income which was previously accrued into the period for the full 3 year period but has now taken advantage of implied time constraints to recognise the grants over the 3 year life of the projects

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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.

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.

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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Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £300 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
Computer equipment	Straight line method over four years.
Furniture and equipment	Straight line method over four years

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

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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Hire purchase and finance leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	1,450	-	1,450
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	79,716	79,716
Grants from other charities	-	46,196	46,196
	<u>1,450</u>	<u>125,912</u>	<u>127,362</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total (as restated) 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	306	-	306
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	71,066	71,066
Grants from other charities	-	30,801	30,801
	<u>306</u>	<u>101,867</u>	<u>102,173</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Support for families, children and young people	<u>2,841</u>	<u>2,841</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total (as restated) 2022 £
Support for families, children and young people	<u>236,449</u>	<u>236,449</u>

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Local fundraising and street collection income	825	825
	<u>825</u>	<u>825</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total (as restated) 2022 £
Local fundraising and street collection income	1,582	1,582
	<u>1,582</u>	<u>1,582</u>

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	861	861
	<u>861</u>	<u>861</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total (as restated) 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	17	17
	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Support for Families	88,082	112,054	200,136
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total (as restated) 2022 £
Support for Families	249,311	73,131	322,442

	Activity undertaken directly £	2023 £	2022 £
Gross Salary Costs	69,962	69,962	219,865
Temporary Staff and Recruitment Costs	1,075	1,075	829
Family Activity Costs	5,064	5,064	2,178
Training for Staff and Volunteers	251	251	730
Staff and Volunteer Expenses	2,788	2,788	3,889
Other Expenses	4,812	4,812	1,395
Allocated Support Costs	116,184	116,184	93,556
	<u>200,136</u>	<u>200,136</u>	<u>322,442</u>

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Support costs	Total 2023	Total (as restated) 2022
	£	£	£
Salary costs	71,492	71,492	50,259
Recruitment	126	126	116
Staff training	1,400	1,400	578
Travel expenses	292	292	332
Rent, insurance and office costs	22,786	22,786	22,726
Professional fees	1,480	1,480	981
Affiliation fees	9,935	9,935	4,857
IT costs	3,708	3,708	8,053
Marketing and promotion	1,225	1,225	641
Governance costs	900	900	900
Depreciation	2,435	2,435	2,715
Other costs	405	405	498
	<u>116,184</u>	<u>116,184</u>	<u>92,656</u>

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General	Total 2023
	£	£
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	900	900
	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
	Unrestricted funds General	Total (as restated) 2022
	£	£
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	900	900
	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

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9 Government grants

National Lottery Awards for All £9,862 (£nil: 2022) grant to fund the SEND Support for Families project.

National Lottery Community Fund RC Midlands Region £69,854 (£71,066: 2022) grant to fund the Parenting Together project.

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £79,716.

There were no unfulfilled conditions at the year end.

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	127,229	238,554
Social security costs	5,517	13,874
Pension costs	8,708	17,696
	<u>141,454</u>	<u>270,124</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

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	2023 No	2022 No
Scheme Manager	1	1
Finance and Administration Co-ordinator	1	-
Office Co-ordinator	-	1
Administration Assistant	1	1
Family Support Service Co-ordinator	1	1
Volunteer Co-ordinator	-	1
Family Support Advisor	1	7
Family Engagement Worker	1	-
SEND Family Support Worker	1	-
	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £32,681 (2022 - £44,568).

12 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	-	13,632	13,632
Additions	<u>2,298</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>3,027</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,298</u>	<u>14,361</u>	<u>16,659</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	-	9,853	9,853
Charge for the year	<u>431</u>	<u>2,004</u>	<u>2,435</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>431</u>	<u>11,857</u>	<u>12,288</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,867</u>	<u>2,504</u>	<u>4,371</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>3,779</u>	<u>3,779</u>

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14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued income	-	59,113

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	3,340	314
Other taxation and social security	12	4,162
Other creditors	1,056	2,181
Accruals	9,197	1,891
	<u>13,605</u>	<u>8,548</u>

16 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

The total value of future minimum lease payments was as follows:

	2023 £
Within one year	(1,652)
In two to five years	<u>(6,195)</u>
	<u>(7,847)</u>

17 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 £8,708 (2022 - £17,696).

Pension costs are apportioned between unrestricted and restricted funds depending upon which project the employee works on.

