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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

FOR

HOME-START LEEDS

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 present its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026. Included within the Trustees' report is the Directors' report as required by company law.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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. Reference and Administration Information

Charity name	Home-Start Leeds
Charity Registration Number	703128
Company Registration Number	02515716 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	Hope House F17-F23 65 Mabgate Leeds LS9 7DR

TRUSTEES

Karen Breakwell	
Simon Benger	
Gerald Browne	
Carol Elston	
Emma Yates	(Retired 4th December 2025)
Peter Harrison	
Tilly Rathmell	(Appointed 4th December 2025)

COMMITTEES

The charity's committees are appointed at each Annual General Meeting (September 2025).

Finance Committee		**HR Committee**		**Safeguarding Committee**	
Peter Harrison	Chair	Carol Elston	Chair	Karen Breakwell	Chair
Karen Breakwell		Karen Breakwell		Carol Elston	
Simon Benger		Emma Yates (Retired 4th December 2025)		Tilly Rathmell	
Gerald Browne		Tilly Rathmell			
		Gerald Browne			

COMPANY SECRETARY	Tracey Simpson-Laing
SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM	
Tracey Simpson-Laing	Chief Executive Officer
Karen Breakwell	Chair - Board of Trustees

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2. Structure, Governance and Management

Company Status and Governing Document
Home-Start Leeds is a charity and a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 September 1988, and registered as a charity on 17 July 1990. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up Members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. There are currently 25 Members

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees
The Company Directors are also Trustees of the Charity for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the organisation. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Board of Trustees are elected to service for a period of three years after which they may be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting for a further three years.

Our organisation is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults and fully implements the Leeds Safeguarding Children Board recommended safer recruitment practice. This includes all Trustees being required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service check, renewed every three years.

The purpose of the charity focuses on the welfare of children, young people, and their families. Our approach to the recruitment of new Trustees works to include people with a particular interest in the work of the charity, the Board includes individuals/representatives from relevant fields of expertise such as, Volunteering, social work, early years, childcare, education and higher education, health, and child psychology.

Gaps on the Board are highlighted and considered when seeking to recruit new members by undertaking reviews and skills audits.

Anyone interested in joining the Board is first asked to submit an application to the Chair. If appropriate, the prospective Trustee is offered the opportunity to meet with the Chair and Board. By mutual agreement they are then asked to observe a Board meeting and a recommendation will be taken by the Board. The appointment will be subject to a DBS check and references.

Induction and Training of Trustees
All current Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity. All new Trustees attend the Volunteers Preparation Course so that they have an understanding of the work of the Volunteers and Coordinators. Additionally, all new Trustees receive a prepared Induction Pack which includes.
Annual Accounts (latest)
Annual Report (latest)
Organisational Polices & Procedures
Memorandum and Articles of Association
Minutes of Board Meetings
Board Contact details
Relevant Charity Commission information
THE NVCO – Good Trustee Guide

Organisational Structure
The Board of Trustees elects members at the AGM who are responsible for the governance, strategic direction, and policy of the organisation.

The Chief Executive Officer is also the Company Secretary and attends all full Board meetings and subcommittee meetings but has no voting rights. The key management personnel is the Chief Executive Officer.

The full Board meets 6 times a year. All Trustees are expected to serve on at least one of the Sub Committees that meet regularly and report to the Board. The Board holds an 'Away Day' each year to build and strengthen relationships and create time to focus on the organisation's future success.

The Chief Executive Officer has day-to-day responsibility for the work of the organisation and delivery of all services – they are directly accountable to the Chair and collectively the wider Board of Trustees.

The pay of the CEO is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

The CEO manages the Staff Team and Volunteers and ensures that all are kept informed of and adhere to the organisations policies and procedures. and ensures that all policy and procedures are up to date and relevant with organisation and legal requirements.

The CEO is responsible for ensuring the Board receives regular and timely reports and information on all aspects of our service to enable them to undertake their role with competency and prudence.

Risk Management
Consideration of risk is an ongoing aspect of all project planning, monitoring, and quality assurance. Many procedures such as authorisation, monitoring and reporting, Staff vetting an appraisal, safety procedures for Staff, property, and those we support, and adequate insurance cover are in place; and security equipment has been installed to safeguard against theft from the building. We continue to invest in training, resources, and development of new policies on all aspects of safety in the workplace.

The principal financial risk to the charity is the loss of income through major contracts coming to an end and the risk of being unable to secure continuation funding. The Trustees review this risk on a regular basis and keep a risk Register. The Board holds Strategy meetings to plan for the future and ensure that the charity remains responsive to new opportunities. Decisions at these meetings inform the future direction of the charity.

3. Our Aims and Objectives
The main objective of the charity is the promotion of the charitable purpose for the benefit of families principally in the local government area of Leeds and its environs.

The organisation provides a range of services and activities in pursuance of these objectives which are:

- 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 childcare within the area of the City of Leeds and its environments.

In furtherance of its objects Home-Start Leeds members, Staff and Volunteers follow and conform to the Standards and Methods of Practice as promulgated from time to time by Home-Start UK.

The main activity undertaken to achieve the objective is the recruitment, preparation, support & supervision of Volunteers to offer our home visiting family support for families expecting a baby or with at least one child aged 11 years or under.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees always consider how all planned activities contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

4. Our Achievements and Performance

Chair's Report

I am pleased to introduce Home-Start Leeds Annual Report for 2025/26 which sets out for our supporters, Staff, Volunteers, Funders and the Families we support the work and achievements we made over the last year.

Our impact over the year

It is noticeable how increasingly harder it is becoming to find and succeeed in attracting funding through grants and other charitable organisations. In particular our CEO is having to become innovative and more importantly able to demonstarte impact assessments for potential new funders. It was therefore noteworthy of the work completed this year, by one our interns, on an Impact report (refer to our website) on Adverse Childhood Experiences. It is an absolute great piece of evidential work and one that is now helping strengthen our bids to show more clearly how our funds are supporting Families across the City.

