

**HOME-START BROMLEY
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

Home-Start Bromley
Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 January 2024

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**Home-Start Bromley
Charity Information
For The Year Ended 31 January 2024**

Charity Number	1187281
Principal address	Community House South Street Bromley BR1 1RH
Trustees	John Downie Collin Lyttle (resigned 15 May 2023) Belinda Barnaby (appointed 8 July 2023) Beverley Clarke Seena Gbekor
Independent Examiners	Best Choice Chartered Accountants, Office 30, Kingfisher House, 21-23 Elmfield Road, Bromley, BR1 1LT

Home-Start Bromley Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 January 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

Registered Charity number: 1182781

Trustees

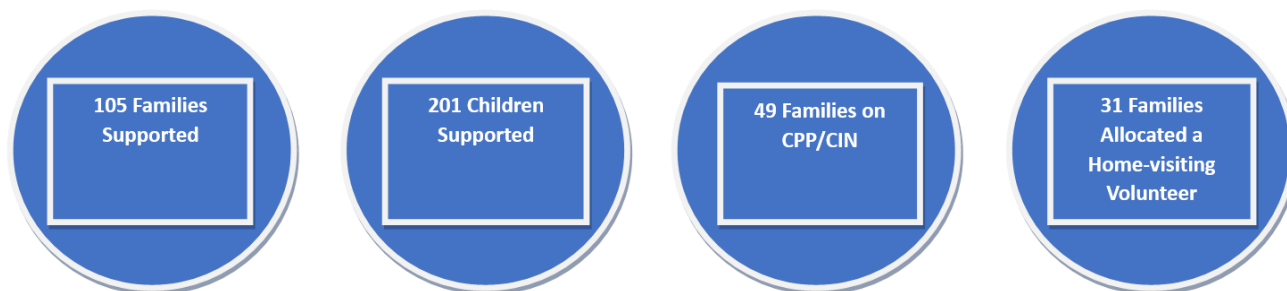
John Downie
Belinda Barnaby
Beverley Clarke
Seena Gbekor

Objectives and Activities

Home-Start Bromley is a registered charity providing support for parents and their children through a team of trained volunteers who provide practical and non-judgmental support for families. Home-Start Bromley offers support, friendship and practical help to families with children in the locality of Bromley. Home-Start believes that parents play a key role in giving their children a good start in life; however, we recognise that parenting is a challenging and demanding role. We are here to support parents in this key role and provide the support and friendship they need.

Objectives: To safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical, of children and parents of children; To prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children; To relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children; To promote the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of Bromley and their environs; To respond to local issues impacting families – particularly domestic abuse, loneliness and isolation; To engage with local fathers to promote family well-being and better outcomes for children.

Achievements and Performance



We are seeing an increase in the number of referrals for support this year, and we have also seen an increase in the complexities of factors that are impacting family functioning. This has meant that we have supported more families that have social services intervention and are on a child protection or child in need plan. Key reasons for family referrals include parental mental health, domestic abuse, neglect, and child and/or parental disability. Home-Start Bromley supported 105 families across the borough in addition to 201 children. Our support continued to include a mix between volunteer-led and practitioner-led group support; 5 more complex families were supported on a one-to-one basis by practitioners. 31 families received home-visiting support this year, providing practical and emotional support to families in need. Our volunteers are well trained and have parenting experiences themselves in order to provide a peer-to-peer mentoring support that is non-judgemental. Our volunteers, on average, provided more longer-term support for families, which ranged between for 6-12 months of support.

Parenting programmes

As part of our strategic plan and response to the increase in demand for core home-visiting services, Home-Start Bromley continued to focus on families that have been impacted by domestic violence and supporting parental mental health and well-being. In doing so, we are able to focus on the issues that greatly impact and be responsive to local needs. In addressing familial abuse, we delivered the 12-week Freedom programme for mothers who had been affected by domestic abuse. In addition to this, thanks to the Beckenham Rotary Club, the Moving Beyond Abuse therapeutic 8-week support group was also delivered to parents who were impacted by family abuse. In line with objectives to support local fathers whose families were impacted by domestic violence, lower levels of harm, or were in highly conflictual family dynamics, Home-Start Bromley delivered the fathers-to-fathers parenting support programme. This included delivery of the 17-week evidenced based parenting programme, as well as providing weekly parenting mentoring support for fathers. Enabling local fathers to make child-centred parenting decisions, working collaboratively with other organisations who were involved with these families to minimise risk and harm to children. Fathers to Fathers, which started as a pilot project, is increasing in its reach to support such families and to support real change that promotes family well-being.

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Recruitment and training of parent volunteers

During this year, we experienced challenges in recruiting volunteers and had to say goodbye to some longstanding volunteers who had moved on for work or personal reasons. Home-Start Bromley continued to recruit and train parent volunteers, who were allocated to families that had been referred and provided 2-3 hours of support per week to vulnerable families. This included an increase in male mentors who had specialised training to support specifically fathers who perpetrate abuse or who have harmful behaviours and who were participating in our fathers-to-fathers parenting programme. Our volunteers are at the heart of what we do, and the continued engagement of volunteers was paramount, as well as the importance of supporting and supervising the work of volunteers.

