

**MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINCNCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2024, 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 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

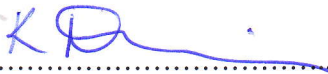
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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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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.

MORE THAN GRANDPARENTS
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	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	51

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
	1,262	67,944	69,206	86,101
<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
	6,808	49,538	56,346	43,938
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Trustee meeting cost	-	-	-	-
Independent examiner's fees	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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. **Fees for examination of the accounts**

	<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:

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

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

13. Liabilities at the period end

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

14. Analysis of charitable funds

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

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds for the year ended 31st March 2023

The 'free reserves' of the charity.

	Fund balances	Incoming	Resources		Fund balances
	<u>b/f</u>	<u>resources</u>	<u>expended</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>c/f</u>
Restricted funds	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Awards For All	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Albert Hunt	-	2,000	(1,398)	-	602
Barbour	-	15,000	(10,500)	-	4,500
Bernica	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
	<u>14,218</u>	<u>155,527</u>	<u>(112,431)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,314</u>

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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
Cloth Workers	Nursery Furniture
Community Foundation	Project cost
Community Foundation - Willan	Project cost
COOP	Project cost
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.

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 2024.

18. **Governing document**

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 2nd June 2017 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011.