We were pleased that our work involved in Dad Matters services was further rewarded by another 12 months of funding in Calderdale.

Our Doula Programme is still on-going and whilst funding difficulties remain; we were still able to continue this service through a supportive private donor for a further year.

We were also funded by Leeds Community Foundation to support a new pilot service where we support women who are leaving HMP Newhall Mother and Baby Unit and those that are returning to Leeds from HMP Askham Graham.

In summary, our Staff have and Volunteers, have yet again, supported families and children across the City – 352 families and 531 children, as well been able to continue all our other services across the City and Dad Matters in the Calderdale area.

Governance

We have, once again, strengthened our Trustee Board during the year through the appointment of Tilly Rathmell who has a vast amount of experience in many of the services that we deliver. Tilly has also joined the HR and Governance Committee and the Safeguarding Committee.

We saw the resignation of Emma Yates, who is taking take-up further professional studies. We wish her every success in her new career path.

Our Plans for the Future

The recruitment of a Corporate Funding Manager, has helped us immensely over the last half of the year. We have held some well supported Quiz Nights, Marathon runs and are starting to see some keen interest in our Charity from many large Corporate Companies that we have introduced ourselves to across the City.

During first quarter of 2026 we begun a review and re-write of a new 3 Year Strategic Plan for 2026 - 2029 for Home-Start Leeds, where our clear vision is to expand the Charity and grow over the next three years.

Finally, I would like to record my thanks to our Chief Executive, our Staff, our Volunteers, and the Trustee Board for all their great work which allows us to commit to Home-start Leeds. Everyones' determination and contribution remain an invaluable resource that really does make a difference in supporting the families of Leeds and in Calderdale.

Karen Breakwell - Chair of Trustees, Home-Start Leeds

Chief Executive's Report

Home-Start Leeds continued in year to support Leeds Families – and Calderdale Dad's – with every increasing needs and complexities.

The year we saw a small decrease in families supported due to services/funding ending before new funds started – in-year we supported:

- 352 Families (including Dad's & Doula Families)
- 531 Children
- 2,901 Parents connected with through Dad Matters

In year we recruited and trained 14 Home Visiting Volunteers to support families

Impact Report – published (website) our first Impact Report during the year which focused on Adverse Childhood Experiences which was only possible through engaging a 'Paid for Intern'. It is an interesting read and confirms our understanding of those we support.

We continue to support families from across the Leeds City Council geographical area - a majority of whom live in the city's 'inner electoral wards' with ONS (Office National Statistics) 'Multiple Deprivation Indices' in the worst 10% & 20% in England; and offer our Dad Matters service in the Calderdale Council areas towns through the Family Hubs Programme and Maternity settings.

Families struggle with complex and multiple needs including poor Mental Health, Trauma, Domestic Abuse and Substance Misuse which affect children in the home; and many are only referred when situations have become severe. In-year data shows 90% of parents/carers present with poor Mental Ill Health; around 90% have a least one 'Adverse Childhood Experience – 78% two or more; 29% sighted past/current Substance Abuse; 48% sighted past/current Domestic Abuse; and 72% Financial difficulties. Many children are living in a home with at least one, and many all three, 'Toxic Trios'

We support Families as part of a 'Multi-Agency' approach – in 96% of referrals more than two organisation are involved - that requires Coordinators to spend time providing in-depth support - they take part in Case Conferences and Meetings with regard to statutory plans including 'Early Help', 'Child In Need,' 'Child Protection' and 'Pre-Birth Assessments'. Working with/through families' complex issues our Teams support parents to give their children the best start in life; and help the whole family achieve their aims and goals.

During the year we launched a new service – we have been funding by Leeds Community Foundation to pilot a service to work with Women leaving HMP Newhall Mother & Baby Unit, Women returning to Leeds from HMP Askham Grange being reunited with their children and Families through Jigsaw at HMP Leeds. Word of our work is already spreading in the Women's Prison estate and we have had enquires from others about support.

In year we were re-awarded a further years funding for our Dad Matters Calderdale as a result of Calderdale Council' 'Start for Life' funding being extended again; and re-awarded with three years funding for our Family Ties Service (Kinship and Reunification) which will going forward include our New Start support for Parents who have had children previously removed and/or at risk of child remove after the birth of a new child.

'Learning & Development' is vital to service delivery as families complexities grow. In year, the Staff Team took part in 20 different areas of training including the UNICEF Baby friendly Initiative (Breastfeeding), Male Domestic Violence & Abuse, Managing Aggressive and Violent Behaviour in Children, Best Start for Dads, Preconception: and Spotlight on Roles of Men. We will continue to invest in development and learning to ensure continued professionalism in our service delivery and for personal development of the Staff Team.

During the year I represented Home-Start Leeds and the Third Sector through my membership of the Leeds City Council 'Family Help Partnership Board' and 'Best Start & Beyond Board;' and 'Maternity Population Board' and 'Maternity Partnership.'

In December 2025 I was invited by the Cabinet Office to the 'Race & Inequality Engagement Group', chaired by Baroness Lawrence, session '*Tackling Racial Inequalities in Maternal & Neonatal Health*' to speak about our Doula Service - evidence collected has been fed into the 'National Maternity and Neonatal Investigation' by Baroness Amos. This was a fantastic event with amazing women in attendance, and I had to privilege of talking with Baroness Lawrence who is an amazing and humble woman.

Thanks as always to the Board of Trustees for their dedicated support to Home-Start Leeds, myself, the Staff Team, and Volunteers. During the year we said goodbye to one Trustee and welcomed a new Trustee.