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18 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	80,602	5,977	(48,067)	14,388	52,900
<i>Designated</i>					
Scheme Closure	65,000	-	-	-	65,000
Family Support Advisor	51,057	-	(40,015)	(11,042)	-
Administration Salaries	3,346	-	-	(3,346)	-
	<u>119,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,015)</u>	<u>(14,388)</u>	<u>65,000</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>200,005</u>	<u>5,977</u>	<u>(88,082)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,900</u>
Restricted funds					
The National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region	20,842	69,854	(65,607)	-	25,089
Coalfields Recovery & Resilience Fund	4,674	-	(4,674)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	2,720	40,267	(34,011)	-	8,976
Tesco Community Grant	500	-	(500)	-	-
National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,862	(2,161)	-	7,701
Home Start Warm Spaces	-	1,000	(172)	-	828
The Community Foundation for Staffordshire - Community Recovery Fund	-	4,929	(4,929)	-	-
	<u>28,736</u>	<u>125,912</u>	<u>(112,054)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,594</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>28,736</u>	<u>125,912</u>	<u>(112,054)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,594</u>
Total funds	<u>228,741</u>	<u>131,889</u>	<u>(200,136)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,494</u>

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	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	145,962	238,354	(249,311)	(54,403)	80,602
<i>Designated</i>					
Scheme Closure	65,000	-	-	-	65,000
Family Support Advisor	-	-	-	51,057	51,057
Administration Salaries	-	-	-	3,346	3,346
	<u>65,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,403</u>	<u>119,403</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>210,962</u>	<u>238,354</u>	<u>(249,311)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,005</u>
Restricted					
The National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region	-	71,066	(50,224)	-	20,842
Coalfields Recovery & Resilience Fund	-	9,676	(5,002)	-	4,674
BBC Children in Need	-	20,625	(17,905)	-	2,720
Tesco Community Grant	-	500	-	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>101,867</u>	<u>(73,131)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,736</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>101,867</u>	<u>(73,131)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,736</u>
Total funds	<u>210,962</u>	<u>340,221</u>	<u>(322,442)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,741</u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region

Our service supports families and volunteers with a range of activities and services, The Parenting Together is a 3 year project and funds, Time 4 You - Telephone befriending, Parent to Parent - Family support, Home-Start Together; Community Group sessions and Bookstart sessions.

BBC Children in Need

This grant funds core costs, supporting back office administration and core staff costs for 3 years. The contribution to organisational costs helps manage our deficit budget, reducing the need to deplete our reserves. It provides us with stability to provide family support and focus on improving the lives of children and young people; helping them to feel more confident, less anxious and improve their social skills. An additional £500 was awarded in the year ended 31 March 2023 due to rising costs of living.

Coalfields Recovery & Resilience Fund

The grant funds equipment and staff time to deliver emotional support, information advice and guidance and opportunities to reduce social isolation for parents and carers with children of all ages. This is a 12 month programme which commenced in June 2021.

Tesco Community Grants - Safe Homes with Home-Start

This grant funds the 'Safe Homes with Home-Start' project. We want to support families to have safe homes. We will hold 4 home safety advice sessions within our play group and our family support workers will distribute items to the families they support where they see a need so that local families who may be facing financial difficulties or struggle to access safety information can create safe home environments for their children, allowing them to explore, play and take the risks that help them to develop.

National Lottery Awards for All

This grant funds SEND Support for Families.

Home Start UK - White Stuff's Warm Spaces Friendly Faces

This grants funds community-based activities for families in heated spaces during the colder months.

The Community Foundation for Staffordshire - Community Recovery Fund

This grant is a contribution towards the continuation of our core service delivery and helping our scheme during a financially challenging time driven by the response of big grant funders and individual giving to the impact of COVID on local communities. Despite decreased core funding opportunities we continued to help families achieve positive progress with their parenting skills, relationships with family, and positive support networks and developing skills, confidence, and parents' ability to support children's learning and development.

Designated Fund - Scheme Closure

The trustees have designated £65,000 of reserves in the event of the scheme having to close.

Designated Fund - Family Support Advisor

In the year ended 31 March 2022, the trustees designated £51,057 of unrestricted reserves to fund the salary and associated costs of a family support advisor in the year ended 31 March 2023.

Designated Fund - Administration Salaries

In the year ended 31 March 2022, the trustees designated £3,346 of unrestricted reserves to maintain the hours of the administration salaries when there is no further grant funding.

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The remaining balances from both the Family Support Advisor and Administration Salaries designated funds have been transferred to general unrestricted funds at the year end to reflect that these funds were designated for use in the year ended 31 March 2023 and until new funding streams had been established following the changes in service delivery after the cessation of the Staffordshire County Council contract on 31 March 2022.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2023
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,505	-	1,866	4,371
Current assets	74,318	65,000	30,410	169,728
Current liabilities	(12,868)	-	(737)	(13,605)
Total net assets	<u>63,955</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>31,539</u>	<u>160,494</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2022
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,779	-	-	3,779
Current assets	83,165	119,403	30,942	233,510
Current liabilities	(6,342)	-	(2,206)	(8,548)
Total net assets	<u>80,602</u>	<u>119,403</u>	<u>28,736</u>	<u>228,741</u>

20 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

