

MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1173253

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-06-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BETTER CARE, UPBRINGING AND ESTABLISHMENT IN LIFE OF CHILDREN RESIDING IN SUNDERLAND AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BY A) PROMOTING THE ROLE OF KINSHIP CARE, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY GRANDPARENTS, AT ALL LEVELS, PARTICULARLY IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF FAMILY BREAKDOWN, SINGLE PARENTHOOD OR OTHER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS; B) SUPPORTING AND ADVISING GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER KIN WHO ARE ACTING AS, OR INTEND TO ACT AS, CARERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED ABOVE C) THE RELIEF OF CHILDREN, THEIR CARERS AND CARERS FAMILIES BY PROVIDING FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: Provides support to kinship carers and their children living in Sunderland and surrounding areas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£176,795	£145,720	-	-
2024-03-31	£189,000	£125,000	-	-
2023-03-31	£167,799	£130,039	-	-
2022-03-31	£70,809	£25,775	-	-
2021-03-31	£115,426	£38,593	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Karen Davison	Chair	2020-03-06
ADAM MATTHEWS		2023-06-21
Scott Brodie		2025-03-31
Steven Dixon		2024-11-20
Susie Thompson		2022-11-28

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Accounts

MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ending 31 March 2025, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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).

1. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are to promote the better care, upbringing, and establishment in life of children residing in Sunderland and the surrounding areas by:

- a) Promoting the role of kinship care;
- b) Supporting and advising kinship carers;
- c) Providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational and leisure times occupation with the object of improving life. This is done through 1-1 support, advice and guidance to kinship carers in either their own home, the kinship care centre or a social media peer support session run from the kinship care centre. Social activities, outings, residential breaks for both carers and their children for relaxation and recreational activities. The trustees have had regard to the public benefit which has been reflected through trustee meetings.

2. Achievements and Performance

To achieve our aims and objectives the Trustees have continued to support over 450 families and welcomed many new families too. In Sunderland and surrounding areas there are families raising in excess of 500 children who are living in kinship care placements. We moved into our new premises at

Sunderland High Street in February 2024 and this has allowed us to provide a wide range of new groups to our kinship families.

We have continued to work, in partnership with many local support networks, to further benefit the lives of kinship families and provide a holistic approach to meeting the specific needs of kinship families. As with the previous year the cost-of-living crisis continued to bring new challenges to kinship families, and we have continued to provide emergency food support and wellbeing packs to those families who struggling as well as delivering remote support via Facebook, face to face group peer support, outreach face to face peer support groups, kinship fitness and food, training sessions, recreational activities, children's groups and events.

During the various school holidays throughout the year, we provided meals for the children to help address 'holiday hunger'. These sessions were well attended and provided further opportunities for peer support for our carers. Our projects also included outings to places such as Barnes Park, Preston Park and museum, Butterfly World and Bowes Museum, all well attended with many families stating they had never taken the children previously due to the costs, transport issues, age related health conditions and the challenging behavior of the children due to trauma and neurodiverse conditions.

In December 2024 we held our own Pantomime, 'Snow White and the Curse of the Poisoned Sausage Roll'. This was a huge success with our families and guests, and very well attended. The work involved in producing the pantomime with the children and families was a massive undertaking but gave the children an opportunity to learn and develop their skills. Our children and team are already planning our 2025 pantomime.

We also held our annual Kinship Christmas party which was a roaring success with over 90 attendees, this included a live singer, buffet and a visit from Santa. Throughout each weekend in December we also held breakfast with Santa and this was opened up to the general public to help fundraise for the charity. This was also a success and we received some amazing feedback from our attendees.

Our weekly peer support group in Sunderland and monthly support group in Durham continue to be well attended. Carers can talk through their challenges in a safe way and find solutions to their problems with people in

similar situations. Through our partnership with Feeding Families, they also have access to a food bank if needed and in some sessions we have been able to provide relaxation therapy to encourage resilience. Through relationships that are formed in the group, they now provide mutual support to each other as one big family network.

We have delivered a variety of training sessions to our carers including: Non-violent Resistance Training (therapeutic parenting); navigating the care conundrum; supporting kinship children in education and supporting children with Special Guardianship in education; and self-care for carers. Each event was attended by 50 Kinship carers and held at Queen Street Masonic Temple in Sunderland. The Queen Street Masonic Temple have been and continue to be a great support to us.

Whilst we continued to deliver weekly children's sessions after school (daily during school holidays) and to work with other local VCS groups to provide activities, we have developed new projects to in 2024/25.

2024/25 saw us develop a Youth Project for our older young people. We initially ran a pizza and planning consultation evening with our young people to explore what they would like to do/gain from their Youth Group. The children were extremely vocal about what they felt would benefit them most and quite surprisingly they suggested some life skills sessions including basic home economic skills such as cooking, baking, budgeting, child care, first aid, laundry, etc. They also requested sessions which would improve their mental health and help them understand who they are as people, knowing and understanding their rights, understanding relationship sand developing positive relationships, knowing their boundaries and increasing their confidence to push their own personal boundaries whilst understanding their limitations but most of all they wanted some self-care sessions along with fun recreational activities.

With the current issues around men's mental health, we developed a Men's project to encourage more male kinship carers to access support. Again, we followed the format of a pizza and planning session. Our male carers stated they would like to take their group out into the community to get involved in things such as walking football, snooker, bowling, etc. However, they have also asked if they can have sessions around cookery and hair styling to enable them to style their grandchildren's hair.

It was particularly pleasing for More than Grandparents to receive the VCAS Open Arms Large Community Group Award 2024. This award was open to the public vote and we were up against some very tough competition. We also won the Northern Enterprise Award 2024 for Best Kinship Family Support Charity 2024- North East, and finally our fantastic CEO received the Highly Commended VCAS Open Arms Award 2024. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering commitment from our very small team, volunteers and trustees.

In last years Trustee report, we talked about the production of our Kinship Care Notebook which was produced in collaboration with our Kinship Families to help raise awareness amongst school children. This was originally produced in online

format only, however in 2024/25 we were proud to share that the book was now published and in all schools across Sunderland, South Tyneside and Durham areas. This has been very successful with schools requesting in person attendance to provide talks to families and teachers about kinship care. Our kinship care notebook can be found at https://issuu.com/artmattersnow/docs/the_kinship_care_notebook

We have continued to work positively with the NHS and other local agencies to provide holistic support to our families and we continue to seek new partnerships to meet the needs of our carers and children.

More than Grandparents were able to strengthen the board with two new Trustees joining in the year and three resignation. Following a challenging year which saw the board and Charity work closely with the Charities Commission, Trustees have attended training and we are pleased to report a clean bill of health from the Commission and a very positive, supportive relationship developed with them.

We are very proud to share some of the Feedback we have had from Carers

'Mel and everyone at More than Grandparents are so supportive and non-judgemental, they are always there with opens minds, hearts and ready to listen showing you kindness and a cuppa if needed. First class training and fabulous events for all the children'

'I've yet to come across any organisations that supports Kinships families in the same way as More than Grandparents. The help, guidance and friendship is above and beyond'

'Some days like is really hard especially when you have health issues or family worries, knowing the group is there keeps you going'

'Helped me through the darkest days'

'Couldn't of getting through this situation if this wasn't here, I always worry it's not going to be here even if I don't need it for weeks it's my safety net more than social workers and family can give'

3. Plans for Future Periods

As demand is increasing for our services due to the cost-of-living crisis and an increase in children entering kinship care arrangements, there is even more of a need for our services. It is our intention to continue with our positive attitude towards securing funding from external sources to be able to continue our holistic support to kinship families. As funding streams become more difficult to access, the role of the Assistant Director has become even more crucial to the charity. This role has successfully accessed new funding streams for 2024/25 and this will continue in to 2025/26.

We will continue to work with our families to ensure that we are delivering a service that meets their needs.

We have a meeting set up in early 2025 (Financial year) with a Lead from Children's Social Care in Sunderland, we are keen to continue building positive relationships with Children's Service and encourage better support for our kinship families.

Our carers have recently asked if we can create a Kinship Choir so we are keen to explore this more in 2025.