I am eternally grateful to the Staff Team for their work, dedication, and their willingness to go '*above and beyond*' to support families when the unexpected or crisis occurs – their passion, experience and empathy is boundless; and as a group their support for each other is outstanding - peer support is vital in our work with its highs and lows. In year we said goodbye to one Team member as they went on to develop their career and were joined by our Corporate Fundraising Manager who will help us develop our income diversity

Finally, thanks as always to our Volunteers who play a key part of our Family support offer through their emotional and practical help. Volunteering is also about personal growth and as in previous years we have seen people depart volunteering for new careers and education. We are proud we can make a difference to peoples life's.

Home-Start Leeds will continue, in 2026/2027, to provide services Families need and seek funds to expand our service offer in Leeds and beyond. Funding continues to be a sector challenge but the need for support continues so we will continue to 'lobby' our cause, and the needs of Families, as we know how important a good start to life is to children.

Tracey Simpson-Laing - Chief Executive Officer

5. Our Services

Families Supported – 243
Dad's Supported – 83
Doula Support - 18
Children Supported - 531

Age Bands of Children in Families Supported:

- 0-2 years old – 213
- 3-7 years old – 182
- 7-11 years old – 107
- 12-18 years old – 29

Total Number of Volunteers (year-end including Trustees) – 44
Number of Volunteer Preparation Courses – 3
New Volunteers trained in year – 14

Community Foundation Grant
The funds aim is to address 'Health & Wellbeing' and 'Poverty & Disadvantage;' and can also address work around Housing including the safety of children in the home.

The funds have supported Dads when they and their partners have struggled to buy a range of items needed when Baby arrives and for during the development over the first two years. Items purchased have included Bus Day Tickets; Cot Mattresses; Bumpers and Bedding, Baby Baths; and Child Safety Gates..

Community Foundation Grant is funded by the Community Foundations for Calderdale.

Community Dads
At the end of March 2026, we received funds to develop a Community Dads provision - expanding on our Dad Matters work - to roll out in diverse and 'hard to reach' communities across Leeds.

The Service will commence during 2026/2027
Community Dads is funded by Leeds Community Foundation / Flint Family Fund

Dad Matters (Leeds & Calderdale)
Dad Matters supports Dads/Non-Birthing Partner to have the best possible relationship with their families to better support Dads/Non-Birthing Partner in the 'First 1001 Days' of their parenting journey. Our services are part of the Dad Matters UK Network; and works closely with other professionals in the community, Family Hubs and Maternity Services.

Dad Matters aims to:

- Help Dads/Non-Birthing Partner have positive relationships with their families
- Support Dads/Non-Birthing Partner with their wellbeing and mental health
- Encourage Dads/Non-Birthing Partner to participate in services traditionally targeted for Mums/Birthing Partners

Dad Matters Coordinators provide One-to-One Peer Support to Dads/Non-Birthing Partner, signposts, and supports them to access services and information to help make sense of being a Dad/Non-Birthing Partner; and supports with anxiety, stress, and mental health awareness.

Dad Matters Calderdale
Provides support across the Calderdale Council geographic area (Halifax and area) in the community, in Family Hubs and Maternity Services; and provides 1-to-1 Support.

During the year, the Dad Matters Coordinator undertook a range of work including

- Dad Walk-n-Talks across Calderdale.
- Presented at Baby Week to share the importance of fathers and ways to support in the Perinatal Period; and hosted Dad's events
- Presented at the Parent Infant Foundation Annual Conference – sharing the importance of fathers and support in the Perinatal Period.
- Deliver the Dad Matters New Dad Workshop regularly.
- Attended monthly *'Getting Ready for Baby'* NHS Antenatal classes presenting a section for the fathers-to-be.
- Chaired a quarterly Fatherhood Champions network meeting for practitioners across Calderdale.
- Presented at the Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities course.
- Attended Male Mental Health focus group to contribute ideas for plans for developing the mental health offer for men in Calderdale.
- Led a 6 week Baby Massage Course and also delivered it 1-to-1 with Dads.

- Contributed as a member of:
    - an interview panel for the appointment of the new Consultant Midwife in Calderdale.
    - a working party to shape Calderdale's approach for supporting Infant Feeding.
- Being part of the Locala Safe Sleep Roadshow at various locations across Calderdale

During the year, the service provided One-to-One support for 44 Dads/Non-Birthing Partners (220 Sessions); supported 132 Dads/Non-Birthing Partner through Targeted Groups; and made initial contact at Maternity and Family Hub settings with 1,828 Dads/Non-Birthing Partners and their Partners.

Dad Matters Calderdale is funded by Calderdale Council through the *Department for Education 'Start for Life programme'*

Dad Matters Leeds (Perinatal)
The service is part of the Leeds Mental Wellbeing Service provision.

Dad Matters Leeds supports Dads/Non-Birthing Partner to have the best possible relationship with their families. Our service is part of the Dad Matters UK Network; works closely with other professionals within Leeds and nationally to better support Dads in the first 1001 days of their parenting journey; and works with our Perinatal Service.

The service provides support to Dads to access:

- Antenatal and Postnatal classes/groups for Dads
- Outreach services/'drop in's' at Maternity Centre's and community venues
- To access complementary health services

The Dad Matters Coordinator provides One-to-One Peer Support to Dads/Non-Birthing Partner, signposts, and supports them to access services and information to help make sense of being a Dad/Non-Birthing Partner; and supports with anxiety, stress, and mental health awareness

In-year the service has provided One-to-One support for 39 Dads/Non-Birthing Partners (179 Sessions); saw 190 Dads on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; and made initial contact at Maternity settings with 1,073 Dads/Non-Birthing Partners and their Partners.

Dad Matters Leeds (Perinatal) is funded through the Leeds Mental Wellbeing Service (LMWS) by the NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

Family Ties
Family Ties supports:

- Kinship Carers – non-parents including Grandparent, Siblings and Friends looking after non-birth children
- Reunification Parents – parents being reunified with their children after a period of time in Kinship or State Care.

