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Home-Start Newcastle Borough

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Carole Dawn Johnson - Chair Dilys Beard - Vice Chair David Williamson - Treasurer Julie Cooper (resigned 13 November 2025) Neil Dudley Yvonne Flood Timothy Wolley Katrina Alcock (appointed 28 May 2025 resigned 14 November 2025)
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	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 2025.

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 Organisation) 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).

Newcastle Borough is an old coalmining area, an industrial town encompassing disparate areas, with pockets of deprivation, alongside more affluent streets and estates. This characteristic mask the bleak reality for many residing in our most deprived areas. Whilst we have neighbourhoods within the 30% most deprived in England (2019 Indices of Multiple Deprivation) .A vast number of our beneficiaries reside in Knutton, our base, and neighbouring wards Cross Heath and Holditch and Chesterton. Living in the top 10 most deprived areas of the county disadvantage is exacerbated as

5.24% of residents receive PIP due to mental health conditions

25.62% of children are income deprived

16.3% are involuntarily excluded from employment

27.71% have no qualifications

34.75% are claiming DWP benefits

There is higher than average housing in poor condition (IoD score of 0.231)

With limited affordable/free community facilities for families with only 2 family hubs. Poverty and hardship prevent parents meeting their children's basic needs or provide developmental opportunities, they are at risk of the worst life outcomes.

To support families in overcoming these challenges Home-Start Newcastle Borough provides free one-to-one tailored support at home.

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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.

Home-Start Services

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.

Through our family support service, we deliver weekly contact with families through home visits or telephone calls. Families are personally matched to a volunteers or staff members based upon the level of need a family may have.

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

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. Out and about we support families to:

- Join local stay and play groups
- Attend medical appointments
- Attend and support parents in meetings with education
- Support families in safeguarding meetings
- Support parents to take children to parks and local activity centres
- Meet families in venues when families cannot meet at home

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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, and as a trusted provider; a wide range of people rely on the Home-Start service which includes local schools, nurseries, social prescribing teams, Health & midwifery services, social care teams and parents themselves. They access our services via our easy accessible online referral forms on our website.

We have a dedicated Family Support Advisor (FSA) who complements our volunteer service, they address the more complex needs of families, 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.

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

We are also lucky to have a specialised Family support Worker (FSW) for families who have a child with additional needs or special educational needs or disability. (SEND). They support;

- o Parents to implement strategies and routines specific to children's needs
- o Supporting referrals to specialist organisations
- o Assistance to navigate application processes to secure support such as Disability Living allowance, Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and specialist equipment.
- o Identifying and securing correct support in educational settings.
- o Parents attend medical appointments.
- o The provision to help parents with learning needs understand correspondence from bodies such as Schools and Social Workers.
- o 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.

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.

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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.

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.

Family Support;

Over the year we supported 71 families, 139 children and 21 volunteers. Within our supported families;

- 87% felt more able to manage their household budget
- 70% experienced improved access to community services
- 82% experienced improved parental mental health and wellbeing
- 95% reported improved self esteem
- 96% of parents saw improvements in their child's health and wellbeing
- 93% credited our support for combatting their child's social isolation with improved social networks
- 100% felt better able to support their child's learning and Development

Parenting Together

We were lucky enough to gain further funding following a successful 3 year grant, for the 'Parenting Together' project. provided by The National Lottery's Reaching Communities grant.

The funding awarded in October 2024 enabled us to continue our work when we had financial uncertainties.

The funding continues 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.

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We are extremely grateful to The National Lottery for their extra funding for external support to help us achieve the outcomes in our Financial Sustainability Plan.

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.

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.

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 but on average, families receive support for approximately nine months.

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Information Advice and Guidance

Where families do not require full family support, we have our IAG element to or service. This element of the service is primarily delivered by the family support team, due to the need for extensive knowledge required about the range of services, referral gateways and information required for the variety of families supported under the IAG service. The IAG service allows parents to access support on a more personalized, flexible basis, especially when specific concerns arise, without the need for a comprehensive outcome plan or a family-wide assessment.

As this element of the service is less intensive, it has enabled us to support more families, as the support offered through telephone or email takes less time than a home visit or support phone call. 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.

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, over 1000 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 108 FREE sessions, including the delivery of Rhyme and Craft in Kidsgrove library and Newcastle Family Hub, (originally at Clayton Library) 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 130 parents/carers, and 160 children, have enjoyed the activities at our weekly 0-4 Stay and Play groups, registering over 1000 attendances, we are proud to have provided 493 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.