Recruitment of new Trustees will continue as an objective for 2025/2026.

4. Reference and administrative details of the charity, it's trustees and advisors

Charity Name: More than Grandparents

Registered Charity Number: 1173253

Operational address: Lambton House, Floor One, 145 High Street West,
West Sunnyside, Sunderland SR1 1UW

Trustees:

Karen Davison – Chairperson

Susie Thompson – Secretary

Adam Matthews – Treasurer

Michelle Brodie

Steven Dixon (recruited 20/11/2024)

Scott Brodie (recruited 31/05/2025)

Independent Examiner: O.E. Sandy Osbourne Sandy & Co., 10 Grange
Terrace, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear SR2 7DF

Bankers : Santander 12-13 Waterloo Place, Sunderland SR1 3HS

5. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing documents: The organisation is a CIO, registered on the 2 June 2017.

Method of Recruitment of Trustees: Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

Risk management: The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charitable company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate any risk.

6. Financial Review

More Than Grandparents is primarily funded by grants and donations. The total income for the year was restricted £142,548 (2024: £166,765 Unrestricted £34,247 (2024: £22,601) this income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Receipts and Payments in

accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice. The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2025, shows a net payments across all funds of £31,075 (2024: £63,814). The Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2025 shows total cash fund carried forward of £162,861 (2024: £131,786) of which there are £125,123 restricted funds (2024: £ 106,597).

Reserves policy

More Than Grandparents has maintained a level of free reserves over the years currently (Unrestricted) £37,738 (2024 £25,189) to meet the working capital requirements of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. More than grandparents has established a policy whereby the unrestricted cash funds held by the charity should be sufficient to ensure that the charity provide cores services for at least three months. The trustees intend to build reserves to enable the charity to secure and expand its services. All restricted funds are spent in accordance with grant terms and conditions.

7. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The charity trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 5th November 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Scott Brodie



MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of More Than Grandparents for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

I have no concerns and 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.

Osbourne Edward Sandy
Osbourne Sandy & Co
Chartered Accountants
10 Grange Terrace
Sunderland
SR2 7DF
5th November 2025



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	Total <u>2025</u> £	Total <u>2024</u> £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations and legacy	3	34,247	-	34,247	22,601
Grants	4	-	142,548	142,548	166,765
		<u>34,247</u>	<u>142,548</u>	<u>176,795</u>	<u>189,366</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable expenditure					
Activity costs	6	5,907	83,788	89,695	69,206
Support costs	6	15,791	39,334	55,125	56,346
Governance costs	6	-	900	900	-
		<u>21,698</u>	<u>124,022</u>	<u>145,720</u>	<u>125,552</u>
<u>Net of receipts/- payments</u>		12,549	18,526	31,075	63,814
Opening cash at bank and in hand		25,189	106,597	131,786	67,972
<u>Closing cash at bank and in hand</u>		<u>37,738</u>	<u>125,123</u>	<u>162,861</u>	<u>131,786</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 12 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Cash funds</u>					
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>37,738</u>	<u>125,123</u>	<u>162,861</u>	<u>131,786</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	13			<u>3,982</u>	<u>2,873</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form and integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5th November 2025 and are signed on their behalf by

Scott Brodie


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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. **Accounting policies**

The principle accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2. **Basis of accounting**

2.1 **Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the Charity's constitution and has not been requested by the Trustees.

<u>Analysis of Income</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
3. <u>Donations and legacy</u>				
Donations	34,247	-	34,247	22,601
4. <u>Grants</u>				
Awards For All	-	-	-	10,000
Ballinger	-	10,000	10,000	-
Barbour Foundation	-	15,000	15,000	10,000
Albert Hunt	-	-	-	2,000
Allen Lane	-	8,000	8,000	-
Cash4Kids	-	2,448	2,448	-
Catherine Cookson	-	-	-	1,000
Cloth Workers	-	-	-	10,000
Community Foundation	-	-	-	1,265
Community Foundation - Summer	-	8,000	8,000	-
Community Foundation - Willan	-	-	-	10,000
Durham Freemasons	-	7,500	7,500	-
Edgar E Lawley	-	2,000	2,000	-
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	20,000
James Knott	-	-	-	5,000
John Prestman	-	-	-	4,000
Karbon Homes	-	-	-	1,000
Masonic Hall	-	4,500	4,500	4,500
Reaching Communities	-	75,000	75,000	63,000
Sports England	-	-	-	15,000
SVSA	-	1,000	1,000	-
Rose Joicey	-	1,000	1,000	-
Rotherly Trust	-	700	700	-
The Joicey Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
The Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Trust House	-	-	-	10,000
Warburtons	-	400	400	-
	-	142,548	142,548	166,765

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<u>Analysis of resources expended</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
6. <u>Charitable activities</u>				
Activity costs	4,062	32,652	36,714	27,938
Advertising	382	528	910	595
Kids resources	996	13,170	14,166	5,218
Room hire	395	1,538	1,933	1,670
Staff costs	31	779	810	2,186
Staff salaries	-	34,314	34,314	31,599
Support Costs	-	707	707	-
Volunteers expenses	41	100	141	-
	<u>5,907</u>	<u>83,788</u>	<u>89,695</u>	<u>69,206</u>
<u>Support costs</u>				
Consultancy fees	3,995	19,739	23,734	28,678
IT	613	1,071	1,684	1,619
Office costs	10,699	1,754	12,453	941
Printing, postage and stationery	484	2,268	2,752	1,547
Professional fees	-	-	-	2,179
Rent	-	14,502	14,502	21,382
	<u>15,791</u>	<u>39,334</u>	<u>55,125</u>	<u>56,346</u>
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Trustee meeting cost	-	-	-	-
Independent examiner's fees	-	900	900	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>

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7. <u>Fees for examination of the accounts</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	900	-
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	204	-
	<u>1,104</u>	<u>-</u>

Other fees were charged for the payroll preparation these costs have been included in other staff costs. See note 13 for the expected fee to paid to our independent examiner engaged for the 2025 accounts year.

8. Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Salaries and wages	33,548	30,636
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	766	963
	<u>34,314</u>	<u>31,599</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £23,069 (2024: £30,636).

9. Staff numbers

At the start of the year the charity employed one member of staff and from November 2024 another staff member was employed.

10. Transactions with trustees

The trustees have been paid remunerations and received other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

The Charity Commission have confirmed that a founder member and ex-trustee can be remunerated by the Charity based on the going rate for the works undertaken.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

The following detail the related party transactions in the reporting period.

Up until October 2024 an ex-trustee provided self-employed services to the charity. The amount paid for those services was £16,917 (2024: £21,750). The Charity Commission have confirmed they can be remunerated by the Charity based on the going rate for the works undertaken.

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11. Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

12. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Cash at bank and in hand	25,189	106,597	131,786
	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2025</u> £
Cash at bank and in hand	37,738	125,123	162,861

13. Liabilities at the period end

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Independent examination of accounts (previous)	-	87
Independent examination of accounts (current)	792	900
Collector of taxes	3,190	1,682
Pension	-	204
	<u>3,982</u>	<u>2,873</u>

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Fund balances <u>b/f</u> £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances <u>c/f</u> £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	25,189	34,247	(21,698)	-	37,738

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14. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Fund balances <u>b/f</u> £	Incoming resources <u>resources</u> £	Resources expended <u>expended</u> £	Transfers <u>Transfers</u> £	Fund balances <u>c/f</u> £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	10,658	22,601	(8,070)	-	25,189

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity.

