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Home-Start Newcastle Borough

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

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 Neil Dudley Yvonne Flood Timothy Wolley
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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 and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 VAST (Voluntary Action Stoke on Trent), SCVYS (Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Organization) and Support Staffordshire.

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.

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The trustees of Home-Start Newcastle Borough oversee the governance of the scheme which works within the local community supporting families with children under 12 across Newcastle-under-Lyme, where there are many deprived areas. With over 26 years of experience, providing crucial support during the critical formative early years of childhood, reaching out early on to parents facing difficulties, with homelife and parenting, aiming to prevent family crises and mitigate the potential negative impacts on children.

The Home-Start approach is supporting families early on, with no predefined level of need; instead, Home-Start believe that any family seeking help does so because they need it at that moment. The aim is 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, children's behaviour that challenges and ill health, disability or special needs.

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).

Family needs are unique and individual, this year the following circumstances were affecting their ability to parent and provide the best opportunities for their children:

- 81% of parents suffered poor mental health which was affecting their ability to provide stable nurturing homes and the ability to go into the local community and provide opportunity for their children to socialise.
- 61% of children had poor mental health including low confidence, poor self-esteem, and few friendships.
- 66% of the families accessing our support had complex needs*
- 18.4% of all Newcastle households are experiencing fuel poverty (Public Health Outcomes Framework).

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 experience 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.

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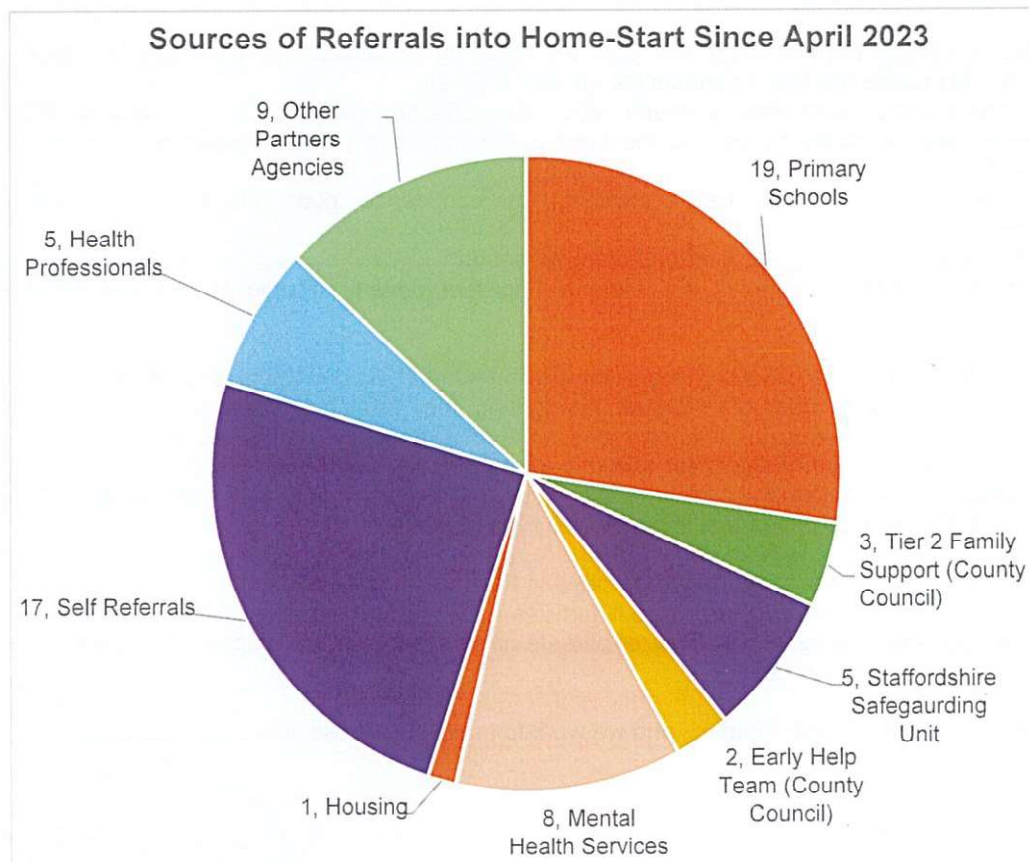
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For example, our service supports parents:

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

The success of our support is rooted in the non-judgemental, compassionate relationship that a family develops with their support worker hence their matched worker will remain with them throughout their time with us in all but exceptional circumstances.