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Holiday sessions including the under 12's

During the school holidays, we hold various play and stay groups which include older children and siblings (up to 11 years). We held five sessions in Newcastle under Lyme this year, and for many families this is the first time they have attended one of our sessions.

- Easter fun session
- Summer Fun
- Beach party
- Halloween Spooktacular
- Christmas Party (0-4 only)

• We had 88 families and 151 children who enjoyed these five larger group sessions plus the extra-special Christmas Party, which this year was held for the under 5's while the older children were still in school which was due to the timing of the Christmas school holidays.

We consistently receive 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, indicating how much the family has benefited from the sessions.



Summer Fun Holiday group Session - July 2024.

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Peer to Peer

We hold a weekly parents Peer Support Group where the parents can get together and provide support for each other. The sessions are chosen by the group themselves, who love to do cooking more than anything else. We support the parents to join in with activities such as baking, crocheting, quizzes, bingo, walks and many other crafts. We arranged for a First Aid session to be held, which the parents found also arrange for visitors to come and share.

The group's aim is for parents to

- Feel less isolated
- Make connections with others
- Experience improved wellbeing



20 parents attended the sessions this year, with six parents attending for many weeks, making lasting friendships and thoroughly enjoying the difference that the group has made in their lives.

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



Sam, Becky and volunteers undergoing First Aid Training

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The National Lottery – Reaching Communities Fund

This grant supports our volunteer service, their training, supervision and expenses and support by the Family Services Coordinator, as well as our successful Play and Stay groups delivered by our Family Engagement Worker who developed a partnership with the Salvation Army in Chesterton, and now holds a weekly Play group in their premises every Tuesday. This is a wonderful partnership enabling local families to continue to get support and attend our FREE play groups for the under 5's. The photo depicts our Scheme Manager Wendy Hocking and Samantha Hinks our Family Services Coordinator, being overjoyed with the award.



The award from the National Lottery also has provided a level of security for our future, along with extra funding for external organisational development support, to help us achieve and sustain the outcomes outlined in our financial sustainability plan.

Home-Start UK/ Cadent Warmth Programme

The Cadent partnership has provided us with extra funding towards helping 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. We hand out Cadent energy saving packs, and the project has provided us with blankets and heated throws as well as the slow cookers encourage energy efficient cooking, every item from Cadent is provided free to the families who we provide them to.

Coalfields Regeneration Fund

As our service operates in an area that once had a working coal mine, we are eligible for support from the Coalfields Regeneration Fund. 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

The Children in Need grant ended during this financial year in October 2024, they fund Charities who support disadvantaged children, and their support has been invaluable as we work across many areas within Newcastle affected by significant deprivation and they funded our core costs, supporting back office administration and core staff costs for 3 years.

The project's aim was that

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

At the end of the project, we applied for further funding but unfortunately we were unsuccessful they cited this was due to the high number of applications that they received. We must now wait another year before we can apply again.

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Awards for All

Increasingly families are experiencing more complex needs; a combination of challenges including low income; fuel poverty; social isolation; poor mental health and behavioural problems; impeding families ability to cope and flourish. Awards for All funding for 12 months, provided us with the means to provide these families with more intensive; immediate 1-1 support, sometimes before our volunteer support in the home can begin.

We offered holistic and comprehensive support via our experienced Family Support Advisor (FSA)

Working alongside families with children under the age of 12, our FSA intervenes early, before problems escalate; providing tailored, compassionate support that helps families build resilience, confidence, and practical skills to manage everyday life.

Last year our FSA supported 35 families with 72 children.

- 87% of families saw improvements in routines and day to day running of the home,
- 78% of families saw improvements in parent's mental health and social isolation,
- 81% of families saw improvements in coping with child's emotional wellbeing and
- 84% of families saw improvements in managing children's behaviour and keeping children safe.

With Awards for All funding we have been able to continue delivering this service, benefitting families who do not meet the threshold for statutory intervention but whose initial needs require more intensive support than can be delivered through volunteer home-visiting.

Our Family Support Advisor (FSA) complements our volunteer service, providing comprehensive, holistic support to the entire family including direct support to the children.

The FSA supported.

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

Severn Trent Community Fund

We were delighted to be awarded Severn Trent funding towards the essential core costs of running costs our service including management, administration and rent.