Analysis of movements in restricted funds for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Fund balances <u>b/f</u> £	Incoming resources <u>resources</u> £	Resources expended <u>expended</u> £	Transfers <u>Transfers</u> £	Fund balances <u>c/f</u> £
Restricted funds					
Awards For All	-	10,000	(3,895)	-	6,105
Albert Hunt	602	2,000	(630)	-	1,972
Barbour	4,500	10,000	(13,561)	-	939
Catherine Cookson	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Cloth Workers	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Community Foundation	-	1,265	(1,265)	-	-
Community Foundation -Willan	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
COOP	1,457	-	(1,457)	-	-
Garfield Weston	5,179	20,000	(5,182)	-	19,997
James Knott	48	5,000	(5,048)	-	-
John Prestman	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Karbon Homes	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Masonic Hall	-	4,500	(3,518)	-	982
M&S	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
National Heritage	250	-	(48)	-	202
Local Giving	500	-	(500)	-	-
Reaching Communities	30,528	63,000	(54,444)	-	39,084
Sports England	-	15,000	(9,530)	-	5,470
Sunderland City Council	3,250	-	(3,250)	-	-
Trust House	10,000	10,000	(13,154)	-	6,846
	<u>57,314</u>	<u>166,765</u>	<u>(117,482)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,597</u>

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Analysis of movements in restricted funds for the year ended 31st March 2025

Restricted funds	Fund balances b/f £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances c/f £
Albert Hunt	1,972	-	(1,719)	-	253
Allen Lane	-	8,000	(3,738)	-	4,262
Awards For All	6,105	-	(6,099)	-	6
Ballinger	-	10,000	(6,790)	-	3,210
Barbour	939	15,000	(939)	-	15,000
Cash4Kids	-	2,448	(2,448)	-	-
Catherine Cookson	1,000	-	(992)	-	8
Cloth Workers	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
Community Foundation - Summer	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	-
Community Foundation -Willan	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
Durham Freemasons	-	7,500	(6,838)	-	662
Edger E Lawley	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Garfield Weston	19,997	-	(19,997)	-	-
John Prestman	4,000	-	(3,262)	-	738
Masonic Hall	982	4,500	(975)	-	4,507
National Heritage	202	-	(202)	-	-
Reaching Communities	39,084	75,000	(27,707)	-	86,377
Rose Joicey	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Rotherly Trust	-	700	-	-	700
Sports England	5,470	-	(5,470)	-	-
SVSA	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
The Joicey Trust	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
The Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Trust House	6,846	-	(6,846)	-	-
Warburtons	-	400	-	-	400
	106,597	142,548	(124,022)	-	125,123

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Albert Hunt	Project cost
Allen Lane	Youth project
Awards for All	Activities and events
Ballinger	Project cost
Barbour	Rent
Cash4Kids	Kids and youth project
Catherine Cookson	Youth Project
Cloth Workers	Nursery Furniture
Community Foundation - Summer	Summer Holidays provision and food
Community Foundation - Willan	Pantomime and project cost
Durham Freemasons	Project cost
Edgar E Lawley	Kids club
Garfield Weston	Project cost
James Knott	Project cost
John Prestman	Project cost
Masonic Hall	Project cost
National Heritage	Project cost
Reaching Communities	Project cost
Rose Joicey	Minsteracres trips
Rotherly Trust	Database
Sports England	Sports Activities
SVSA	Social value kinship alternative therapies
The Joicey Trust	Project cost
The Masonic Charitable Foundation	Project cost
Trust House	Project cost
Warburton	Youth project

15. **Capital commitments**

As at 31st March 2025 the charity had no capital commitments (2024- £nil).

16. **Guarantee**

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31st March 2025.

17. **Debt**

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31st March 2025.

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2. Achievements and Performance

To achieve our aims and objectives the Trustees have supported over 450 families in Sunderland and surrounding areas who are raising in excess of 500 children who are living in kinship care placements. We moved into our new premises in February 2024 which is large enough to accommodate our constantly increasing case load. We are now located in Sunderland High Street, surrounded by other local Charities and CICs.

The success of attracting funding to the charity allowed the work to be expanded to families in County Durham and South Tyneside where the services and support of the charity, have been welcomed.

We have continued to work, in partnership with many local support networks, to further benefit the lives of kinship families and provide a holistic approach to meeting the specific needs of kinship families. The cost-of-living crisis continued to bring new challenges to kinship families, we have listened to our beneficiaries and continued to provide emergency food support and wellbeing packs to those families who struggling as well as delivering remote support via Facebook, face to face group peer support, outreach face to face peer support groups, kinship fitness and food, training sessions, recreational activities, children's groups and events. During the summer a range of activities were provided throughout the summer weeks which have included exercise, games, cookery, science, disco, messy play, panto workshops, singing, picnics and trips.

2. Achievements and Performance (continued)

We are delighted to announce the creation of our very first Kinship care note book. This book has been produced in collaboration with our Kinship Families to help raise awareness of Kinship Care amongst school children in Sunderland. We are very proud of this note book which was published in October 2023 online however a key priority for 24/25 is to have this published in print. We also shared this book with our new kinship carers to allow carers to understand they are not alone

We made connections with the NHS patient leads and Health Watch to discuss negative experiences of Accident and Emergency and Kinship carers, this was a very productive meeting with carers sharing their experiences. The Trust are taking comments very seriously and this has been taken to the board and to numerous team managers about speaking to staff on the importance of using the correct language and dialogue when it comes to discussing situations in front of the children. This will be a focus for our work later in 2024 where we will be working with them to create a training video for the Trust that they are able to share with their teams.

We are continuing to work with the NHS commissioner to discuss how pathways can be improved into the provision around children's mental health and have discussed the challenges that our cares and their children are facing. This work will continue in to 2024/25 where will generate case studies from our families to help showcase these issues.

2024 saw us continue with our provision of two toddler groups per week which were open to the general public as well as our kinship families.

In 2023/24 we strengthened and diversified our board by recruiting new board members to fill our identified skills gaps and our board has met bi-monthly. In addition, we have regular strategic planning meetings to ensure we remain sustainable and have a clear business plan for the future.

We have welcomed new volunteers throughout the year as well as supported students with their college and university placements.

A highlight of 2023/24 for More than Grandparents was winning Best Kinship Family Support Charity award from the Northern Enterprise Award in 2023. Despite having only one member of staff we have continued to meet our aims and objectives and go above and beyond for our families to help keep children with their birth family, keep them out of the care system and to give them hope for the future.

3. Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees will continue to promote the objectives of the charity to meet the specific needs of Kinship families in Sunderland and surrounding areas. Work with key partners will continue as the charity is stronger and can do much more through partnership working, ensuring we provide a holistic approach to supporting kinship families.

The success of the charity depends on key funding being available and as such we will continue to work with funders to promote kinship care and highlight the needs of kinship carers. We plan to complete the Kinship Care notebook and send to all schools in Sunderland to help raise awareness of Kinship Care amongst school children.

3. Plans for Future Periods (continued)

Work to deliver focus groups with our families and liaising with them via our online services to allow us to tailor and develop new projects and services based on their needs, will continue in to 2024/25.

Local authorities will continue to be a key focus for the charities partnership working, ensuring kinship care is promoted in their local area and highlight the needs of kinship families to encourage better support for families from statutory services. We will continue to plan strategically for the future of the organisation with the aim of building excellence into our organisation and to become more sustainable. Given the ever growing and essential work of the charity, it is the intention of the charity to employ another worker to support the Chief Executive in 2023/24, which will help the charity to go from strength to strength and provide even more services to kinship families.

4. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name: More than Grandparents

Registered Charity Number:

1173253

Operational address:

Lambton House

Floor One

145 High Street West

West Sunnyside

Sunderland

SR1 1UW

Trustees:

Graham Frend (resigned 19/7/2023)

Melanie Nichols (resigned 17/04/2024)

Shellie Nichols-Key (resigned 13/06/2024)

Karen Davison

Michelle Brodie

Susie Thompson

Larrisa Aylett (resigned 13/06/2024)

Adam Matthews (recruited 21/6/2023)

Independent Examiner:

O.E. Sandy

Osbourne Sandy & Co.

10 Grange Terrace

Sunderland

Tyne and Wear

SR2 7DF

4. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors (continued)

Bankers:

Santander

12-13 Waterloo Place,

Sunderland

SR1 3HS

5. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing documents: The organisation is a CIO, registered on the 2 June 2017.

Method of Recruitment of Trustees: Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

Risk management: The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charitable company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate any risk.

6. Financial Review

More Than Grandparents is primarily funded by grants and donations. The total income for the year was restricted £166,765 (2023: £155,527 Unrestricted £22,601 (2023: £12,272) this income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Receipts and Payments in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice. The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2024, shows a net payments across all funds of £63,814 (2023: £37,760). The Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2024 shows total cash fund carried forward of £131,786 (2023: £67,972) of which there are £106,597 restricted funds (2023: £ 57,314).