As a trusted provider; the chart below shows the wide range of people relying on the Home-Start service since April 2023 which includes local schools, nurseries, social prescribing teams, health & midwifery services, social care teams and parents themselves:



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Home-Start Services

In line with Staffordshire County Council's Early Help Strategy "Right Help, Right Time, Right Place" effective early help relies on collaboration with organisations being able to play to their strengths. One of Home-Start's strengths lies in the services flexibility and autonomy, essential for those families who do not meet the threshold for statutory intervention or who do not have a mental health diagnosis but who need help. The service bridges the gap and prevents difficulties escalating into crisis.

Following the introduction of the Family Support Advisor (FSA) post in 2022 to complement our volunteer service, it has provided extra capacity to support and address the more complex needs of families and providing us with 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.

The FSA supports:

- Families who require short but intense intervention
- Children who require direct work
- More complex needs families (3 or more identified needs)
- Families that require more than 1 visit a week.

Additionally, we benefited from piloting a specialised Family support Worker (FSW) for families who have a child with additional needs or special educational needs or disability. (SEND). Funded by the National Lottery Awards for All grant.

This funding enabled:

- Parents to implement strategies and routines specific to children's needs
- Supporting referrals to specialist organisations
- Assistance to navigate application processes to secure support such as Disability Living allowance, Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and specialist equipment
- Identifying and securing correct support in educational settings
- Parents attend medical appointments
- The provision to help parents with learning needs understand correspondence from bodies such as schools and social workers
- Assistance to parents with physical disabilities to engage and 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, service's, people and facilities in their community. Helping families access the right equipment, advice and provide reassurance so parents can provide a nurturing a positive home environment in which children can flourish and meet their potential because every child matters. Our main goal is to provide extra support and resources to local families facing challenges. We aim to level the playing field, giving everyone a fair chance to strengthen their resilience and engage fully in their community.

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We draw on the strengths of the people in our local community building the assets in the community, one family at a time. Those with parenting experience can utilise their knowledge and enhance their skill set through our training opportunities and personal development opportunities volunteering with Home-Start. We are not only helping to increase the resilience of families at home by helping them to connect with others, but it also improves the community for all. Helping the volunteers and families actively participate and benefit from and with a wide range of community-based support and to move forward as contributors to their communities.

Our Approach

Having a staffed delivery service alongside our volunteer service, enables us to respond to the needs of Newcastle families more effectively. Our traditional placed based approach aims at local empowerment pairing local volunteers, parents themselves with lived experience who embody local knowledge and parenting experience, with local families in need. Often having previously received support themselves our volunteers have an intimate understanding of the challenges families face and the obstacles in accessing support and shape their support to harvest trust and non-judgemental approach to promote open communication.

Aligning with the 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
- Peer to Peer groups
- Information, advice and guidance
- Stay-and-Play community group sessions.

Parenting Together

This year was the final year of a 3-year funding grant, for the 'Parenting Together' project, provided by The National Lottery's Reaching Communities grant. It has made a significant impact on the lives of families and volunteers in our local community, funding a volunteer home-visiting service and the three Stay and Play community group sessions.

The Parenting Together Project aimed at providing comprehensive support to families facing various challenges and recognising the value that volunteering brings to the community. We provide a versatile hybrid approach to support which includes a mix of home-visiting and telephone support, tailored to each family's specific needs. We are grateful to The National Lottery for their flexibility in supporting our project's evolution, last year they agreed to allocate 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.

Enhanced Referral Process:

Families specify their preferred method of support; the majority want 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.

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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. The staff and our KIT call volunteers made 162 successful KIT calls to families in 2023/24.

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.

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.

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.

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 nine months, although some complex cases may require longer-term assistance.

