Birmingham North West

ANNUAL REPORT

2025/2026



CHARITY NUMBER
1157767

COMPANY NUMBER
8858885

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Message From The Chair

Annual Reports, like Christmases, seem to come round very quickly as the years continue to rush by. However, this Annual Report will be different as it is the last one I shall write as Chair of the Trustees. After seven years, I have decided to stand down as Chair, although I will stay on the board as the Designated Safeguarding Lead. I have loved my time here as Chair, but it's time for new leaders to take Home-Start BNW forward.

This year has been another hugely successful one; we have continued to ensure that the charity is financially secure while increasing the support we provide to the families who need our help. Demand for services continues to increase, and every year we are asking more and more of our manager, our staff, and our volunteers. Our trustees hold the responsibility of ensuring our funding is secure, our services are safe, and our staff and volunteers are supported to be able to provide the very best we can. My biggest thanks and admiration are extended to them all. As always, I would also like to thank Get Grants, who work so hard to ensure we have sufficient money to continue, and of course our funders who choose us when there are so many other worthy causes.

Our main challenge is still recruiting volunteers; we have still not got back to pre-COVID levels, and we need to find new ways of attracting and keeping volunteers for the years to come. I fully understand what a big ask being a Home-Start volunteer is, but equally, I see the joy and rewards it brings.

I am leaving my role as Chair of the Trustees with Home-Start in a very different place to how I found it. There have been challenges a plenty, but I have stayed because I love it, and I hope I can continue to stay and contribute, albeit in a different role. All of the people who have passed through Home-Start BNW over the last seven years have had an impact on shaping the thriving charity it is today, and I am truly blessed to have had this opportunity to work with some amazing people. A special mention to Sarah and Donna, who have been managers during my time as Chair, both of whom are still here and still working very hard for us, and of course to Gill and Viv, who have been with me throughout my tenure – you are all amazing, and Home-Start is lucky to have you.

I did not intend to be Chair for this long; I was thinking a couple of years and then I would focus on 'just' being the DSL, the job I came to do. However, it's taken a while (seven years) for me to know for sure that I can step aside and leave the charity with new and exciting leadership. Roisin Lyons and Becky Coleman have been a breath of fresh air since they arrived on the board, and they are going to be Co-Chairs, which is exactly what Home-Start needs now and makes me very happy.

I wish everyone the very best for the year ahead as Home-Start BNW starts a new chapter, with love,
Jackie Redding
Chair of The Trustees

Message From The Manager

As we reflect on another successful year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who continues to support us.

To the funders who have provided grants throughout the year, and to our fundraising team at Get Grants, especially Katie, thank you for your continued hard work in identifying and securing vital funding that enables us to continue supporting families in our community.

I would also like to recognise our amazing staff team and dedicated volunteers. At a time when we are at our busiest, and when the needs of families are becoming increasingly complex, they continue to give their all to ensure every family receives the best possible support.

This year, we said goodbye to our Family and Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Brown, as she moved on to new opportunities. I would like to thank Sarah for all her support, first as a volunteer and later as a valued member of staff, and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Thanks also go to Chrissy Wong and Beth Davies for the support they have provided over the last year.

My biggest thanks go to our outgoing Chair, Jackie Redding. Jackie has offered me tremendous support and guidance over the past three years. Although she will remain part of the Board, it will be sad to see her step down as Chair, while also exciting to look ahead to what our new Co-Chairs will bring in the year ahead.

Donna Prescott
Scheme Manager

What we offer

The support that we offer families has grown significantly over the last 12 months. We have particulaty seen a rise in the number of families that are accessing our stay and play groups.

Between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026, we have supported:

66 Unborn's
259 children under 5 through our stay and play groups.
176 children aged 0–8 through home visiting support.

At the start of the year, we offered 6 stay and play groups. At the time of writing we have expanded this provision by adding a further 4 groups.

We have also continued to deliver the Freedom Programme and have supported 40 women experiencing domestic abuse.

In September, we introduced the Solihull Approach programme, now called Togetherness, to our programme offer. Togetherness is delivered to parents with children aged 0–18 through 10 weekly group sessions. The programme aims to support children's emotional development and strengthen family relationships.
So far, 16 families have accessed this programme.