Reserves policy

More Than Grandparents has maintained a level of free reserves over the years currently (Unrestricted) £25,189 (2023 £14,531 to meet the working capital requirements of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. More than grandparents has established a policy whereby the unrestricted cash funds held by the charity should be sufficient to ensure that the charity provide cores services for a least a year. The trustees intend to build reserves to enable the charity to secure and expand its services. All restricted funds are spent in accordance with grant terms and conditions.

7. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The charity trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to an material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 20TH November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Karen Davison


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MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of More Than Grandparents for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

I have no concerns and 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.

Osbourne Edward Sandy
Osbourne Sandy & Co
Chartered Accountants
10 Grange Terrace
Sunderland
SR2 7DF
25th November 2024



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations and legacy	3	22,601	-	22,601	12,221
Grants	4	-	166,765	166,765	155,527
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	51
		<u>22,601</u>	<u>166,765</u>	<u>189,366</u>	<u>167,799</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable expenditure					
Activity costs	6	1,262	67,944	69,206	86,101
Support costs	6	6,808	49,538	56,346	43,938
Governance costs	6	-	-	-	-
		<u>8,070</u>	<u>117,482</u>	<u>125,552</u>	<u>130,039</u>
<u>Net of receipts/- payments</u>		14,531	49,283	63,814	37,760
Opening cash at bank and in hand		10,658	57,314	67,972	30,212
<u>Closing cash at bank and in hand</u>		<u>25,189</u>	<u>106,597</u>	<u>131,786</u>	<u>67,972</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 9 to 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1173253

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	Total <u>2024</u> £	Total <u>2023</u> £
<u>Cash funds</u>					
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>25,189</u>	<u>106,597</u>	<u>131,786</u>	<u>67,672</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	13			<u>2,873</u>	<u>950</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form and integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20th November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by

Karen Davison


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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principle accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2. Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the Charity's constitution and has not been requested by the Trustees.

Analysis of Income

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
3. <u>Donations and legacy</u>				
Donations	22,601	-	22,601	12,221
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
	<u>22,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,601</u>	<u>12,221</u>
4. <u>Grants</u>				
Awards For All	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Barbour Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	15,000
Albert Hunt	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Catherine Cookson	-	1,000	1,000	-
Cloth Workers	-	10,000	10,000	-
Community Foundation	-	1,265	1,265	-
Community Foundation - Willan	-	10,000	10,000	-
COOP	-	-	-	1,737
Garfield Weston	-	20,000	20,000	15,000
James Knott	-	5,000	5,000	6,000
John Prestman	-	4,000	4,000	6,500
Karbon Homes	-	1,000	1,000	-
Local Giving	-	-	-	500
M&S Foundations	-	-	-	1,000
Masonic Hall	-	4,500	4,500	4,500
National Heritage	-	-	-	10,000
Reaching Communities	-	63,000	63,000	60,000
Sports England	-	15,000	15,000	-
Sunderland City Council	-	-	-	13,290
Trust House	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>166,765</u>	<u>166,765</u>	<u>155,527</u>

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5. <u>Other trading activities</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Sales	-	-	-	51
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51</u>

Income was £189,366 (2023: £167,799) of which £22,601 was unrestricted (2023: £12,272) and £166,765 was restricted (2023 £155,527).

<u>Analysis of resources expended</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
6. <u>Charitable activities</u>				
Activity costs	3,574	24,364	27,938	32,750
Advertising	-	595	595	3,639
Kids resources	1,755	3,463	5,218	-
Project equipment	-	-	-	8,016
Room hire	-	1,670	1,670	370
Staff costs	-	2,186	2,186	2,381
Staff salaries	(4,067)	35,666	31,599	38,879
Volunteers expenses	-	-	-	66
	<u>1,262</u>	<u>67,944</u>	<u>69,206</u>	<u>86,101</u>
<u>Support costs</u>				
Consultancy fees	5,000	23,678	28,678	17,336
IT	735	884	1,619	1,593
Office costs	296	645	941	1,317
Office equipment	-	-	-	126
Printing, postage and stationery	188	1,359	1,547	2,727
Professional fees	589	1,590	2,179	-
Rent	-	21,382	21,382	20,839
	<u>6,808</u>	<u>49,538</u>	<u>56,346</u>	<u>43,938</u>
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Trustee meeting cost	-	-	-	-
Independent examiner's fees	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £125,552 (2023: £130,039) of which £8,070 was unrestricted (2023: £17,608) and £117,482 was restricted (2023: £112,431).

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7. <u>Fees for examination of the accounts</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	-	-
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The fee paid to the independent examiner for the 2023 accounts year was £720 and various other fees were charged for the payroll preparation these costs have been included in other staff costs. See note 13 for the expected fee to paid to our independent examiner engaged for the 2024 accounts year.

8. Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Salaries and wages	30,636	36,320
Social security costs	-	135
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	963	2,424
	<u>31,599</u>	<u>38,879</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2023 £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £30,636 (2023: £31,554).

9. Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 1 staff (2023: 2 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

The parts of the charity in which the employee's work	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Charitable activities	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.6</u>

10. Transactions with trustees

The trustees have been paid remunerations and received other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

A founder member and trustee has been employed by the charity. The salary paid is based on the going rate for the roles undertaken. The salary paid in the year is £32,083 (2023: £35,000).

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

The following detail the related party transactions in the reporting period.

An ex-trustee has provided self employed services to the charity. There were no outstanding fees at the year end and the total amount paid in the year is £21,750 (2023: nil).

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11. Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

12. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	25,189	106,597	131,786
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	10,658	57,314	67,972

13. Liabilities at the period end

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination of accounts (previous)	87	720
Independent examination of accounts (current)	900	-
Collector of taxes	1,682	-
Pension	204	230
	2,873	950

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Fund balances b/f	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	10,658	22,601	(8,070)	-	25,189

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Analysis of movements in restricted funds for the year ended 31st March 2024

Restricted funds	Fund balances b/f £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances c/f £
Awards For All	-	10,000	(3,895)	-	6,105
Albert Hunt	602	2,000	(630)	-	1,972
Barbour	4,500	10,000	(13,561)	-	939
Catherine Cookson	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Cloth Workers	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Community Foundation	-	1,265	(1,265)	-	-
Community Foundation -Willan	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
COOP	1,457	-	(1,457)	-	-
Garfield Weston	5,179	20,000	(5,182)	-	19,997
James Knott	48	5,000	(5,048)	-	-
John Prestman	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Karbon Homes	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Masonic Hall	-	4,500	(3,518)	-	982
M&S	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
National Heritage	250	-	(48)	-	202
Local Giving	500	-	(500)	-	-
Reaching Communities	30,528	63,000	(54,444)	-	39,084
Sports England	-	15,000	(9,530)	-	5,470
Sunderland City Council	3,250	-	(3,250)	-	-
Trust House	10,000	10,000	(13,154)	-	6,846
	<u>57,314</u>	<u>166,765</u>	<u>(117,482)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,597</u>

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Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Albert Hunt	Project cost
Awards for All	Activities and events
Barbour	Rent
Catherine Cookson	Youth Project
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Community Foundation - Willan	Project cost
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Garfield Weston	Project cost
James Knott	Project cost
John Prestman	Project cost
Karbon Homes Ltd	Project cost
Local Givings	Project cost
M&S	Project cost
Masonic Hall	Project cost
National Heritage	Project cost
National Lottery Community Fund	Project cost
Reaching Communities	Project cost
Sports England	Sports Activities
Sunderland City Council	Activities and events
Trust House	Project cost

15. **Capital commitments**

As at 31st March 2024 the charity had no capital commitments (2023- £nil).

16. **Guarantee**

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31st March 2024.