Information Advice and Guidance

Our Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG) service is often for specific issues, and usually for a shorter time span. We took the year to monitor the effectiveness of the service. The IAG element of our service allows us to support parents flexibly basis, especially when specific concerns arise, and often without the need for a comprehensive outcome plan or a family-wide assessment.

We specifically placed 12 families on the IAG service in 2023/24 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.

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Parenting Together / 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.

Our aim is to provide a free, local group in a friendly, accessible venue to counter the inequity they are likely to experience "socially isolated children tend to have lower subsequent educational attainment, be part of a less advantaged social class in adulthood and are more likely to be psychologically distressed in adulthood" (Lacey, Kumari & Bartley, 2014)". The sessions provide opportunities for parental engagement and age-appropriate play to support learning and development.

During the year, just under 1700 attendances were recorded at our Stay and Play sessions. The groups are a place for parents to engage in developmental and fun activities with their baby or pre-school toddler. We held 113 FREE sessions, including the delivery of Rhyme and Craft in both Clayton and Kidsgrove libraries, these are 45-minute sessions encouraging story time, rhymes and craft activities.

Additionally the Lunch and Play session, in Kidsgrove Children's Centre, which includes and a make and take craft activity and a messy play area, gratefully acknowledged by parents, is held around lunch time, so we can provide a healthy children's meal, and parents with tea and toast, utilising it as an opportunity to highlight healthy eating and energy efficiency, providing food cooked with a slow cooker.

In the last 12 months, over 150 parents/carers, and 140 children, have enjoyed the activities at our weekly 0-4 Stay and Play groups, registering more than 1600 attendances, and we provided over 700 healthy meals.

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; they enjoy the opportunity to engage and mix with others within their local community and widen their social networks, and for many these are the stepping-stones to gaining the self-confidence to access other support and services available in the community.

We have developed a local partnership arrangement with the local Children's Centre, a base for our community group Home-Start Together. The Children's Centre will support the ongoing development of our service and community sessions. The health visitors are regular attendees delivering services to the community at the centre, which builds on our recent project and partnership development, where Home-Start assist in the delivery of their 'Brushing for Life' oral health advice packs. Working in the same location aids us in building good relationships with other agencies.

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Peer to Peer

In September 2023 we started a Peer Support Group where parents can get together and provide support for each other. During the sessions, we support the parents to join in with activities such as baking, crocheting, quizzes, bingo, walks and many other crafts. They have also had a speaker in a session to give a talk about finances.

They offer support, advice and guidance to each other. They agree on the activities for the meetings, with their favourite sessions involving learning about and cooking different foods.

We have had 12 parents attend the 25 sessions since it began in September 2023. We have 5 parents who attend regularly. The other parents come and go as a drop in.

These sessions are currently being devolved so that our staff are less involved, and they become truly volunteer led.



Home-Start UK/ Cadent Warmth Programme

The Cadent partnership has provided us with 2 years funding to help keep our community warm, safe and connected. They have provided us with resources and materials to help us keep the community safer, so we can help prevent fuel poverty, providing energy efficiency awareness, carbon monoxide alarms and awareness to highlight the risk and dangers of CO. The project has provided us with free slow cookers to encourage energy efficient cooking.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

As our service operates in an area that once had a working coal mine, we are eligible for support from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. We gain support and 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, sent out by their regional grant manager.

Children in Need Grant

We are in the final year 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.

82 children have directly benefitted from this project this year. Having the contribution to core costs has provided the stability to enable us to continue to deliver our family support service.

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Holiday sessions including the under 12's

During the school holidays, we held six sessions which included older children and siblings (up to 11 years). For many families this is the first time they have attended one of our sessions.

- Easter fun session
- Holiday Madness
- Circus skills
- Beach party
- Halloween Spooktacular
- Christmas Party (0-4 only)

We had 114 families with 176 children attending the six larger group sessions plus an extra-special 0-4 Christmas Party. Due to the timing of the Christmas school holidays this year, most of the older children were still in school. We have consistently received lots of positive feedback for the sessions, families stating that they valued them being free, that they were fun, and helped keep the children entertained in the holidays. We are happy to see many families returning for the other sessions, which indicates their family has benefited from the sessions. The circus skills session was a great hit with the children.



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) which commenced in January 2023.