And since February 2026 the service has supported

- New Start Families – parents who have previously had a child(ren) removed from their care, or who there is concern about the child at birth. Parents are subject to a Pre-Birth Assessment

The service Coordinators work with Statutory Agencies to provide expert support; and support Carers and Parents at appointments with statutory bodies that they can find difficult to attend. The support provided helps Carers and Parents to better understand and navigate the processes that the care of a child(ren) can involve.

The service also ensures families have appropriate home furnishings, clothes, and heating; that benefits/income are claimed to ensure maximum household income; and that homes are ready for children to live in when children join/rejoin a family.

In year we have seen an increase in the need for Reunification support as Leeds City Council have placed an emphasis on this need.

During the year we continued to work with local Kinship Peer Support groups, Leeds City Council Kinship Team, and the Reunification Team – who have signposted/referred Carers and Parents. Carers and Parents can also self-refer to the service.

The three year funding period ended on the 31st December 2025. From the 1st February 2026 we have been funded for 3 more years

During the year, the service supported 36 Families

Family Ties is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund

Household Support Fund Summer 2025
The fund supported families who were in need, and those experiencing multiple vulnerabilities or disadvantage

Working with families we purchased a range of children's bedding and small White Goods; and provided vouchers for Food. The purchases meant that:

- babies and children had appropriate bedding to keep them sleep warm
- Families were provided with replacements for small White Goods – Kettles, Slow Cookers and Microwaves to support providing hot/cooked food.
- Families had food for their children at times of difficulty

Working to address parents, babies, and children's needs we were able to improve their health and well-being; and through supporting Families in their own homes, we were able to identifying 'issues' around and in the home so signposted some families to organisations delivering debt, health, home heating, and healthy living advice.

The fund supported 33 Families (children and adults)
Household Support Fund is managed by Forum Central Leeds on behalf of Leeds City Council, ending in February 2026.

Leeds Doulas
In April 2025 Home-Start Leeds re-modelled our Leeds Doula Service - to align with the funding we had obtained for the financial year – and moved to working with a smaller group of women:

- Women Trafficked
- Women living in Refugees – fleeing Domestic Abuse.

The service supports Mums-to-Be 6 weeks either side of baby's birth; and during birth if this is requested. The service is referral only through Leeds Maternity Services and has an aim to improve 'Maternity Outcomes' and reduced isolation and loneliness.

During the year we worked with a number of women who needed support beyond the 6 weeks post-birth and have been able to support them longer term through our Perinatal Service.

In year we supported 18 Women at some stage of pregnancy, giving more in-depth support to 9.

Leeds Doulas has been funded in year by a Private Donation

Leeds Families Through the Gate
Leeds Families Through the Gate is a Pilot Project funded for 2 years to help Home-Start Leeds diversify its offer to Leeds Families.

The service with support three groups of Women:

- Women leaving a 'Mother & Baby Unit' and returning to Leeds
- Women being reunited with their children after time in Prison
- Women with a child whose partner is in Prison

This is a referral only service via Prison Authorities, Prison Chaplaincy and Jigsaw at HMP Leeds

The Service commenced in January 2026 and during the year, the service supported 4 Families

Leeds Families Through the Gate is funded by the Leeds Community Foundation (Strategic Fund).

Leeds University – Intern
We were fortunate to be funded for a paid Internship over the summer of 2025 and appointed Stephanie Osojca – we have previously benefited from an Intern appointment; and we recognise the benefit to ourselves and students who are the future workforce.

Stephaine work involved: with 9 Families who had given consent to be interviewed . The interview consisted of:

- An Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire
- Interview - about why Families felt they needed Home-start Leeds Services; and their views of the service they had received.

The work has been a key component of the first Impact Study on our work and is available on our website.

The Internship was funded by the University of Leeds Internship Subsidy Fund

My Life
The service worked with parents aged over 26 years who were at risk of/had had repeated removals of child(ren) from their care.

We supported parents to reflect on and address behaviours that led to having the possibility of or had led to the removal of a child to develop new life skills for an improved future; and in doing so improve their mental wellbeing and reduce the likelihood of further child(ren) removal. This was a referral only service for Social Work Teams, Health Service Teams, and Third Sector Organisations.

My Life was funded by Jimbos Fund for 12 months and ended on the 30th April 2025

During the year, the service supported 2 Families

Parent To Parent
'Parent to Parent' supports parents with moderate to complex mental health needs with a majority of referrals coming from Social Workers or having Social Care as part of their support wider support package. The service supports many families living with multiple life complexities who can also live with high levels of 'Multiple Deprivation Indices.'

The service supports families to:

- Understand parenting responsibilities
- Improve their child's behaviour by:
  a) building resilience and coping strategies
  b) bonding with the parent
  c) enjoying play and social interaction with peers and other adults
- Reduce isolation through Volunteer support to enable access to social activities and health appointments
- Improve their child's health and wellbeing through healthy eating, exercise, and self-awareness

Parent to Parent Coordinators support families with 'statutory process' and meetings – we are often part of a Multi-Agency Plan to support a family with their child's development and wellbeing. Where there is a 'need' we match families with a Volunteer to support with work to improve the home environment or get help them access local community provision.

During the year, the service supported 127 new Families and supported 15 from the previous year.

Parent To Parent is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund

Perinatal Service
The service is part of the Leeds Mental Wellbeing Service provision.

Home-Start Leeds Perinatal Service works with parents – mainly the Mother/Birthing Partner and their children up to aged two years - during the 'Perinatal Period' to promotes and supports the importance of early attachment by educating and empowering families who feel low in mood and/or stressed following the birth of their baby.

The service is designed to support Mother/Birthing Partner when they can struggle with baby, personal and family relationships after birth as a result of poor mental ill health. Support can range from 'a chat;' accompanying to appointments; and connecting with groups and services for wellbeing support.

We provided additional support to this group of Families through identified funds and Leeds Third Sector organisations – to access items needed to help with baby including furniture and clothes.

During the year, the service supported 74 Mothers/Birthing Partners; and continued to support 11 from the previous year.