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MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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The cost- of- living crisis continues to bring new challenges to kinship families and we have listened to our beneficiaries and continued to provide emergency food support and wellbeing packs to those families who are struggling as well as delivering remote support via Facebook, face to face group peer support, training, recreational activities, children's groups and events. We are now working more strategically to meet the aims and objectives of the charity. We have diversified our board by recruiting new board members to fill our identified skills gaps and our board meets regularly bi monthly. In addition, we have regular strategic planning meetings to ensure we remain sustainable and have a clear business plan for the future.

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- Governing documents: The organisation is a CIO, registered on the 2 June 2017.
- Method of Recruitment of Trustees: Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.
- Risk management: The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charitable company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate any risk.

6. Financial Review

More Than Grandparents is primarily funded by grants and donations. The total income for the year was Restricted £155,527 (2022:£59,678) Unrestricted £12,272 (2022: £11,131) Total £167,799 (2022: £70,809) this income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Receipts and Payments in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

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Approved by the Trustees on 29/11/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Melanie Nichols
CEO

MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ending 31 March 2023

I report on the financial statements of More Than Grandparents for the year ending 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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: 29/11/2023

MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacy	3	12,221	-	12,221	7,668
Grants	4	-	155,527	155,527	60,178
Other trading activities	5	51	-	51	2,963
Total Receipts		12,272	155,527	167,799	70,809
Payments					
Charitable expenditure					
Activity costs	6	7,963	78,138	86,101	59,154
Support costs	6	9,645	34,293	43,938	36,963
Governance costs	6	-	-	-	468
Total Payments		17,608	112,431	130,039	96,584
Net of Receipts / - Payments		(5,336)	43,096	37,760	(25,775)
Opening cash at bank and in hand		15,994	14,218	30,212	55,987
Closing cash at bank and in hand		10,658	57,314	67,972	30,212

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1173253

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Cash funds</u>					
Cash at bank and in hand	12	10,658	57,314	67,972	30,212
Liabilities	13			950	468

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 29/11/2023

and are signed on its behalf by: Melanie Nichols
CEO

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 March 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the Charity's constitution and has not been requested by the Trustees.

Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Restated 2022 £
3 Donations and legacy				
Donations	12,221	-	12,221	7,668
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
	<u>12,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,221</u>	<u>7,668</u>
4 Grants				
Awards For All	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	2,000
Barbour Foundation	-	15,000	15,000	5,000
Bernicia	-	-	-	5,000
National Heritage	-	10,000	10,000	-
COOP	-	1,737	1,737	-
Garfield Weston	-	15,000	15,000	-
Reaching Communities	-	60,000	60,000	-
Durham County Council	-	-	-	424
John Prestman	-	6,500	6,500	-
Groundwork UK	-	-	-	2,854
James Knott	-	6,000	6,000	5,000
Albert Hunt	-	2,000	2,000	-
Masonic Hall	-	4,500	4,500	-
M&S Foundations	-	1,000	1,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	2,500
Neighbourly Community Fund	-	-	-	400
Persimmon	-	-	-	5,000
Local Giving	-	500	500	-
Suez Recycling	-	-	-	500
Sunderland City Council	-	13,290	13,290	11,500
Trust House	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>155,527</u>	<u>155,527</u>	<u>60,178</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Restated 2022 £
5 Other trading activities				
Sales	51	-	51	106
Other income	-	-	-	2,857
	<u>51</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>2,963</u>

Income was £167,799 (2022: £70,809) of which £12,272 was unrestricted (2022: £11,131) and £155,527 was restricted (2022: £59,678)

Analysis of resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Restated 2022 £
6 Charitable activities				
<u>Activity costs</u>				
Staff salaries	6,304	32,575	38,879	41,176
Staff travel	-	-	-	60
Staff costs	-	2,381	2,381	996
Advertising	-	3,639	3,639	20
Activity costs	808	31,942	32,750	15,055
Project equipment	635	7,381	8,016	1,802
Training	-	-	-	-
Room hire	150	220	370	45
Volunteers expenses	66	-	66	-
	<u>7,963</u>	<u>78,138</u>	<u>86,101</u>	<u>59,154</u>
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent	-	20,839	20,839	24,910
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	-
Printing, postage and stationery	196	2,531	2,727	1,457
IT	-	1,593	1,593	510
Office costs	448	869	1,317	537
Office equipment	1	125	126	-
Transaction costs	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	-	-	-
Consultancy fees	9,000	8,336	17,336	9,549
	<u>9,645</u>	<u>34,293</u>	<u>43,938</u>	<u>36,963</u>
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Trustee meeting cost	-	-	-	-
Independent examiner's fees	-	-	-	468
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>468</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £130,039 (2022: £96,585) of which £17,608 was unrestricted (2022: £16,156) and £112,431 was restricted (2022: £80,429)

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7 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	-	468
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	-	208
	-	676

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2022: £nil).

8 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages	36,320	37,433
Social security costs	135	2,857
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	2,424	886
	38,879	41,176

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2022: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £31,554 (2022: £24,967).

9 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 3 staff (2022: 2 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	1.6	2.0
	1.6	2.0

10 Transactions with trustees

The trustees have been paid remunerations and received other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

A trustee has taking up position as an employee in the year. The salary paid to the trustee is based on the going rate for the roles undertaken. The salary paid is £31,554 (2022: £24,967).

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

The following detail the related party transactions in the reporting period.

Relative of the trustees has undertaken employment work at More Than Grandparents. The salary incurred on the normal commercial basis. There is no outstanding balance at the year end. The total amount paid in the year is 0 (2022:£6,760).

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11 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

12 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	10,658	57,314	67,972
	<u>10,658</u>	<u>57,314</u>	<u>67,972</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	15,994	14,218	30,212
	<u>15,994</u>	<u>14,218</u>	<u>30,212</u>

13 Liabilities at the period end

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination of accounts	720	468
Pension	230	-
	<u>950</u>	<u>468</u>

14 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2023

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	15,994	12,272	(17,608)	-	10,658
Totals	<u>15,994</u>	<u>12,272</u>	<u>(17,608)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,658</u>

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14 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2022

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	21,019	11,131	(16,156)	-	15,994
Totals	21,019	11,131	(16,156)	-	15,994

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Awards For All	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Albert Hunt	-	2,000	(1,398)	-	602
Barbour	-	15,000	(10,500)	-	4,500
Bernicia	3,218	-	(3,218)	-	-
COOP	-	1,737	(280)	-	1,457
Garfield Weston	-	15,000	(9,821)	-	5,179
James Knott	-	6,000	(5,952)	-	48
John Prestman	-	6,500	(6,500)	-	-
Masonic Hall	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-
M&S	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
National Heritage	-	10,000	(9,750)	-	250
Local Giving	-	500	-	-	500
Reaching Communities	-	60,000	(29,472)	-	30,528
Sunderland City Council	1,000	13,290	(11,040)	-	3,250
Trust House	10,000	10,000	(10,000)	-	10,000
Totals	14,218	155,527	(112,431)	-	57,314

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For the year ending 31 March 2023

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Restricted funds					
Awards For All	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Arnold Clark	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Barbour	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Ballinger Trust	51	-	(51)	-	-
Bernicia	-	5,000	(1,782)	-	3,218
Big Lottery	834	-	(834)	-	-
Community Foundation	3,500	-	(3,500)	-	-
Community Foundation - Empower	4,761	-	(4,761)	-	-
Durham County Council	1,782	424	(2,206)	-	-
Groundwork UK	668	2,854	(3,522)	-	-
James Knott	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Karbon Homes Ltd	606	-	(606)	-	-
Morrisons Foundations	4,471	-	(4,471)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Neighbourly Community Fund	-	400	(400)	-	-
Persimmon	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
RISE North East	1,200	-	(1,200)	-	-
Sunderland City Council	2,394	11,500	(12,894)	-	1,000
Trust House	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Triangle Trust	14,701	-	(14,701)	-	-
Totals	34,968	59,678	(80,428)	-	14,218

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Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Awards For All	Activities and events
Morrison's Foundations	Packed lunches and resources for craft and room hire
Neighbourly Community Fund	Salary costs
RISE North East	Activities and events
Sunderland City Council	Activities and events
Triangle Trust	Volunteer expenses
Arnold Clark	Activities
Barbour	Rent
Ballinger Trust	Activities
Bernicia	Core Cost
Big Lottery	Project Cost
Community Foundation	Project Cost
Community Foundation - Empower	Project Cost
Durham County Council	Project Cost
Groundwork UK	Project Cost
James Knott	Core Cost
Karbon Homes Ltd	Project Cost
National Lottery Community Fund	Project Cost
Persimmon	Project Cost
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Albert Hunt	Project Cost
COOP	Project Cost
Garfield Weston	Core Cost
John Prestman	Project Cost
Masonic Hall	Core Cost
M&S	Project Cost
National Heritage	Project Cost
Local Giving	Project Cost
Reaching Communities	Project Cost

15 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2023, the charity had no capital commitments (2022 -£nil).