Our part time SEN FSW helps parents navigate the many obstacles they face having a child in their family with Special Educational Needs, supporting families who have at least one child with additional needs, whether formally diagnosed or not. They are a SEN parent themselves and understand the differences and challenges that this brings to a household. They have supported 14 families and 26 children over the last 12 months, and is a great addition to our service, providing expert assistance on SEN and disabilities to our whole team.

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Over the course of the year, families have been supported to:

- make referrals to other agencies to support a diagnosis.
- understand and reply to correspondence for these and other agencies and to attend appointments.
- contact and liaise with health and education professionals.
- find and access information regarding diagnosis, the diagnosis process, support groups and local groups.
- improve the parents' wellbeing.
- join local play activities, by being an extra hand.
- identify if a child has SEN or if the challenges experienced are helped with effective parenting.
- put positive and flexible routines in place in the home, or for specific times that are more of a challenge.
- use visual aids such as timetables, and now and next boards.
- effectively manage any difficult behaviours and 'big' emotions.

Our SEND support has helped peer 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 a positive home environment in which children can flourish and meet their potential because every child matters.

Volunteers

Our volunteers commit to support, one or occasionally two families at a time, donating 3-4 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, to remove the worry of 'what will they think' or 'will this be held against me'.

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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, therefore volunteer recruitment remains an issue within the sector and as a volunteer led service it presents a key challenge to us, we utilise 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
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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
- Admin support
- Social Media volunteer
- Book-Start, Storytelling volunteer
- Stay and Play group volunteer

The volunteers benefit from the 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, and a space for accessing e-learning too, together if they wish.

Kirsty volunteers regularly at our lunch 'n' play group and is training to become a Family Support Volunteer. She benefitted from our family support service after recognising she needed help. She started receiving weekly family support in January 2023. Here is some text from a recent voice recording (January 2024):

'I can go out now, and do everything I want on my own, back then, I wouldn't dare leave the house., Last year, I wouldn't have done volunteering, I didn't like talking and mixing with other people.'

'I love the children, the people are lovely'. 'I help speak to the families when Becci is making the cuppa's and getting the dinners ready,'

'Last year, I would never have wanted to do any of this, now because I'm a lot better in myself, obviously Home-Start helped me, and I wanna be, like, repay the favour and help somebody else.'

'I can't wait for the training, I'm so excited. I did my safeguarding and my level 2 Food Hygiene and the Glow training too, and this will all go on my CV too. I wouldn't be able to get this sort of training anywhere else'

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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, supporting one family at a time, others helping at our groups or with KIT calls. The majority still 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.

A successful Summer Day Trip - Lower Drayton Farm

In August 2023 we took 49 parents and their children via coach to Lower Drayton Farm in Staffordshire, which had lots of fun things for the families to do. A successful Day trip. We gained a reduced group booking rate and provided the families with snacks for the children. The place has indoor play area and soft play, and many more outdoor activities, as well as a Maize Maze. The area had a café and plenty of places to eat. A full day's entertainment.



Achievements and performance

During 2023-2024, 25 volunteers used their valuable time for Newcastle families. Our intensive home-visiting support which can last for over 6 months, supported 79 local families, 26 of the families receiving support resided in the deprived areas of Newcastle, and a further 22 families citing debt, financial worries and low income as a factor having a negative effect on family life.

From the data we collected during 2023-2024 the following improvements were recorded:

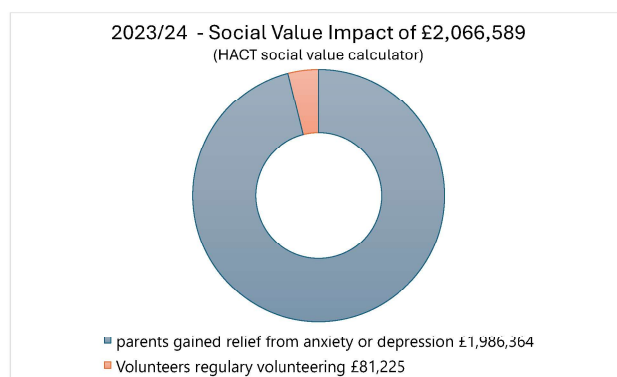
- 81% of parents experienced improved health and wellbeing
- 72% saw an improvement in their child's health and wellbeing
- 95% were better able to manage their household budget
- 80% had improved access to services
- 74% felt better equipped to manage their children's behaviour
- 68% of children had improved confidence
- 85% of children were less worried
- 77% of children had improved social skills