The Perinatal Service is funded through the Leeds Mental Wellbeing Service (LMWS) by West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

Stay Well This Winter 2025
Research shows, and we know from working with Families that having a warm and dry sleep environment is important for children. We are seeking funds 'Winter Warm Sleep Packs' to keep children warm when sleeping and going out:

- Perinatal Winter Warm Packs (Birth -1 year; and 1-2 years)
- Child Winter Warm Packs (3-11 years)

Our 'Winter Warm Sleep Packs' were 'age appropriate' and consisted of: Sleepsuits Cot Duvet and Blanket, Curtains, Door Draught Excluders, Onsie/Pajamas

The fund supported 36 Families

Stay Well This Winter is funded by Leeds Community Foundation. The Fund ended in March 2026

Volunteers
Home-Start Leeds services would not be deliverable without our Volunteer Team – who inspire and impress us with their motivation, enthusiasm, and commitment to supporting families.

Recruitment, training, and ongoing support of our Home Visiting Volunteer Team is an ongoing process, however as with organisations across Leeds, and the Home-Start Network, we are finding fewer people coming forward to volunteer – and those who do have less time to do so and do not stay with us as long as they did prior to COVID-19. National sector information shows less people becoming Volunteers due to the increased Retirement age, Family Caring duties, requirements to seek employment and the continuing 'Cost of Living Crisis' as a result of ongoing global conflicts.

In year we have also seen Volunteers retire due to caring duties (grandchildren and parents; personal/family health, the 'Cost of Living Crisis,' and government directives requiring people to work.

Since 2024 we have worked to make our 'Volunteer Preparation Training Course' more attractive and now deliver over five ½ day sessions - those taking part prefer this format and we will continue to review through feedback.

Volunteer recruitment, training, support, and expenses are funded by:
- National Lottery Community Fund
- NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

In year we held 3 Volunteer Preparation Training Courses and trained 14 people.

Students
We were very pleased to host placements for:
- 1 Student from Leeds University undertaking a Social Work Degree (BA Hons)
- 2 Student from Leeds Trinty University undertaking a 'Working with Children, Young People and Families' Degree (BA Hons)

During the year, the CEO talked to students at Leeds Beckett University studying Criminology and Play Development Degrees as we look to widen our placement offer; and a member of the Coordinator Team talked with students on the Childhood and Family Degree at Leeds University

Home-Start Leeds values its relationships with the city's three Universities. We are always pleased to support future Third Sector Workers and Social Workers in their studies.

In-Kind Funding
Addleshaws - Christmas gifts for families
BT / Open Reach - Christmas gifts for families
Sedulo - Christmas gifts for children
St Oswald's Church Collingham - Christmas gifts for families & children
Welcome Skate Store - Christmas gifts for children

6. **Financial Review**

The financial statements comply with the Companies Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities (SORP 2019) and the conditions in the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. The movement in funds is shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 14.

Financial Position

As in the 2024-2025 financial year, during 2025-2026 new funding for the Voluntary Sector continued to be difficult to access due to reduced funding pots and opportunities and increased demand; whilst statutory sector funds were reduced or ended.

Home-Start Leeds has successfully applied for several funds to enhance our service offer; and been successful in obtaining continuation funding.

Income over the year increased from £360,373 to £421,929 due to an increase in grant income.

Expenditure increased from £343,190 to £391,706. This left an overall net income of £30,223 made up of a deficit of £21,308 of unrestricted funds, a deficit of £9,500 of designated funds and surplus of £61,031 of restricted funds.

Page 27 shows the restricted funds to be spent next financial year total £203,962.

Investment policy and objectives

In accordance with the Trustee Act 2000, the Trustees continue to review their investment policy to ensure that the maximum investment returns are achieved, while not compromising the operational requirements and having regard to the acceptable level of investment risk.

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there are no funds for long-term investment. Having considered the options available, the Board of Trustees, after taking advice from the Finance Committee, agreed to seek out better returns as most bank account interest rates continued to be disappointing. Whilst processes were put in place at the end of 2024/2025 funds were not moved until the beginning of the 2025/2026 Financial year.

Reserves Policy

The reserves of the charity are composed of restricted and unrestricted funds. These funds are maintained at a sufficient level in order to allow the smooth operation of the charity's activities.

Unrestricted/Free reserves

The level of the unrestricted accumulated funds is regularly monitored by the Trustees. The Trustees of Home-Start Leeds have agreed a reserves policy, taking into account the guidelines from the Charity Commission.

The Trustees note that underlying general reserves are required to enable Home-Start Leeds to continue operations in the unlikely event of a short-term break in income and to cover unforeseen events beyond the Charity's control.

In addition, free Reserves are required to:

1. Finance new and existing projects until such time as funds are received from the relevant grant making body, where appropriate
2. For funded services a provision is required to allow for the orderly close-down of relevant projects in the event that funding ceases.
3. Finance an orderly close-down of the charity, including redundancy and other liabilities, should the need arise
4. To ensure that there are adequate Reserves to finance any required costs

Home-Start Leeds current policy is to hold a general reserve of up to six-months costs for Staff and six months for other on-going expenditure, which would amount to approximately £177,782 based on the 2025/2026 Accounts.

The general reserve, excluding designated funds and fixed assets, at 31st March 2026 was £132,484.

The Trustees have looked at the exposure to risk and are of the opinion the charity needs to continue to actively work to build up the reserves beyond their current level, as circumstances permit.

Restricted Reserves

The composition and detailed movement of restricted reserves is shown in note 16 in the accounts. At the balance sheet date, the restricted funds were mainly held in the form of cash in bank accounts and there are no restrictions on the use of those funds for the purposes for which they are intended. The current level of restricted funds, and the ongoing funding arrangements relating to those funds, is sufficient to maintain the running costs of specific projects undertaken.