16 Guarantee

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31 March 2023.

17 Debt

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31 March 2023.

18 Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 02 June 2017 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1173253

Accounts

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More than Grandparents

Supporting kinship families

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Charity Number 1173253

MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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).

1. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity is to promote the better care, upbringing and establishment in life of children residing in Sunderland and the surrounding areas by:

- a) Promoting the role of kinship care
- b) Supporting and advising kinship carers
- c) Providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational and leisure times occupation with the object of improving life.

This is done through 1-1 support, advice and guidance to kinship carers in either their own home, the kinship care centre or a social media peer support session run from the kinship care centre. Social activities, outings, residential breaks for both carers and their children for relaxation and recreational activities. The trustees have had regard to the public benefit which has been reflected through trustee meetings.

2. Achievements and Performance

To achieve our aims and objectives the Trustees have supported over 212 families in Sunderland and surrounding areas who are raising in excess of 246 children who are living in kinship care placements.

We are now settled in our new premises and we have been able to welcome and support more kinship families across the North East.

We have continued to work in partnership with many local support networks to further benefit the lives of kinship families and provide a holistic approach to meeting the specific needs of kinship families.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis continues to bring new challenges to how we work with families and we have listened to our beneficiaries and continued to provide emergency food support and wellbeing packs to those families who are struggling. Our families continue to access our remote support via Facebook but we have also seen an increase in the uptake of face to face group peer support, training, recreational activities, children's groups and events.

With the assistance of the Cranfield Trust we are now working more strategically to meet the aims and objectives of the charity. Together we identified that we needed to diversify our board and we undertook a skills matrix exercise which identified that although a high proportion of our board are people with lived experience of kinship care there were some skills gaps. We have been proactive in addressing these gaps and hope to recruit new trustees in the near future. We have now began planning strategically for the next five years which will also include financial planning so we become a more sustainable organisation, diversify our income, begin to build a strong team of staff and volunteers and invest in our infrastructure.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2022

3. Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees will continue to promote our objectives to meet the specific needs of Kinship families in Sunderland and surrounding areas.

We will continue to work in partnership with the local authority and other partners to ensure we provide a holistic approach to supporting kinship families.

We will continue to work with funders to promote kinship care and highlight the needs of kinship carers.

We will continue to work in partnership with local authorities to promote kinship care in their local area and highlight the needs of kinship families to encourage better support for families from statutory services.

We will continue to plan strategically for the future of the organisation with the aim of building excellence into our organisation and to become more sustainable.

4. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name	More Than Grandparents	
Registered Charity Number	1173253	
Operational address	The Place Athenauem Street West Sunnyside Sunderland SR1 1QX	
Trustees	Graham Frend Melanie Nichols Shellie Nichols-Key Karen Davidson Michelle Brodie Rebecca Atkinson Elizabeth Leckenby Amanda Michaela Smith	Chair Resigned March 2021 Resigned April 2021 Resigned April 2021
Independent Examiner	Michelle Wright Connected Voice Business Services Limited Higham House Higham Place Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AF	
Bankers	Santander	

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For the year ended 31 March 2022

5. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing documents

The organisation is a CIO, registered on the 2 June 2017.

Method of Recruitment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charitable company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate any risk.

6. Financial Review

More Than Grandparents is primarily funded by grants and donations. The total income for the year was £70,809 (2021: £115,426). This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Receipts and Payments in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2022, shows a net payments across all funds of £25,775 (2021: £37,523).

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2022 shows total cash fund carried forward of £30,212 (2021: £55,987) of which there are £14,218 restricted funds (2021: £34,968).

Reserves policy

More Than Grandparents has maintained a level of free reserves over the years currently £15,994 (2021: £21,019) to meet the working capital requirements of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding (including activity costs). It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted cash funds held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of annual expenditure, this presently equates to £24,146 (2021: £19,208). All Restricted funds are spent in accordance with grant terms and conditions.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2022

7. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

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Approved by the Trustees on Jan 31, 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Melanie Nichols
Chair


Melanie Nichols (Jan 31, 2023 09:08 GMT)

MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ending 31 March 2022

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Independent examiner's statement

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- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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I 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.

Michelle Wright
Connected Voice Business Services Limited
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Date: Jan 31, 2023


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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacy	4	7,668	-	7,668	12,246
Grants	5	500	59,678	60,178	100,986
Other trading activities	6	2,963	-	2,963	2,675
Total Receipts		11,131	59,678	70,809	115,906
Payments					
Charitable expenditure					
Activity costs	7	10,457	48,697	59,154	70,164
Support costs	7	5,231	31,732	36,963	7,741
Governance costs	7	468	-	468	478
Total Payments		16,156	80,429	96,584	78,383
Net of Receipts / - Payments		(5,025)	(20,750)	(25,775)	37,523
Opening cash at bank and in hand		21,019	34,968	55,987	18,471
Closing cash at bank and in hand		15,994	14,218	30,212	55,994

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	13	15,994	14,218	30,212	57,064
Liabilities	14			468	1,302


The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

Jan 31, 2023

and are signed on its behalf by:

Melanie Nichols
Chair


Melanie Nichols (Jan 31, 2023 09:08 GMT)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 March 2022

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the Charity's constitution and has not been requested by the Trustees.

3 Prior year adjustments

Reconciliation of change in equity

	At 1 Apr 2020 £	At 31 Mar 2021 £
Unrestricted funds (previously stated)	8,453	22,096
Donations (i)	-	480
Project activities (ii)	-	(1,557)
Unrestricted funds (as stated)	<u>8,453</u>	<u>21,019</u>

Reconciliation of receipts and payments

	Year ended 31 Mar 2021 £
Net movement of funds (previously stated)	38,593
Donations (i)	480
Project activities (ii)	(1,557)
Net movement of funds (as stated)	<u>37,516</u>

(i) Donations equaling £480 was not included in the 2021 accounts and have been restated to reflect this change.

(ii) Project activity expense from petty cash was understated by £1,557 in the year.

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Restated 2021 £
4 Donations and legacy				
Donations	7,668	-	7,668	7,412
Fundraising	-	-	-	4,834
	<u>7,668</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,668</u>	<u>12,246</u>
5 Grants				
Awards For All	-	10,000	10,000	-
Arnold Clark	-	2,000	2,000	-
Barbour Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Ballinger Trust	-	-	-	600
Bernicia	-	5,000	5,000	-
BGL Group Ltd	-	-	-	5,000
Big Lottery	-	-	-	35,418
Community Foundation	-	-	-	3,500
Community Foundation - Empower	-	-	-	5,000
Durham County Council	-	424	424	3,099
Gentoo Aspire Grant	-	-	-	400
Groundwork UK	-	2,854	2,854	2,000
James Knott	-	5,000	5,000	-
Karbon Homes Ltd	-	-	-	1,000
Local Connect Fund	-	-	-	2,500
Morrisons Foundations	-	-	-	5,755
National Lottery Community Fund	-	2,500	2,500	-
Neighbourly Community Fund	-	400	400	400
Persimmon	-	5,000	5,000	-
RISE North East	-	-	-	4,700
Suez Recycling	500	-	500	-
Sunderland City Council	-	11,500	11,500	14,350
Trust House	-	10,000	10,000	-
Triangle Trust	-	-	-	17,264
	<u>500</u>	<u>59,678</u>	<u>60,178</u>	<u>100,986</u>
6 Other trading activities				
Sales	106	-	106	2,665
Other income	2,857	-	2,857	10
	<u>2,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,963</u>	<u>2,675</u>