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Our Social and Added Value

Measuring just 2 indicators of the HACT social value calculator, in 2023/24 the social value impact this year was over £2 million: £2,066,589. Counting the 54 parents who gained relief from anxiety or depression, and the 25 volunteers who were regularly volunteering.



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 one organisation alone couldn't do.

Relationships with related parties

Home-start UK

As a local Home-Start, whilst we are an independent charitable company we benefit from the partnership and support arrangement with Home-Start UK. Paying an annual levy, we sign and adhere to the Home-Start UK agreement which was last updated and signed in November 2022.

Working in Partnership

The premises we work in are under the management of Elim Church, which 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 can 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.

This year presented significant challenges in raising funds and generating income. Grant funders that we had previously relied on were unable to support us, partly due to changes in our financial statements following SORP adjustments (now restated) and the overwhelming number of applications received by each funder. As a result, sourcing income became the trustees' main priority. Trustees reallocated resources to increase grant writing efforts and enhanced their scrutiny of our finances and forecasting.

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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 attainable 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

When reviewing the financial policy in September 2023, and having considered the risk, activity and commitments of the organisation trustees have agreed that the scheme need to retain a level of reserves not dropping below £52,000 which equates to scheme closure costs. The calculation of the required level of reserves is an integral part of the scheme's planning, budget and forecast cycle and considers risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted, the planned activity level and the organisation's commitment.

At the year end the charity holds £52,000 (2023: £65,000) in a designated fund to be used in event of the scheme closing, £17,209 (2023 £52,900) in general unrestricted funds and £26,987 (2023: £42,594) in restricted funds.

Risks arising and management of those risks

This year, our risk register highlighted a significant financial risk due to our reliance on trusts and grant funding for income generation. In response, we took immediate actions to mitigate this risk and initiated efforts to improve our income diversity through the development of a financial sustainability plan. A new key mitigating factor in this strategy is the procurement of external organisational development support, which will play a crucial role in minimising this risk.

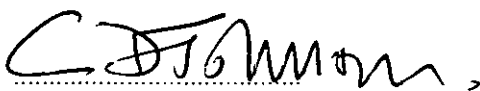
Important non-adjusting events after the financial period

After March 2024, the first few months of the new financial year were marked by financial uncertainty. However, by June, through stringent expenditure control and close financial oversight, the charity's financial position improved considerably. We experienced grant funding successes, notably with support from the Garfield Weston Foundation, and secured three years of funding from The National Lottery. This provided a level of security for our future, along with external organisational development support to help us achieve and sustain the outcomes outlined in our recently reviewed financial sustainability plan.

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 25/11/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Carole Dawn Johnson - Chair

Home-Start Newcastle Borough

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 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

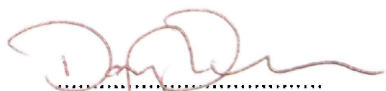
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

Independent examiner's statement

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:....26/11/2024....

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	6,450	116,534	122,984
Other trading activities	5	1,166	-	1,166
Investment income	6	2,302	-	2,302
Total income		<u>9,918</u>	<u>116,534</u>	<u>126,452</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>(58,609)</u>	<u>(132,141)</u>	<u>(190,750)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(58,609)</u>	<u>(132,141)</u>	<u>(190,750)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(48,691)</u>	<u>(15,607)</u>	<u>(64,298)</u>
Net movement in funds		(48,691)	(15,607)	(64,298)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>117,900</u>	<u>42,594</u>	<u>160,494</u>
Total funds carried forward	18	<u><u>69,209</u></u>	<u><u>26,987</u></u>	<u><u>96,196</u></u>

The notes on pages 20 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total (as restated) 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>117,900</u>	<u>42,594</u>	<u>160,494</u>