The Community Foundation for Staffordshire – VCSE Supportive Communities

This grant funded the delivery of our Home-Start Health Happy Homes projec. Supporting Staffordshire County Council's 'Better Health Staffordhsire' encouraging people to live their happiest, healthiest lives in Staffordshire. Food and Nutrition and Food affordability

Through the unique connections and relationships that we share with the families in Newcastle Borough, as part of our support we will help families to introduce and adopt healthy, nutritious meals into their daily routines through one to one and group cookery sessions, nutritional advice and the distribution of slow cookers (in partnership with Cadent)

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Volunteers

21 volunteers supported us during the year. 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'.

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.

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 and we have many volunteering opportunities within Home-Start.

During 2024-2025, 21 volunteers used their valuable time for Newcastle families. Our intensive home-visiting support which can last an average of 7 months, supported 71 local families, and 139 children.

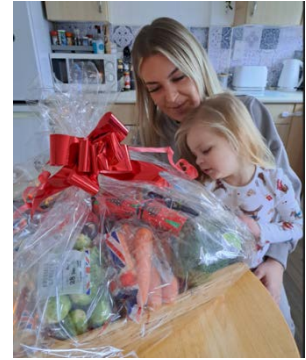
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Following our home-visiting support, families responses showed that

- 70% had improved access to community services
- 82% experienced improved parental mental health and wellbeing
- 95% reported an increase in self esteem
- 96% reported improvements in child(ren)s' health and emotional wellbeing
- 93% credited our support with combatting their child(ren)s social isolation through improved social networks
- 87% improved management of their household budgets/finances.
- 100% feeling better able to support their child's learning and development

During December, the volunteer help us collect and wrap up the doated Christmas gifts for the children that they support. It is always a fun time to get together. This year we also provided some families with the ingredients for Christmas Dinner!

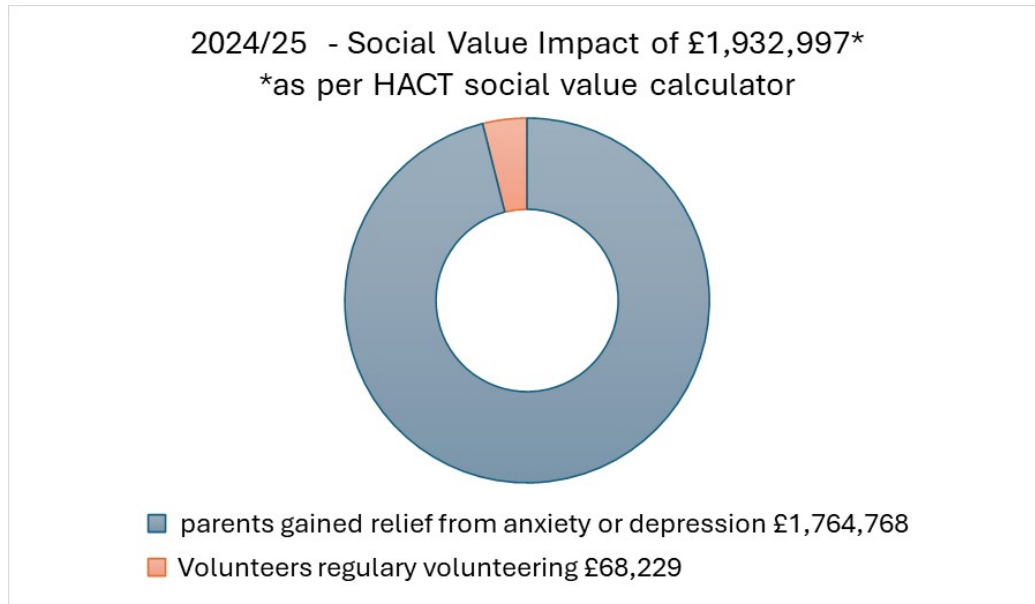


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Our Social and Added Value

Measuring just 2 indicators of the HACT social value calculator, in 2024/25 the social value impact this year was just under £2 million: £1,932,997. Counting the 48 parents who gained relief from anxiety or depression, and the 21 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

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 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.

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Financial review

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

We again had a year with significant challenges in raising funds and generating income. With some previous funders being unsuccessful applications, we then had to wait to apply again. Sourcing income has become the trustees' main priority. Trustees prioritised resources to increase grant writing efforts and enhanced their scrutiny of our finances and forecasting.