Income was £70,809 (2021: £115,906) of which £11,131 was unrestricted (2021: £25,320) and £59,678 was restricted (2021: £90,586)

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For the year ending 31 March 2022

Analysis of resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Restated 2021 £
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Activity costs</u>				
Staff salaries	4,374	36,802	41,176	15,606
Staff travel	-	60	60	1,237
Staff costs	114	882	996	164
Advertising	-	20	20	3,236
Activity costs	4,333	10,722	15,055	33,694
Project equipment	1,591	211	1,802	1,608
Training	-	-	-	-
Room hire	45	-	45	9,000
Volunteers expenses	-	-	-	5,619
	<u>10,457</u>	<u>48,697</u>	<u>59,154</u>	<u>70,164</u>
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent	360	24,550	24,910	-
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	-
Printing, postage and stationery	163	1,294	1,457	1,019
IT	230	279	510	249
Office costs	65	472	537	1,149
Office equipment	-	-	-	847
Transaction costs	-	-	-	88
Professional fees	-	-	-	241
Consultancy fees	4,413	5,136	9,549	4,148
	<u>5,231</u>	<u>31,732</u>	<u>36,963</u>	<u>7,741</u>
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Trustee meeting cost	-	-	-	10
Independent examiner's fees	468	-	468	468
	<u>468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>478</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £96,584 (2021: £78,383) of which £16,156 was unrestricted (2021: £12,747) and £80,429 was restricted (2021: £65,636)

8 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	468	468
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	208	49
	<u>676</u>	<u>517</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2021: £nil).

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9 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries and wages	37,433	14,355
Social security costs	2,857	955
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	886	295
	<u>41,176</u>	<u>15,606</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2021: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £24,967.

10 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 2 staff (2021: 0.25 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	2.0	0.3
	<u>2.0</u>	<u>0.3</u>

11 Transactions with trustees

The trustees have been paid remunerations and received other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

A trustee has taking up position as an employee in the year. The salary paid to the trustee is based on the going rate for the roles undertaken. The salary paid is £22,160.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

The following detail the related party transactions in the reporting period.

Relative of the trustees has undertaken employment work at More Than Grandparents. The salary incurred on the normal commercial basis. There is no outstanding balance at the year end. The total amount paid in the year is £6,760 (2021: £13,353).

12 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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13 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	15,994	14,218	30,212
	<u>15,994</u>	<u>14,218</u>	<u>30,212</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	22,096	34,968	57,064
	<u>22,096</u>	<u>34,968</u>	<u>57,064</u>

14 Liabilities at the period end

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination of accounts	468	468
Big Lottery	-	834
	<u>468</u>	<u>1,302</u>

15 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2022

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	21,019	11,131	(16,156)	-	15,994
Totals	<u>21,019</u>	<u>11,131</u>	<u>(16,156)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,994</u>

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15 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	8,453	25,320	(12,747)	-	21,026
Totals	8,453	25,320	(12,747)	-	21,026

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2022

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Awards For All	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Arnold Clark	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Barbour	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Ballinger Trust	51	-	(51)	-	-
Bernicia	-	5,000	(1,782)	-	3,218
BGL Group Ltd	-	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	834	-	(834)	-	-
Community Foundation	3,500	-	(3,500)	-	-
Community Foundation - Empower	4,761	-	(4,761)	-	-
Durham County Council	1,782	424	(2,206)	-	-
Groundwork UK	668	2,854	(3,522)	-	-
James Knott	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Karbon Homes Ltd	606	-	(606)	-	-
Local Connect Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisons Foundations	4,471	-	(4,471)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Neighbourly Community Fund	-	400	(400)	-	-
Persimmon	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
RISE North East	1,200	-	(1,200)	-	-
Sunderland City Council	2,394	11,500	(12,894)	-	1,000
Trust House	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Triangle Trust	14,701	-	(14,701)	-	-
Totals	34,968	59,678	(80,428)	-	14,218

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For the year ending 31 March 2022

15 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

For the year ending 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Awards For All	9,518	-	(9,518)	-	-
Ballinger Trust	-	600	(549)	-	51
BGL Group Ltd	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Big Lottery	-	35,418	(34,584)	-	834
Community Foundation	-	3,500	-	-	3,500
Community Foundation - Empower	-	5,000	(239)	-	4,761
					-
Durham County Council	-	3,099	(1,317)	-	1,782
Groundwork UK	-	2,000	(1,332)	-	668
Karbon Homes Ltd	-	1,000	(394)	-	606
Local Connect Fund	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Morrisons Foundations	-	5,755	(1,284)	-	4,471
Neighbourly Community Fund	-	400	(400)	-	-
RISE North East	-	4,700	(3,500)	-	1,200
Sunderland City Council	500	4,350	(2,456)	-	2,394
Triangle Trust	-	17,264	(2,563)	-	14,701
Totals	10,018	90,586	(65,636)	-	34,968

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Awards For All	Activities and events
Morrisons Foundations	Packed lunches and resources for craft and room hire
Neighbourly Community Fund	Salary costs
RISE North East	Activities and events
Sunderland City Council	Activities and events
Triangle Trust	Volunteer expenses

16 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2022, the charity had no capital commitments (2021 -£nil).

17 Guarantee

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31 March 2022.

18 Debt

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31 March 2022.

19 Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 02 June 2017 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011.











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Supporting kinship families

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Charity Number 1173253

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2021

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2021, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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).

1. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity is to promote the better care, upbringing and establishment in life of children residing in Sunderland and the surrounding areas by:

- a) Promoting the role of kinship care
- b) Supporting and advising kinship carers
- c) Providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational and leisure times occupation with the object of improving life.

This is done through 1-1 support, advice and guidance to kinship carers in either their own home, the kinship care centre or a social media peer support session run from the kinship care centre. Social activities, outings, residential breaks for both carers and their children for relaxation and recreational activities. The trustees have had regard to the public benefit which has been reflected through trustee meetings.

2. Achievements and Performance

To achieve our aims and objectives the Trustees have supported over 205 families in Sunderland and surrounding areas who are raising in excess of 246 children who are living in kinship care placements.

Last year we moved into a bigger premises so that we could support our increased case load and reach out to more kinship families and meet demands for our service.

We have continued to work in partnership with many local support networks to further benefit the lives of kinship families and provide a holistic approach to meeting the specific needs of kinship families.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to bring new challenges to how we work with families and we have listened to our beneficiaries and continued to provide emergency food support and wellbeing packs to those families who are isolating due to covid. Our families continue to access our remote support via Facebook but we have also recommenced face to face group peer support with safety measures in place.

With the assistance of the Cranfield Trust we are now working more strategically to meet the aims and objectives of the charity. Together we identified that we needed to diversify our board and we undertook a skills matrix exercise which identified that although a high proportion of our board are people with lived experience of kinship care there were some skills gaps. We have been proactive in addressing these gaps and are hoping to recruit new trustees in the near future. Once the new trustees are in post we will begin planning strategically for the next five years which will also include financial planning so we become a more sustainable organisation, diversify our income, begin to build a strong team of staff and volunteers and invest in our infrastructure.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2021

3. Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees will continue to promote our objectives to meet the specific needs of Kinship families in Sunderland and surrounding areas.

We will continue to work in partnership with the local authority and other partners to ensure we provide a holistic approach to supporting kinship families.

We will continue to work with funders to promote kinship care and highlight the needs of kinship carers.

We will continue to work in partnership with local authorities to promote kinship care in their local area and highlight the needs of kinship families to encourage better support for families from statutory services.

We will continue to work with our Cranfield Trust volunteer consultant to plan strategically for the future of the organisation with the aim of building excellence into our organisation and to become more sustainable.

4. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name More Than Grandparents

Registered Charity
Number 1173253

Operational address The Place
 Athenauem Street
 West Sunnyside
 Sunderland
 SR1 1QX

Trustees

Graham Frend
Melanie Nichols
Shellie Nichols-Key
Karen Davidson
Michelle Brodie
Rebecca Atkinson
Elizabeth Leckenby
Amanda Michaela Smith

Chair

Resigned March 21
Resigned April 21
Resigned April 21

Independent
Examiner

Jim Dodds
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2021

5. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing documents

The organisation is a CIO, registered on the 2 June 2017.