Moving Forward

Home-Start Bromley plans to continue our work in supporting vulnerable local families and provide that level of support needed at times when they are experiencing challenges. We want to continue to provide a more longer-term and sustained approach to support to ensure change occurs where it is needed and that parents are supported in doing their vital work as parents. We are keen to see more and more families and children thriving locally and continue to be responsive to local needs. Our strategic plans centre around key issues that impact local families and work to support the local agenda of tackling isolation, loneliness, perinatal health and domestic abuse, working with survivors and perpetrators to address family safety and well-being. In doing so, we have this year continued to work collaboratively with local partners, forging referral pathways for our programmes and ensuring that we are able to provide services that are responsive to local needs and fit appropriately to the service provision landscape locally.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

J Downie

J Downie (Nov 29, 2024 16:46 GMT)

John Downie

Trustee

29/11/2024

**Home-Start Bromley
Independent Examiner's Report
For The Year Ended 31 January 2024**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 January 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

1. 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
2. Having satisfied myself that an audit is not required, it is my responsibility to:
 - examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
 - to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
 - to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Shahzad Fayyaz (Nov 29, 2024 16:52 GMT)

Shahzad Fayyaz, ACA

29/11/2024

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Home-Start Bromley
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 January 2024

	31 January 2024 Unrestricted Funds £	31 January 2024 Restricted Funds £	31 January 2024 Total Funds £	31 January 2023 £
Notes				
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Income and endowments from				
Donations and legacies	20,017	52,363	72,380	66,381
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	20,017	52,363	72,380	66,381
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Expenditure on				
Generating donations and legacies	-	14,497	14,497	13,818
Charitable activities	123	33,826	33,949	34,738
Other resources	6,151	15,347	21,498	11,612
Finance	1,777	-	1,777	1,673
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	8,051	63,670	71,721	61,841
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	7	11,966	(11,307)	4,540
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	3,904	(2,578)	1,326	(3,214)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	15,870	(13,885)	1,985	1,326

**Home-Start Bromley
Balance Sheet
As at 31 January 2024**

		31 January 2024 Unrestricted Funds £	31 January 2024 Restricted Funds £	31 January 2024 Total Funds £	31 January 2023 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes				
Tangible Assets	3	2,951	-	2,951	4,543
		2,951	-	2,951	4,543
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	-	-	-	225
Cash at bank and in hand		-	2,458	2,458	329
		-	2,458	2,458	584
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	5	(3,424)	-	(3,424)	(3,801)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		(3,424)	2,458	(966)	(3,217)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES NET		(473)	2,458	1,985	1,326
NET ASSETS		(473)	2,458	1,985	1,326
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				15,870	3,904
Restricted funds				(13,885)	(2,578)
TOTAL FUNDS				1,985	1,326

The Financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 Nov 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Downie
J Downie (Nov 29, 2024 16:46 GMT)

Mr John Downie
Trustee

Home-Start Bromley

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 January 2024

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Computer Equipment	25% Straight Line
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1.3. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.4. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. There are currently no Restricted funds.

1.5. Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.6. Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

2. Average no of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was 1 (2023: 2).

3. Tangible Assets

	Computer Equipment
	£
Cost	
As at 1 February 2023	6,367
As at 31 January 2024	6,367
Depreciation	
As at 1 February 2023	1,824
Provided during the period	1,592
As at 31 January 2024	3,416
Net Book Value	
As at 31 January 2024	2,951
As at 1 February 2023	4,543

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 January 2024

4. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	-	255
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5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxes and social security	2,425	2,986
Pension payable	314	78
Accruals and deferred income	685	737
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	<u>3,424</u>	<u>3,801</u>

6. Trustee's Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st January 2024.

7. Movement in funds

	31 January 2024	31 January 2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds	11,966	1,925
Restricted funds	(11,307)	2,615
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>659</u>	<u>4,540</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	20,017	8,051	11,966
Restricted funds	52,363	63,670	(11,307)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>72,380</u>	<u>71,721</u>	<u>659</u>

8. Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st January 2024.

Home-Start Bromley
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 January 2024

	31 January 2024 Unrestricted Funds £	31 January 2024 Restricted Funds £	31 January 2024 Total Funds £	31 January 2023 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Income and endowments from				
<u>Donations and legacies</u>				
Bromley Innovation Fund	-	-	-	17,086
Building Strong Communities Fund	-	-	-	8,955
National Lottery	-	10,000	10,000	9,980
London Community Fund	-	-	-	4,960
Bromley And Lewisham Covid Fund	-	-	-	19,806
Beacon Lodge Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-
BTSE Fund	-	8,543	8,543	-
NHS/Mayor for London Fund	-	11,925	11,925	-
London Borough of Newham	950	-	950	-
GLA Fund	-	995	995	-
BBC Children in Need Fund	15,000	-	15,000	-
Rotary Club	2,000	-	2,000	-
Home-Start UK	-	10,900	10,900	4,005
Donations	567	-	567	589
Waitrose and Partners	1,500	-	1,500	1,000
	20,017	52,363	72,380	66,381
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating donations and legacies				
Staff Costs	-	14,497	14,497	13,818
	-	14,497	14,497	13,818
Charitable activities				
Family Resources	123	-	123	94
Staff and Volunteer Training	-	-	-	2,399
Staff Costs	-	33,826	33,826	32,245
	123	33,826	33,949	34,738
Other resources expended				
Travel & Subsistence	120	1,333	1,453	-
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	-	758
Telecommunications and data costs	711	-	711	214
Accountancy fees	1,313	-	1,313	1,322
Professional fees	635	13,215	13,850	2,400
Computer and IT consumables	349	68	417	780
Administrative expenses	3,093	-	3,093	6,138
Insurance	-	731	731	-
	6,151	15,347	21,498	11,612

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 January 2024

Finance costs

Other interest payable	185	-	185	81
Depreciation: Computer Equipment	1,592	-	1,592	1,592
	<u>1,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,777</u>	<u>1,673</u>

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	8,051	63,670	71,721	61,841
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NET INCOME LESS NET EXPENDITURE	<u>11,966</u>	<u>(11,307)</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>4,540</u>
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