The Year in Statistics



453 Families Supported



51% disclosing poor mental health, and/or isolation



41% Living in temporary accomadtion



166 Safeguarding concerns recorded

Volunteers



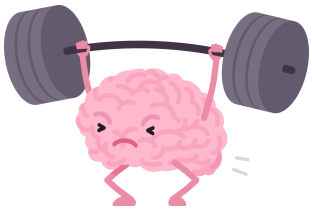
21 active volunteers



391 hours of home-visiting support



236 hours of group support



100 hours of training

Staff Team

Donna Prescott
Scheme Manager
1st October 2023 -

Vivienne Ellis
Family and Volunteer Coordinator
25th November 2019 -

Billie Webley
Family and Volunteer Coordinator
5th February 2024 -

Gill Smith
Scheme Administrator
2nd July 2018 -

Mandy Stone
Target Support Worker
1st October 2024 -

Francesca Walker
Family Group Worker
10th December 2025 -

Sarah Brown
Family and Volunteer Coordinator
5th February 2024 -26th May 2025

Board of Trustees

Jackie Redding, Chair and DSL - 1st April 2019 -

Andrew Hopkins, Treasurer - 1st April 2019 -

Becky Coleman, Trustee 8th May 2023 -

Roisin Lyons ,Trustee 1st January 2024 -

Sarah Fisher, Trustee 1st January 2024 -

Steve Smith, Trustee 1st January 2024 - 22nd July 2025

Thank you to our funders

Birmingham Forward Steps
Henry Smith
Sutton Charitable Trust
Cadent
Garfield Weston
Postcode Community Lottery
Baron Davenport
The Sheldon Trust
Birmingham City Council
Heart of England
Cost of Living Grant
EE Lawley
Rough Charitable Trust
The Sackler Trust
Cole Charitable Trust
ESC Lottery Fund
The Grimmitt Trust
William A Cadbury
Edward Cadbury
Lillie Johnson Charitable Trust
The Goodenough Charitable Trust
Four Oaks Ladies Friendship Club
Sport England
National Grid
Birmingham & Black Country Communities Fund
Thomas Bromwich

And to everybody who has personally donated to us.



Finance Report

Please see attached accounts

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Home-Start Birmingham-North West

Charity No. 1157767

Company No. 08858885

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2026

Home-Start Birmingham-North West

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Trustees Annual Report

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. 08858885

Charity No. 1157767

Registered Office

Kingstanding Leisure Centre
Dulwich Road
Birmingham
B44 0EW

Directors and Trustees
The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.
The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

B. Coleman
S. Fisher
A. Hopkins
R.E. Lyons
J. Redding
S. Smith

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board



B. Coleman
Trustee
22 October 2026

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Home-Start Birmingham-North West, Charity Number 1157767.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Home-Start Birmingham-North West for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Date

Home-Start Birmingham-North West
Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2026

Income and Expenditure	Note	**Unrestricted Funds 2026 (£)**	**Restricted Funds 2026 (£)**	**Total Funds 2026 (£)**	**Total Funds 2025 (£)**
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	4	24,642	203,045	227,687	209,098
Charitable activities	5	23,010	-	23,010	36,244
Investments	6	822	-	822	1,137
Other	7	-	-	-	3,000
Total Income		48,474	203,045	251,519	249,479
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	8	3,120	17,160	20,280	17,520
Charitable activities	9	61,188	120,247	181,435	157,200
Other	10	17,276	13,067	30,343	42,813
Total Expenditure		81,584	150,474	232,058	217,533
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income	11	(33,110)	52,571	19,461	31,946
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		(33,110)	52,571	19,461	31,946
Net movement in funds		(33,110)	52,571	19,461	31,946
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		124,578	117,027	241,605	209,659
Total funds carried forward		91,468	169,598	261,066	241,605

Home-Start Birmingham-North West
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

Description	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Income	250,697	248,342
Interest and investment income	822	1,137
Gross income for the year	251,519	249,479
Expenditure	231,199	216,870
Depreciation and charges for impairment of fixed assets	859	663
Total expenditure for the year	232,058	217,533
Net income before tax for the year	19,461	31,946
Net income for the year	19,461	31,946

Home-Start Birmingham-North West

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2026

Company 08858885

Description	Note	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	1,684	2,042
Total Fixed Assets		1,684	2,042
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	20,155	42,912
Cash at bank and in hand		241,819	196,956
Total Current Assets		261,974	239,868
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors	15	(2,593)	(305)
Net Current Assets		259,381	239,563
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		261,065	241,605
Net Assets Excluding Pension Asset or Liability		261,065	241,605
Total Net Assets		261,065	241,605
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted income funds	16	169,598	117,027
General funds	16	91,467	124,578
Reserves	16	-	-
Total Funds		261,065	241,605

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2026 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 22 Oct 2026

And signed on its behalf by:

B. Coleman
Trustee
22 Oct 2026

Home-Start Birmingham-North West

Statement of Cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income per Statement of Financial Activities	19,461	31,946
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	859	663
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(822)0	(4,137)
Other gains/losses	-	-
Decrease in trade and other receivables	22,757	6,039
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	2,287	(247)
Net cash provided by operating activities	44,542	34,264
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(500)	(2,353)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	822	4,137
Net cash from investing activities	322	1,784
Net cash from financing activities	-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	44,864	36,048
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	196,956	160,908
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	241,820	196,956
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	241,820	196,956
Total cash and cash equivalents	241,820	196,956

for the year ended 31 March 2026

1 **Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Notes to the Accounts

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% Straight line

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development
Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies
Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.
All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets
Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.
Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.
Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation.
Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.
Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs
The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services
All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

Notes to the Accounts

2 **Company status**

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 **Statement of Financial Activities - prior year**

Income and Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds 2025 (£)	Restricted Funds 2025 (£)	Total Funds 2025 (£)
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	37,477	171,621	209,098
Charitable activities	36,244	-	36,244
Investments	1,137	-	1,137
Other	3,000	-	3,000
Total Income	77,858	171,621	249,479
Expenditure on			
Raising funds	-	17,520	17,520
Charitable activities	4,198	16,272	20,470
Other	14,477	165,066	179,543
Total Expenditure	18,676	198,857	217,533
Net income	59,182	(27,236)	31,946
Transfers between funds	(6,485)	6,485	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)	52,697	(20,751)	31,946
Other Gains and Losses	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	52,697	(20,751)	31,946
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	71,881	137,778	209,659
Total funds carried forward	124,578	117,027	241,605

4 **Income from donations and legacies**

Income Source	Unrestricted 2026 (£)	Restricted 2026 (£)	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)
Donation from Trust or Organisation	469	-	469	-
Grants - Restricted	-	203,045	203,045	192,870
Grants - Unrestricted	23,107	-	23,107	14,723
Donations from individuals	1,066	-	1,066	1,505
Total	24,642	203,045	227,687	209,098

5 **Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted (£)	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)
Contractual Income	23,010	23,010	36,244
Total	23,010	23,010	36,244

6 **Income from investments**

	Unrestricted (£)	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)
Interest Received	822	822	1,137
Total	822	822	1,137

7 **Other income**

Description	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)
Share of consortium PR budget	-	3,000
Total	-	3,000

8 **Expenditure on raising funds**

Unrestricted Restricted Total Total

Description	Unrestricted 2026 (£)	Restricted 2026 (£)	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	10,320
Cost of professional fundraiser	3,120	17,160	20,280	7,200
Total	3,120	17,160	20,280	17,520

Notes to the Accounts

9 **Expenditure on charitable activities**

Description	Unrestricted 2026 (£)	Restricted 2026 (£)	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Employee costs	54,659	103,728	158,387	136,730
Openminds	5	1,956	1,961	1,387
Trips and Events	1021	1,093	2,114	2,206
Project materials and purchases for service users	5,214	6,986	12,200	10,187
Service user and volunteer travel and expenses	289	184	473	741
Governance costs				
Governance	-	-	-	434
HSUK Levy	-	6,300	6,300	5,515
Other			-	507
Total	61,188	120,247	181,435	157,707

10 **Other expenditure**

Description	Unrestricted 2026 (£)	Restricted 2026 (£)	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)
Motor and travel costs	471	805	1,276	1,500
Premises costs	3,795	8,025	11,820	23,708
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	287	572	859	663
General administrative costs	11,563	3,665	15,228	15,125
Legal and professional costs	1,160	0	1,160	1,310
Total	17,276	13,067	30,343	42,306

11 **Net income before transfers**

Description	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	859	663
Independent Examiner's fee	200	200

12 **Staff costs**

	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Salaries and wages	146,987	123,265
Social security costs	6,423	4,326
Pension costs	3,144	2,474
Total Staff Costs	156,554	130,065

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 6 (2025: 6).

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme administered by a third party.

13 **Tangible fixed assets**

	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £
Cost or Revaluation	
At 1 April 2025	8,845
Additions	500
At 31 March 2026	9,345
Depreciation and Impairment	
At 1 April 2025	6,802
Depreciation charge for the year	859
At 31 March 2026	7,661
Net Book Values	
At 31 March 2026	1,684
At 31 March 2025	2,043

14 Debtors

	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Prepayments and accrued income	20,155	42,912
Total Debtors	20,155	42,912

15 **Creditors:**

amounts falling due within one year	**2026 (£)**	**2025 (£)**
Trade creditors	2,158	-
Other creditors	35	105
Accruals	401	200
Total Creditors	2,593	305