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

The notes on pages 20 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Newcastle Borough
(Registration number: 09476111)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

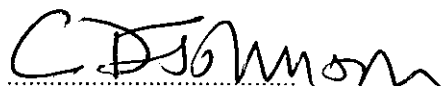
	Note	2024 £	2023 £ (as restated)
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	1,742	4,371
Current assets			
Debtors	14	195	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>110,824</u>	<u>169,728</u>
		111,019	169,728
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(16,565)</u>	<u>(13,605)</u>
Net current assets		<u>94,454</u>	<u>156,123</u>
Net assets		<u><u>96,196</u></u>	<u><u>160,494</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		26,987	42,594
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>69,209</u>	<u>117,900</u>
Total funds	18	<u><u>96,196</u></u>	<u><u>160,494</u></u>

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

Directors' responsibilities:

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

The financial statements on pages 17 to 34 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25/11/24... and signed on their behalf by:



Carole Dawn Johnson - Chair and Trustee

The notes on pages 20 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	6,100	-	6,100
Donations from individuals	350	-	350
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	72,676	72,676
Grants from other charities	-	43,858	43,858
	<u>6,450</u>	<u>116,534</u>	<u>122,984</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total (as restated) 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>

4 Income from charitable activities

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Local fundraising and street collection income	1,166	1,166
	<u>1,166</u>	<u>1,166</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total (as restated) 2023 £
Local fundraising and street collection income	825	825
	<u>825</u>	<u>825</u>

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,302	2,302
	<u>2,302</u>	<u>2,302</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total (as restated) 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	861	861
	<u>861</u>	<u>861</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Support for Families	62,537	128,213	190,750
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total (as restated) 2023 £
Support for Families	88,082	112,054	200,136

	Activity undertaken directly £	2024 £	2023 £ (as restated)
Gross Salary Costs	81,082	81,082	69,962
Temporary Staff and Recruitment Costs	798	798	1,075
Family Activity Costs	5,018	5,018	5,064
Training for Staff and Volunteers	383	383	251
Staff and Volunteer Expenses	3,416	3,416	2,788
Other Expenses	739	739	4,812
Allocated Support Costs	99,314	99,314	116,184
	<u>190,750</u>	<u>190,750</u>	<u>200,136</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Support costs £	Total 2024 £	Total (as restated) 2023 £
Salary costs	73,390	73,390	71,492
Recruitment	6	6	126
Staff training	234	234	1,400
Travel expenses	92	92	292
Rent, insurance and office costs	19,065	19,065	22,786
Professional fees	1,206	1,206	1,480
Affiliation fees	(1,026)	(1,026)	9,935
IT costs	1,553	1,553	3,708
Marketing and promotion	908	908	1,225
Governance costs	900	900	900
Depreciation	2,629	2,629	2,435
Other costs	357	357	405
	<u>99,314</u>	<u>99,314</u>	<u>116,184</u>

The affiliation fees in the year ended 31 March 2024 are a negative figure as the fee is based on the income from the statutory accounts which were restated to a lower amount.

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	900	900
	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total (as restated) 2023 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	900	900
	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

9 Government grants

In the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity received National Lottery Community Fund RC Midlands Region £72,676 (2023: £69,854) grant funding for the Parenting Together project.

In the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity received a National Lottery Awards for All grant of £9,862 to fund the SEND Support for Families project.

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £72,676 (2023 - £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.

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Julie Cooper

£35 (2023: £Nil) of travel expenses were reimbursed to Julie Cooper during the year.

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

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £ (as restated)
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	139,910	127,229
Social security costs	5,545	5,517
Pension costs	9,017	8,708
	<u>154,472</u>	<u>141,454</u>

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

	2024 No	2023 No
Scheme Manager	1	1
Finance and Administration Co-ordinator	1	1
Administration Assistant	1	1
Family Support Service Co-ordinator	1	1
Family Support Advisor	1	1
Family Engagement Worker	1	1
SEND Family Support Worker	1	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</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 £30,894 (2023 - £32,681).