Method of Recruitment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charitable company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate any risk.

6. Financial Review

More Than Grandparents is primarily funded by grants and donations. The total income for the year was £115,426 (2020: £25,653). This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Receipts and Payments in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2021, shows a net receipts across all funds of £38,593 (2020: £1,672).

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2021 shows total cash fund carried forward of £57,064 (2020: £18,471) of which there are £34,968 restricted funds (2020: £10,018).

Reserves policy

More Than Grandparents has maintained a level of free reserves over the years currently £22,096 (2020: £8,453) to meet the working capital requirements of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding (including activity costs). It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted cash funds held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of annual expenditure, this presently equates to £19,208 (2020: £6,000). All Restricted funds are spent in accordance with grant terms and conditions.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2021

7. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The charity trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on27/01/22..... and signed on their behalf by:

Melanie Nichols
Chair



MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2021

I report on the financial statements of More Than Grandparents for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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.

Jim Dodds
Connected Voice Business Services Limited
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Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8AF
Date: 27/01/22



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacy	3	11,766	-	11,766	7,329
Grants	4	10,400	90,586	100,986	17,439
Other trading activities	5	2,675	-	2,675	885
Total Receipts		24,840	90,586	115,426	25,653
Payments					
Charitable expenditure					
Activity costs	6	6,451	62,163	68,614	14,418
Support costs	6	4,736	3,005	7,741	9,563
Governance costs	6	10	468	478	-
Total Payments		11,197	65,636	76,833	23,981
Net of Receipts / - Payments		13,643	24,950	38,593	1,672
Opening cash at bank and in hand		8,453	10,018	18,471	16,799
Closing cash at bank and in hand		22,096	34,968	57,064	18,471

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cash funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	12	22,096	34,968	57,064	18,471
Liabilities	13			1,302	468

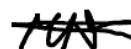
The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

27/01/22

and are signed on its behalf by:

Melanie Nichols
Chair



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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the Charity's constitution and has not been requested by the Trustees.

Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3 Donations and legacy				
Donations	6,932	-	6,932	3,663
Annette Rafferty	-	-	-	2,000
Fundraising	4,834	-	4,834	1,666
	<u>11,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,766</u>	<u>7,329</u>
4 Grants				
Awards For All	-	-	-	9,518
Ballinger Trust	-	600	600	-
BGL Group Ltd	-	5,000	5,000	-
Big Lottery	-	35,418	35,418	-
Community Foundation	-	3,500	3,500	-
Community Foundation - Empower	-	5,000	5,000	-
Durham County Council	-	3,099	3,099	-
Gentoo Aspire Grant	400	-	400	1,621
Greggs Foundation	-	-	-	500
Groundwork UK	-	2,000	2,000	-
Karbon Homes Ltd	-	1,000	1,000	-
Local Connect Fund	-	2,500	2,500	-
Morrisons Foundations	-	5,755	5,755	-
Neighbourly Community Fund	-	400	400	-
RISE North East	-	4,700	4,700	-
Rothley Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Sunderland City Council	10,000	4,350	14,350	3,800
The William Leech Charity	-	-	-	1,000
Triangle Trust	-	17,264	17,264	-
	<u>10,400</u>	<u>90,586</u>	<u>100,986</u>	<u>17,439</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
5 Other trading activities				
Sales	2,665	-	2,665	885
Other income	10	-	10	-
	<u>2,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,675</u>	<u>885</u>

Income was £115,426 (2020: £25,653) of which £24,840 was unrestricted (2020: £8,335) and £90,586 was restricted (2020: £17,318)

Analysis of resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
6 Charitable activities				
<u>Activity costs</u>				
Staff salaries	-	15,606	15,606	-
Staff travel	180	1,057	1,237	-
Staff costs	-	164	164	-
Advertising	3,171	65	3,236	619
Activity costs	1,532	30,612	32,144	9,425
Project equipment	1,384	224	1,608	-
Training	-	-	-	215
Room hire	-	9,000	9,000	2,250
Volunteers expenses	184	5,435	5,619	1,909
	<u>6,451</u>	<u>62,163</u>	<u>68,614</u>	<u>14,418</u>
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent	-	-	-	6,750
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	636
Printing, postage and stationery	463	556	1,019	339
IT	38	211	249	372
Office costs	-	1,149	1,149	95
Office equipment	-	847	847	-
Transaction costs	88	-	88	75
Professional fees	-	241	241	1,296
Consultancy fees	4,148	-	4,148	-
	<u>4,736</u>	<u>3,005</u>	<u>7,741</u>	<u>9,563</u>
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Trustee meeting cost	10	-	10	-
Independent examiner's fees	-	468	468	-
	<u>10</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>-</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £76,833 (2020: £23,981) of which £11,197 was unrestricted (2020: £6,901) and £65,636 was restricted (2020: £17,080)

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7 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	468	468
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	49	-
	<u>517</u>	<u>468</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2020: £nil).

8 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	14,355	-
Social security costs	955	-
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	295	-
	<u>15,606</u>	<u>-</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2020: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £11,099.

9 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 0.25 staff (2020: 0 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	2.0	0.0
	<u>2.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>

10 Transactions with trustees

The trustees have been paid remunerations and received other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

A trustee has taking up position as an employee in the year. The salary paid to the trustee is based on the going rate for the roles undertaken. The salary paid is £2,253.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

The following detail the related party transactions in the reporting period.

Relative of the trustees has undertaken employment work at More Than Grandparents. The salary incurred on the normal commercial basis. There is no outstanding balance at the year end. The total amount paid in the year is £13,353 (2020: £nil).

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11 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

12 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	22,096	34,968	57,064
	<u>22,096</u>	<u>34,968</u>	<u>57,064</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	8,453	10,018	18,471
	<u>8,453</u>	<u>10,018</u>	<u>18,471</u>

13 Liabilities at the period end

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination of accounts	468	468
Big Lottery	834	-
	<u>1,302</u>	<u>468</u>

14 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	8,453	24,840	(11,197)	-	22,096
Totals	<u>8,453</u>	<u>24,840</u>	<u>(11,197)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,096</u>

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14 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2020

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	7,019	8,335	(6,901)	-	8,453
Totals	<u>7,019</u>	<u>8,335</u>	<u>(6,901)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,453</u>

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ending 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Awards For All	9,518	-	(9,518)	-	-
Ballinger Trust	-	600	(549)	-	51
BGL Group Ltd	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Big Lottery	-	35,418	(34,584)	-	834
Community Foundation	-	3,500	-	-	3,500
Community Foundation - Empower	-	5,000	(239)	-	4,761
Durham County Council	-	3,099	(1,317)	-	1,782
Groundwork UK	-	2,000	(1,332)	-	668
Karbon Homes Ltd	-	1,000	(394)	-	606
Local Connect Fund	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Morrisons Foundations	-	5,755	(1,284)	-	4,471
Neighbourly Community Fund	-	400	(400)	-	-
RISE North East	-	4,700	(3,500)	-	1,200
Sunderland City Council	500	4,350	(2,456)	-	2,394
Triangle Trust	-	17,264	(2,563)	-	14,701
Totals	<u>10,018</u>	<u>90,586</u>	<u>(65,636)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,968</u>

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14 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

For the year ending 31 March 2020

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Awards For All	9,780	9,518	(9,780)	-	9,518
Sunderland City Council	-	3,800	(3,300)	-	500
Rothley Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Gentoo Aspire Grant	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Greggs Foundation	-	500	(500)	-	-
The William Leech Charity	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Totals	9,780	17,318	(17,080)	-	10,018

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Awards For All	Activities and events
Sunderland City Council	Packed lunches and resources for craft and room hire
Rothley Trust	Salary costs
Gentoo Aspire Grant	Activities and events
Greggs Foundation	Activities and events
The William Leech Charity	Volunteer expenses

15 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2021, the charity had no capital commitments (2020 -£nil).

16 Guarantee

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31 March 2021.

17 Debt

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31 March 2021.

18 Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 02 June 2017 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011.