16 **Movement in funds**

Fund	At 1 Apr 2025 (£)	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	At 31 Mar 2026 (£)
Restricted Funds				
BCC Emergency Food Fund	(188)	11,000	(4,370)	6,442
Cost of Living	-	18,750	(18,750)	0
Eveson Trust	15,000	-	(15,000)	0
Henry Smith	20,876	74,940	(65,994)	29,822
Inclusive Community Fund	-	19,905	(19,905)	0
Sutton Coldfield Community Trust	43,211	(12,713)	(249)	30,249
The Sackler Trust	-	20,000	(2,292)	17,708
Smaller restricted grants	38,128	71,163	(23,914)	85,377
Total Restricted Funds	117,027	203,045	(150,474)	169,598
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	124,578	48,474	(81,585)	91,467
Total Unrestricted Funds	124,578	48,474	(81,585)	91,467
Total Funds	241,605	251,519	(232,059)	261,065

Restricted funds includes:
BCC Emergency Food Fund
Cost of Living
Eveson Trust
Henry Smith
Inclusive Community Fund
Postcode Lottery
The Sackler Trust

17 **Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total (£)
Fixed assets	1,684	-	1,684
Net current assets	91,467	169,598	261,065
Total Net Assets	93,151	169,598	262,749

18 **Reconciliation of net debt**

	At 1 April 2025 (£)	Cash Flows (£)	At 31 March 2026 (£)
Cash and cash equivalents	196,956	44,864	241,820
Net debt	196,956	44,864	241,820

19 **Commitments**

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2026 Land & Buildings (£)	2026 Other (£)	2025 Land & Buildings (£)	2025 Other (£)
Operating leases with expiry date	-	-	-	-

Pension commitments

	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Pension cost charge to the company	3,144	2,474

20 **Related party disclosures**

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus, no single party controls the company.

Home-Start Birmingham-North West

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted 2,026	Restricted 2,026	Total 2,026	Total 2,025
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Donation from Trust or Organisation	469		469	
Grants - Restricted		203,045	203,045	192,870
Grants - Unrestricted	23,107		23,107	14,723
Donations from individuals	1,066		1,066	1,505
	24,642	203,045	227,687	209,098
Charitable activities				
Contractual Income	23,010		23,010	36,244
	23,010	0	23,010	36,244
Investments				
Investment Income	822		822	1,137
	822	0	822	1,137
Other				
Share of consortium PR budget				3,000
	0	0	0	3,000
Total income and endowments	48,474	203,045	251,519	249,479

Description	Unrestricted 2026	Restricted 2026	Total 2026	Total 2025
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies				
Fundraising costs				10,320
Professional cost of fundraiser	3,120	17,160	20,280	7,200
Total of expenditure on raising funds	3,120	17,160	20,280	17,520
Charitable activities				
Salaries/wages	44,427	102,560	146,987	123,265
Employer's NIC	6,423		6,423	4,326
Pension costs	3,144		3,144	2,474
Staff recruitment	329	345	674	824
Staff training	336	823	1,159	5,841
Openminds	5	1,956	1,961	1,387
Trips and Events	1,021	1,093	2,114	2,206
Project materials and purchases for service users	5,214	6,986	12,200	10,187
Service user and volunteer travel and expenses	289	184	473	741
Governance			0	434
HSUK Levy		6,300	6,300	5,515
Other				507
TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	61,188	120,247	181,435	157,707

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities continued

Description	Unrestricted 2026	Restricted 2026	Total 2026	Total 2025
Travel and subsistence	471	805	1,276	1,500
Premises Costs: Rent	3,795	8,025	11,820	23,708
Depreciation of Fixtures, fittings and equipment	287	572	859	663
Bank charges		2	2	
Equipment expensed	4,422	2,054	6,476	7,273
General insurances	1,084	256	1,340	1,309
Information and publications	1,308	1,034	2,342	
Postage and couriers	54		54	78
Software, IT support and related costs	1,817		1,817	2,598
Stationery and printing		155	155	948
Subscriptions	601	140	741	457
Sundry expenses	197	24	221	1,086
Telephone, fax and broadband	2,081		2,081	1,376
Audit/Independent examination fees	200		200	200
Accountancy and bookkeeping	960		960	
Solicitor's fees				1,110
Total of expenditure of other costs	17,277	13,067	30,344	42,306
Total expenditure	81,585	150,474	232,059	217,533
Net income	(33,111)	52,571	19,460	31,946
Other gains	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(33,111)	52,571	19,460	31,946
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	124,578	117,027	241,605	209,659
Total funds carried forward	**91,467**	**169,598**	**261,065**	**241,605**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Home Start Birmingham North West		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1157767
Set out on pages	1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2026.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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 confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		**Date:**	27/10/2026
Name:	Sandra Wise		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CIPFA		
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