12 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £ (as restated)
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 2023	<u>2,298</u>	<u>14,361</u>	<u>16,659</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,298</u>	<u>14,361</u>	<u>16,659</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	431	11,857	12,288
Charge for the year	<u>575</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>2,629</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,006</u>	<u>13,911</u>	<u>14,917</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,292</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>1,742</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,867</u>	<u>2,504</u>	<u>4,371</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

14 Debtors

	2024 £
Accrued income	<u>195</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £ (as restated)
Trade creditors	9,384	3,340
Other taxation and social security	4,761	12
Other creditors	1,133	1,056
Accruals	<u>1,287</u>	<u>9,197</u>
	<u>16,565</u>	<u>13,605</u>

16 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

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

	2024 £	2023 (as restated) £
Within one year	1,652	(1,652)
In two to five years	<u>4,543</u>	<u>(6,195)</u>
	<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 £9,017 (2023 - £8,708).

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 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	52,900	9,918	(58,609)	13,000	17,209
<i>Designated</i>					
Scheme Closure	65,000	-	-	(13,000)	52,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>117,900</u>	<u>9,918</u>	<u>(58,609)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,209</u>
Restricted funds					
The National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region	25,089	72,677	(82,183)	-	15,583
BBC Children in Need	8,976	23,982	(27,373)	-	5,585
National Lottery Awards for All	7,701	-	(7,620)	-	81
Home Start Warm Spaces	828	-	-	-	828
Home Start UK - Breathing Space Fund	-	10,500	(10,478)	-	22
Home Start UK - Cadent Grant	-	4,375	(60)	-	4,315
Tesco Community Grants	-	1,000	(427)	-	573
The Knutton Quarry Community Projects Fund	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>42,594</u>	<u>116,534</u>	<u>(132,141)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,987</u>
Total funds	<u>160,494</u>	<u>126,452</u>	<u>(190,750)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,196</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Balance at 1 April 2022 (as restated) £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 (as restated) £
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					
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)	-	-
The Community Foundation for Staffordshire - Community Recovery Fund	-	4,929	(4,929)	-	-
National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,862	(2,161)	-	7,701
Home Start Warm Spaces	-	1,000	(172)	-	828
	<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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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region

Parenting Together is a 3 year project and funds Time 4 You - Telephone befriending, Parent to Parent - Family support, Home-Start Together; Community Group and Bookstart sessions.

BBC Children in Need

This grant funds core costs, supporting back office administration and core staff costs for 3 years.

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.

Home Start UK - Breathing Space Fund

This funding is support Home-Start services that are most at risk by providing much needed breathing space in order to keep key services open.

Home Start UK - Cadent Centre for Warmth

This funding is to give have access to a warm space and support.

Tesco Community Grants

This funding is to help children with special needs.

The Knutton Quarry Community Projects Fund

This funding is a contribution towards the volunteer costs.

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.

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.

Tesco Community Grant - Safe Homes with Home-Start

This grant funds the 'Safe Homes with Home-Start' project to hold 4 home safety advice sessions and for the distribution of safety items and information.

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Designated Funds

Scheme Closure - the trustees have designated £52,000 (2023: £65,000) of reserves in the event of the scheme having to close.

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.

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 was no further grant funding.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2024
	General £	Designated £	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,235	-	507	1,742
Current assets	29,443	52,000	29,576	111,019
Current liabilities	(13,469)	-	(3,096)	(16,565)
Total net assets	<u>17,209</u>	<u>52,000</u>	<u>26,987</u>	<u>96,196</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £ (as restated)
	General £	Designated £	£	
Tangible fixed assets	2,505	-	1,866	4,371
Current assets	63,263	65,000	41,465	169,728
Current liabilities	(12,868)	-	(737)	(13,605)
Total net assets	<u>52,900</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>42,594</u>	<u>160,494</u>

20 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

21 Non-adjusting events after the financial period

After March 2024, the first few months of the new financial year were marked by financial uncertainty. However, by June, through stringent expenditure control and close financial oversight, the charity's financial position improved considerably. We experienced grant funding successes, notably with support from the Garfield Weston Foundation, and secured three years of funding from The National Lottery. This provided a level of security for our future, along with external organisational development support to help us achieve and sustain the outcomes outlined in our recently reviewed financial sustainability plan.