7. **Funders**

Home-Start Leeds would like to thank its funders during the 2025 – 2026 financial year. It is only with the continuation of funding being available that we have been able to continue to deliver our much-needed services to Leeds families:

- Calderdale Council
- Collective Futures
- Community Foundation Calderdale
- Forum Central / Household Support Fund 7
- Jimbos Fund
- Leeds Community Foundation / Flint Family Fund
- Leeds Community Foundation / Stay Well Winter 2025
- Leeds Community Foundation/Strategic Funding
- Leeds University
- National Lottery Community Fund
- N H S West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

We would like to thank Collective Futures for their Unrestricted Grant which has helped us with our work throughout the year – with the recruitment of our Corporate Fundraising Manager and with supporting a number of families who fall outside of our funding streams.

Donations

During the financial year Home-Start Leeds received financial donations from individuals and organisations. Some donations were for specific reasons other towards the general running costs of delivering our services. We would like to thank all those who made donations including:

- Addleshaws Goddard
- BFBI
- Institute of Our Lady of Mercy
- Pinsent Masons
- St James Place Charitable Foundation
- St Peter's School/Leeds Diocesan LEA
- University of Leeds
- Ward Hadaway LLP
- Welcome Skate Shop

We would especially like to thank Welcome Skate Shop, a local business whose customers not only donated funds but also bought a fantastic range of Christmas Gifts for the children we support

Finally, we would like to thank both individuals and organisations who donated to us through 'Just Giving;' and to those who signed up to raise donations through 'Easy Fundraising.'

Fundraising

In August 2025 Home-Start Leeds appointed a Corporate Fundraising Manager to help with income diversification. Since then, we have held a number of events and received financial event sponsorship by:

- ISON Harrison Ltd
- JP Wild Ltd
- Morrish Solicitors
- The Sculpture Gallery

And In-Kind event support from:

Avenue HQ	Banksia Restaurant	Biskery	BW Legal
Cafe Nero	Carriage Works Leeds	Climb	Dakota
Eureka	Gym King	Hotel Chocolat	HSUK
HumanSpaces	Ison Harrison	Jackson Trophies	Junkyard Golf
Leeds Rhinos	Leeds United	Lost & Found	Marriott Hotel Leeds
Morrisons (Merion Centre)	M&S	Nylas Restaurant	Rudding Park Hotel
Showcase Cinema	The Knights Ice Hockey		

We would like to thank those who took part in

- Leeds 10k
- Quiz Nights
- Bag Packing

Finally, we would like to thank our Patron Richard McCann who held a 'House Music' Event at Fibre

8. Plans for future periods

During the forthcoming financial year, 2026-2027, we will continue to explore how we can ensure the sustainability and expansion of our services to Leeds families and further afield in areas without Home-Start support where families are in need.

During the year we will continue to

- focus on building strong local partnerships; and work to empower our families to make informed choices about their lives via the provision of quality services from both ourselves and from partners.
- provide a range of services that there is an unmet provision of – which has grown in recent years due to cuts to statutory funding - whilst continuing to ensure income streams and robust organisational governance and operations systems.
- develop our Fundraising activity so we can have a more stable financial future

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by

Karen Breakwell (Chair)

Date: 14th October 2026 Karen Breakwell

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START LEEDS

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Home-Start Leeds ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st 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 accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 accounts 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Christopher Darwin FCA

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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 14th October 2026

HOME-START LEEDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	**28,799**	**-**	**11,753**	**40,552**	30,244
Charitable activities	4					
Project delivery, management and development		**-**	**-**	**378,870**	**378,870**	327,806
Investment income	3	**2,507**	**-**	**-**	**2,507**	2,323
Total		**31,306**	**-**	**390,623**	**421,929**	360,373
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	5					
Project delivery, management and development		**52,614**	**9,500**	**329,592**	**391,706**	343,190
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(21,308)**	**(9,500)**	**61,031**	**30,223**	17,183
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		**153,792**	**9,500**	**142,931**	**306,223**	289,040
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**132,484**	**-**	**203,962**	**336,446**	306,223

The notes form part of these financial statements

HOME-START LEEDS

BALANCE SHEET
31ST MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	808	-	8,656	9,464	10,114
Cash at bank		139,035	-	195,306	334,341	302,251
		139,843	-	203,962	343,805	312,365
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(6,149)	-	-	(6,149)	(4,367)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		133,694	-	203,962	337,656	307,998
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		133,694	-	203,962	337,656	307,998
PENSION LIABILITY	17	(1,210)	-	-	(1,210)	(1,775)
NET ASSETS		132,484	-	203,962	336,446	306,223
FUNDS	16					
Unrestricted funds					132,484	163,292
Restricted funds					203,962	142,931
TOTAL FUNDS					336,446	306,223

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14th October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

K Breakwell - Trustee Karen Breakwell

The notes form part of these financial statements

HOME-START LEEDS

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**29,583**	22,481
Net cash provided by operating activities		**29,583**	22,481
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		**2,507**	2,323
Net cash provided by investing activities		**2,507**	2,323
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**32,090**	24,804
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**302,251**	277,447
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**334,341**	302,251

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**30,223**	17,183
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	-	2,647
Interest received	(2,507)	(2,323)
Decrease in debtors	650	2,931
Increase in creditors	1,782	1,066
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	(565)	977
Net cash provided by operations	29,583	22,481

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/25	Cash flow	At 31/3/26
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	302,251	32,090	334,341
	302,251	32,090	334,341
Total	302,251	32,090	334,341

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income
All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts (including gifts in kind). These amounts are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Where grants are received during the year in respect of future periods, the amount of the grant, which relates to the future periods is shown as deferred grants and is included within creditors.

- Grants, where the income is related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Income arising from grants and similar contracts specifically for the provision of activities or services which are provided as part of the charitable activities of the company is recorded under the heading of incoming resources from charitable activities.

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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly while others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Office equipment	20% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% Straight line

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

The charitable company is not VAT registered, on the basis that grant and other income is outside the scope of VAT, and accordingly does not recover any attributable value added tax on expenditure.