At the start of this financial year, the charity's financial position had improved considerably, as we experienced grant funding successes, notably with support from the Garfield Weston Foundation, and secured three years of funding from The National Lottery, also funding us with external organisational development support to help us achieve and sustain the outcomes outlined in our financial sustainability plan. However, we have had less success in the latter months, with financial sustainability remaining a major priority.

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 £29,000 (2024: £52,000) in a designated fund to be used in event of the scheme closing, £20,407 (2024 £17,209) in general unrestricted funds and £12,706 (2024: £26,287) in restricted funds.

Risks arising and management of those risks

Our Risk Register persisted in highlighting a significant financial risk due to our continual reliance on trusts and grant funding for income generation. We commenced actions to mitigate this risk and initiated efforts to improve our income diversity through the development of a financial sustainability plan, which included the development of an Income/Fundraising sub-committee. Our external organisational development support will play a crucial role in minimising this risk

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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 02/12/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Carole Dawn Johnson
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 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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.



.....
Daryl Denson ACMA

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28/11/2025
Date:.....

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	34,612	111,698	146,310
Other trading activities	4	1,157	-	1,157
Investment income	5	1,915	-	1,915
Total income		<u>37,684</u>	<u>111,698</u>	<u>149,382</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	<u>(57,317)</u>	<u>(126,148)</u>	<u>(183,465)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(57,317)</u>	<u>(126,148)</u>	<u>(183,465)</u>
Net expenditure		(19,633)	(14,450)	(34,083)
Transfers between funds		<u>(169)</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(19,802)	(14,281)	(34,083)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>69,209</u>	<u>26,987</u>	<u>96,196</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>49,407</u></u>	<u><u>12,706</u></u>	<u><u>62,113</u></u>

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	6,450	116,534	122,984
Other trading activities	4	1,166	-	1,166
Investment income	5	2,302	-	2,302
Total income		<u>9,918</u>	<u>116,534</u>	<u>126,452</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	<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	17	<u><u>69,209</u></u>	<u><u>26,987</u></u>	<u><u>96,196</u></u>

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

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Newcastle Borough
(Registration number: 09476111)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	717	1,742
Current assets			
Debtors	13	1,145	195
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>94,016</u>	<u>110,824</u>
		95,161	111,019
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(33,765)</u>	<u>(16,565)</u>
Net current assets		<u>61,396</u>	<u>94,454</u>
Net assets		<u>62,113</u>	<u>96,196</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		12,706	26,987
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>49,407</u>	<u>69,209</u>
Total funds	17	<u>62,113</u>	<u>96,196</u>

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

Directors' responsibilities:

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

The financial statements on pages 19 to 36 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 02/12/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Carole Dawn Johnson - Chair and Trustee

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in 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.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

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.

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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.

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

Computer equipment

Furniture and equipment

Depreciation method and rate

Straight line method over four years

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.

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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.

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 2025 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	3,082	-	3,082
Donations from individuals	530	-	530
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	76,794	76,794
Grants from other charities	31,000	34,904	65,904
	<u>34,612</u>	<u>111,698</u>	<u>146,310</u>
	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>

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Local fundraising and street collection income	1,157	1,157
	<u>1,157</u>	<u>1,157</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Local fundraising and street collection income	1,166	1,166
	<u>1,166</u>	<u>1,166</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,915	1,915
	<u>1,915</u>	<u>1,915</u>
	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>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Support for Families	57,317	126,148	183,465
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Support for Families	62,537	128,213	190,750

	Activity undertaken directly £	2025 £	2024 £
Gross Salary Costs	82,685	82,685	81,082
Temporary Staff and Recruitment Costs	557	557	798
Family Activity Costs	1,853	1,853	5,018
Training for Staff and Volunteers	104	104	383
Staff and Volunteer Expenses	2,786	2,786	3,416
Other Expenses	470	470	739
Allocated Support Costs	95,010	95,010	99,314
	183,465	183,465	190,750

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7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Support costs £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Salary costs	68,698	68,698	73,390
Recruitment	-	-	6
Staff training	32	32	234
Travel expenses	193	193	92
Rent, insurance and office costs	16,170	16,170	19,065
Professional fees	3,224	3,224	1,206
Affiliation fees	2,278	2,278	(1,026)
IT costs	1,573	1,573	1,553
Marketing and promotion	439	439	908
Governance costs	900	900	900
Depreciation	1,025	1,025	2,629
Other costs	478	478	357
	<u>95,010</u>	<u>95,010</u>	<u>99,314</u>

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	900	900
	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	900	900
	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

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8 Government grants

In the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity received a National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All grant of £19,989 to fund support for complex families and £56,805 from the National Lottery Community Fund Reaching Communities to fund the Parenting Together project.

