

MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS



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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

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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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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
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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
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Jim Dodds
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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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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



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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.

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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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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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	7,019	8,335	(6,901)	-	8,453

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	10,018	90,586	(65,636)	-	34,968

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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.