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.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Donations	**28,352**	19,669
Gifts in kind	**12,200**	10,575
	40,552	30,244

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Interest receivable	**2,507**	2,323

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2026	2025
		£	£
Grants	Project delivery, management and development	**378,870**	327,806

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Jimbo's Fund - My Life	**-**	19,744
Leeds Community Foundation - Stay Well This Winter 2024	**-**	1,967
LMWS - Perinatal Service	**75,021**	71,778
National Lottery - Parent to Parent	**79,644**	80,885
National Lottery - Family Ties	**82,416**	76,383
Forum Central - Household Support Fund Summer 2024	**-**	1,405
Calderdale Council - Dad Matters Calderdale	**49,143**	45,174
LMWS - Dad Matters Leeds	**28,846**	27,520
Waitrose	**-**	500
Forum Central - Household Support Fund Winter 2024/2025	**-**	2,450
Carried forward	**315,070**	327,806

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

	2026	2025
	£	£
Brought forward	**315,070**	327,806
Calderdale Community Foundation	**1,235**	-
Dad Matters Community/Flint/LCF	**9,997**	-
Families Through the Gate	**27,000**	-
Forum Central - Household Support Fund Summer 2025	**2,148**	-
Leeds Community Foundation - Stay Well This Winter 2025	**2,420**	-
University of Leeds	**1,000**	-
Collective Futures	**20,000**	-
	378,870	327,806

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Project delivery, management and development	**351,474**	**40,232**	**391,706**

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Staff costs	**299,568**	256,252
Professional and operational costs	**11,986**	4,912
Telephone	**2,982**	3,245
Advertising	**40**	-
Sundries	**2,835**	1,394
Staff & volunteer expenses	**5,546**	5,867
Payroll bureau costs	**4,532**	4,323
Specific grant expenditure	**6,615**	7,191
Computer costs	**4,330**	3,446
Training	**772**	464
Gifts in kind	**12,200**	10,575
Pension scheme interest expense	**69**	21
Assumption amendments pension scheme (note 17)	**(1)**	11
Remeasurement amendments to contribution schedule (note 17)	**-**	1,758
Depreciation	**-**	2,647
	351,474	302,106

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Project delivery, management and development	35,004	5,228	40,232

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2026 Project delivery, management and development	2025 Total activities
	£	£
Rent, rates and water	28,270	30,436
Insurance	1,903	1,839
Subscriptions	567	598
Postage and stationery	233	589
Publications	3,559	1,479
Sundries	472	260
Independent examination	3,300	3,000
Professional and operational costs	1,928	2,883
	40,232	41,084

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent examination	3,300	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	-	2,647

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2026 nor for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

No Trustees claimed expenses for travel for the year ended 31st March 2026 (2025 no claims).

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10. STAFF COSTS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	267,491	232,979
Social security costs	20,958	13,264
Other pension costs	11,119	10,009
	299,568	256,252

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
Full and part-time staff	12	12

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

The Charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the trustees and the Chief Officer. The total employment costs, gross remuneration, employer's national insurance and pension contributions of the key management personnel were £51,030 (2025: £46,192).

The average full time equivalent of employees during the year was 9.03 (2025: 8.46)

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Designated fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	20,813	-	9,431	30,244
Charitable activities				
Project delivery, management and development	500	-	327,306	327,806
Investment income	2,323	-	-	2,323
Total	23,636	-	336,737	360,373
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Project delivery, management and development	21,871	-	321,319	343,190
NET INCOME	1,765	-	15,418	17,183
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	152,027	9,500	127,513	289,040
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	153,792	9,500	142,931	306,223

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment, fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026	11,823
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026	11,823
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st March 2026	-
At 31st March 2025	-

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Debtors in the ordinary course of activities	50	150
Prepayments and accrued income	9,414	9,964
	9,464	10,114

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Other creditors	2,850	1,337
Accruals and deferred income	3,299	3,030
	6,149	4,367

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Within one year	11,000	11,000

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/26 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	153,792	(21,308)	132,484
Designated fund	9,500	(9,500)	-
	163,292	(30,808)	132,484
Restricted funds			
Jimbo's Fund - My Life	2,173	(2,173)	-
LMWS - Perinatal Service	17,943	(5,250)	12,693
Arnold Clark	38	(38)	-
National Lottery - Family Ties	34,418	33	34,451
Calderdale Council - Dad Matters Calderdale	20,460	1,358	21,818
LMWS - Dad Matters Leeds	6,096	(945)	5,151
National Lottery-Parent to Parent 2023/2026	44,133	14,516	58,649
Leeds Doulas	17,670	742	18,412
Calderdale Community Foundation	-	935	935
Dads Matter Community/Flint/LCF	-	9,997	9,997
Families Through the Gate	-	21,856	21,856
Collective Futures	-	20,000	20,000
	142,931	61,031	203,962
TOTAL FUNDS	306,223	30,223	336,446

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,306	(52,614)	(21,308)
Designated fund	-	(9,500)	(9,500)
	31,306	(62,114)	(30,808)
Restricted funds			
Jimbo's Fund - My Life	-	(2,173)	(2,173)
Leeds Community Foundation - Stay Well This Winter 2024	2,420	(2,420)	-
LMWS - Perinatal Service	75,021	(80,271)	(5,250)
Arnold Clark	-	(38)	(38)
National Lottery - Family Ties	82,416	(82,383)	33
Forum Central - Household Support Fund	2,148	(2,148)	-
Calderdale Council - Dad Matters Calderdale	49,144	(47,786)	1,358
LMWS - Dad Matters Leeds	28,847	(29,792)	(945)
National Lottery-Parent to Parent 2023/2026	79,643	(65,127)	14,516
Leeds Doulas	11,752	(11,010)	742
Calderdale Community Foundation	1,235	(300)	935
Dads Matter Community/Flint/LCF	9,997	-	9,997
Families Through the Gate	27,000	(5,144)	21,856
University of Leeds	1,000	(1,000)	-
Collective Futures	20,000	-	20,000
	390,623	(329,592)	61,031
TOTAL FUNDS	421,929	(391,706)	30,223