In the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity received National Lottery Community Fund RC Midlands Region £72,677 (2023: £69,854) grant funding for the Parenting Together project.

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £76,794 (2024 - £72,676).

There were no unfulfilled conditions at the year end.

9 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 (resigned 13 November 2025)

£14 (2024: £35) of travel expenses were reimbursed to Julie Cooper (resigned 13 November 2025) during the year.

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

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	136,573	139,910
Social security costs	5,407	5,545
Pension costs	9,403	9,017
	<u>151,383</u>	<u>154,472</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:

	2025 No	2024 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 £31,302 (2024 - £30,894).

11 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	<u>2,298</u>	<u>14,361</u>	<u>16,659</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,298</u>	<u>14,361</u>	<u>16,659</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	1,006	13,911	14,917
Charge for the year	<u>575</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>1,025</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,581</u>	<u>14,361</u>	<u>15,942</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>717</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,292</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>1,742</u>

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13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued income	<u>1,145</u>	<u>195</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	2,549	9,384
Other taxation and social security	2,369	4,761
Other creditors	1,872	1,133
Accruals	3,134	1,287
Deferred income	<u>23,841</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>33,765</u>	<u>16,565</u>
		2025
		£
Resources deferred in the period		<u>23,841</u>

The income deferred in the year relates to multi year grants received in advance.

15 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	1,652	1,652
In two to five years	<u>2,891</u>	<u>4,543</u>
	<u>4,543</u>	<u>6,195</u>

16 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 £9,403 (2024 - £9,017).

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

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	17,209	37,684	(57,317)	22,831	20,407
<i>Designated</i>					
Scheme Closure	52,000	-	-	(23,000)	29,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>69,209</u>	<u>37,684</u>	<u>(57,317)</u>	<u>(169)</u>	<u>49,407</u>
Restricted funds					
The National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region	15,583	-	(15,850)	267	-
BBC Children in Need	5,585	5,450	(11,035)	-	-
Home Start UK - Cadent Grant	4,315	4,375	(8,119)	-	571
The National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All	81	19,989	(19,987)	(83)	-
Home Start Warm Spaces	828	-	(828)	-	-
Tesco Community Grants	573	-	(403)	-	170
Home Start UK - Breathing Space Fund	22	5,143	(4,577)	(22)	566
Comic Relief	-	3,435	(3,435)	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund- Reaching Communities	-	56,805	(44,889)	-	11,916
The Community Foundation for Staffordshire – VCSE Supportive Communities / Better Health	-	7,600	(7,607)	7	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	8,901	(9,418)	-	(517)
Total restricted funds	<u>26,987</u>	<u>111,698</u>	<u>(126,148)</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>12,706</u>
Total funds	<u>96,196</u>	<u>149,382</u>	<u>(183,465)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,113</u>

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	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					
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
Home Start UK - Cadent Grant	-	4,375	(60)	-	4,315
The National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All	7,701	-	(7,620)	-	81
Home Start Warm Spaces	828	-	-	-	828
Tesco Community Grants	-	1,000	(427)	-	573
The Knutton Quarry Community Projects Fund	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Home Start UK - Breathing Space Fund	-	10,500	(10,478)	-	22
Total restricted funds	<u>42,594</u>	<u>116,534</u>	<u>(132,141)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,987</u>
Total funds	<u><u>160,494</u></u>	<u><u>126,452</u></u>	<u><u>(190,750)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>96,196</u></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.

During the year there were some small transfers between funds to clear small over/underspends when the grants have been completed.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2025
	General £	Designated £	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	436	-	281	717
Current assets	24,709	29,000	17,611	71,320
Current liabilities	(4,738)	-	(5,186)	(9,924)
Total net assets	<u>20,407</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>12,706</u>	<u>62,113</u>

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	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	<u>(13,469)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,096)</u>	<u>(16,565)</u>
Total net assets	<u>17,209</u>	<u>52,000</u>	<u>26,987</u>	<u>96,196</u>

19 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.