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds	161,527	1,765	163,292
Restricted funds			
Jimbo's Fund - My Life	-	2,173	2,173
LMWS - Perinatal Service	14,941	3,002	17,943
Arnold Clark	1,032	(994)	38
NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board - Doula Service	18,335	(10,097)	8,238
National Lottery - Family Ties	31,521	2,897	34,418
Calderdale Council - Dad Matters Calderdale	19,779	681	20,460
LMWS - Dad Matters Leeds	3,438	2,658	6,096
National Lottery-Parent to Parent 2023/2026	38,467	5,666	44,133
Leeds Doulas	-	9,432	9,432
	127,513	15,418	142,931
TOTAL FUNDS	289,040	17,183	306,223

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds	23,636	(21,871)	1,765
Restricted funds			
Jimbo's Fund - My Life	19,744	(17,571)	2,173
Leeds Community Foundation - Stay Well This Winter 2024	1,967	(1,967)	-
LMWS - Perinatal Service	71,778	(68,776)	3,002
Arnold Clark	-	(994)	(994)
NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board - Doula Service	-	(10,097)	(10,097)
National Lottery - Family Ties	76,383	(73,486)	2,897
Forum Central - Household Support Fund	3,855	(3,855)	-
Calderdale Council - Dad Matters Calderdale	45,173	(44,492)	681
LMWS - Dad Matters Leeds	27,520	(24,862)	2,658
National Lottery-Parent to Parent 2023/2026	80,885	(75,219)	5,666
Leeds Doulas	9,432	-	9,432
	336,737	(321,319)	15,418
TOTAL FUNDS	360,373	(343,190)	17,183

Designated funds - Designated funds are allocated to contribute to costs in 25/26 for a Corporate Fundraising Manager.

At the end of the financial year the trustees reviewed the restricted funds in the light of donor conditions and relevant circumstances.

The projects and uses which the above restricted funds are intended to fund are summarised below.

Restricted funds - summary

1. National Lottery (Parent to Parent 2023/2026)	-To provide support to Parents/Families with low to moderate mental health issues.
2. LMWS / NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Perinatal Service)	-To provide Perinatal support for Mums/Birthing Partners with children 0-2 years with poor Perinatal Mental Health.
3. Private Donation	-To provide a Doula Service for Leeds for Women who have been Trafficked or living in Domestic Abuse Refuges.
4. Calderdale Council (Dad Matters Calderdale)	-To provide support and groups for Perinatal Dads in Calderdale.
5. Forum Central (Household Support Fund 2025)	-To provide goods for Leeds families struggling with the Cost-of-Living Crisis.
6. LMWS/ NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Dad Matters Leeds)	-To provide support and groups for Perinatal Dads/ Non Birthing Partners in Leeds.
7. Arnold Clark	- To purchase clothes for children and families.
8. Leeds Community Foundation Stay Well Winter Fund 2025/2026	- The grant was used to provide essential winter warm bedding for children in the families supported.
9. National Lottery (Family Ties)	-To provide support to Kinship Carers and Reunification Parents and New Start Families.
10. Jimbo's Fund (My Life)	-To provide support for Women who are having or have had children removed.
11. University of Leeds (Intern)	-To fund a summer Intern.
12. Leeds Community Foundation (Leeds families Through the Gate)	-To develop and deliver a service to Women leaving the Prison with children/being reunite with their children.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

13. Calderdale Community Foundation	-To provide goods for Calderdale Dads struggling with the Cost-of-Living Crisis.
14. Leeds Community Foundation / Flint Family Fund (Community Dads)	-To provide a Community Dads support provision in Leeds.

17. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Pension Scheme
The company participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 521 non-associated participating employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2023. This valuation showed assets of £514.9m, liabilities of £531.0m and a deficit of £16.1m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions

From 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028: £2,100,000 per annum, payable monthly.

Unless a concession has been agreed with the Trustee the term to 31 March 2028 applies.

Note that the scheme's previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2020. This valuation showed assets of £800.3m, liabilities of £831.9m and a deficit of £31.6m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

From 1 April 2022 to 31 January 2025: £3,312,000 per annum, payable monthly.

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

PRESENT VALUES OF PROVISION

	31 March 2026 (£s)	31 March 2025 (£s)	31 March 2024 (£s)
Present value of provision	1,210	1,775	798

RECONCILIATION OF OPENING AND CLOSING PROVISIONS

	Period Ending	Period Ending

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17. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS - continued

	31 March 2026 (£s)	31 March 2025 (£s)
Provision at start of period	1,775	798
Unwinding of the discount factor (interest expense)	69	21
Deficit contribution paid	(633)	(813)
Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	(1)	11
Remeasurements - amendments to the contribution schedule	-	1,758
Provision at end of period	1,210	1,775

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IMPACT

	Period Ending 31 March 2026 (£s)	Period Ending 31 March 2025 (£s)
Interest expense	69	21
Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	(1)	11
Remeasurements - amendments to the contribution schedule	-	1,758

ASSUMPTIONS

	31 March 2026 % per annum	31 March 2025 % per annum	31 March 2024 % per annum
Rate of discount	4.92	4.84	5.31

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

For information purposes the charity has received confirmation from the Pension Trust that the estimated debt on withdrawal of the charity from the pension scheme as at 30 September 2024 was £7,120. Only the above £1,210 present value of additional contributions is provided for within the financial statements.

18. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Home-Start Leeds is a charitable company, limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The members have agreed to contribute £1 each to the Charity's assets in the event of it winding up, if its assets should prove insufficient to cover its liabilities.

The controlling party of the charity is considered to be its board of trustees.

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2026.