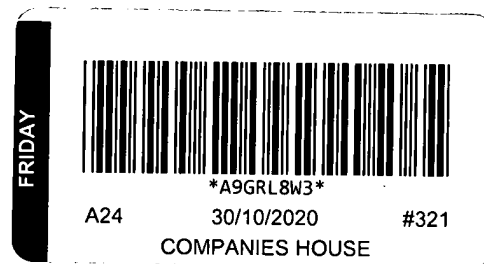


**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2020  
for  
Home-Start Cheshire**



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**Home-Start Cheshire**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2020**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. 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).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The principal objectives of the charity are to promote the welfare of families with at least one child under five years of age. Volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families under stress in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown. The personal growth and development of our volunteers is also very important to us.

### **Public benefit**

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

Home-Start Cheshire provides a single integrated service with a unified structure across the Cheshire area (excluding Chester and Ellesmere Port), having being formed from three individual Home-Start schemes. The combined organisation has been able to deliver greater benefits more efficiently than the former schemes, which has become especially vital in the current environment of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have developed our activities to meet the needs of the families we support and have been seeking new funding streams to supplement existing funding streams.

We have achieved a number of funding successes during the year, but the availability of funding remains a major difficulty, which continues and has been exacerbated significantly since the year end in the face of the international Covid-19 pandemic.

This has provided an added focus and opportunity across the charity to think about the longer term to seek to put in place an appropriate plan for the future that seeks to secure its longer term being.

We are pleased to report that we supported 195 families during the course of the year and our volunteers made over 4,000 visits to families spending over 12,000 hours with them.

We measure the impact of the support we provide to families across a large number of indicators and almost all showed that our involvement has had a positive impact on the lives of the families, the wellbeing of children and on our families' abilities to cope with the issues they face.

In addition to the provision of direct home visiting support we also help families access other services that are likely to help improve their well-being. For example, over 50% of families assisted by their volunteers accessed another service such as housing, debt or benefit services. In many cases the volunteer looked after the child/children whilst the parent used the service.

During the year we recruited and trained 49 new Family Mentor Volunteers to add to our existing pool and at the end of the year we had 95 amazing volunteers supporting families. The skill, experience and enthusiasm of our Family Mentors are the key factors in ensuring that our support is of a high quality and that we achieve positive outcomes for families.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Although our income, as in the previous year, was less than we considered necessary for long-term viability, we ended the year with £104,545 in reserves. We consider these reserves to be an adequate basis on which we can continue our operations while we seek new sources of funding, though the need for additional funding has become more urgent following the decision of the local authority to discontinue its funding to us.

### **Investment policy and objectives**

The charity does not have the need for an investment policy. When possible, monies are held in interest bearing bank accounts.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees aim to keep a minimum of three months typical expenditure in unrestricted reserves and regularly reviews the funding situation to ensure that the trustees are able to meet their financial responsibilities.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**Home-Start Cheshire**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2020**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Organisational structure**

Home-Start Cheshire was established in 1998.

Home-Start Cheshire is governed by a Board of Trustees. The trustees are volunteers recruited from the local area, with individuals from health, social services, education and business with the skills required to provide sound leadership and governance.

The trustees delegate the day to day running of the charity to the paid staff, which is led by a Chief Executive Officer.

**Related parties**

Home-Start Cheshire is committed to partnership working and liaises with a variety of statutory and voluntary organisations within its area of operation.

**Risk management**

In line with Home-Start UK's guidance, the trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. The main risks are considered to be:-

- funding
- staff
- volunteers
- beneficiaries
- health and safety
- reputation

In each case, the board has considered the likelihood of occurrence, potential impact and measures in place to minimise the risk.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

05448194 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1112270

**Registered office**

Wyvern House  
The Drummer  
Winsford  
Cheshire  
CW7 1AD

**Trustees**

P J Connor (resigned 17.6.20)

R A Croft

Mrs J M Hinnigan

Mrs A F Norburn

Mrs H Wallis (resigned 25.4.19)

Mrs J E Moriarty (resigned 3.3.20)

L G Humphreys

Mrs S J Taylor

J R McBlain (resigned 23.1.20)

Mrs A Tunwell

L Butcher (appointed 8.7.20)

G R Grateley (appointed 8.7.20)

D Oakeshott (appointed 5.8.20)

**Company Secretary**

Mrs C J Churchett

**Home-Start Cheshire**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 March 2020**

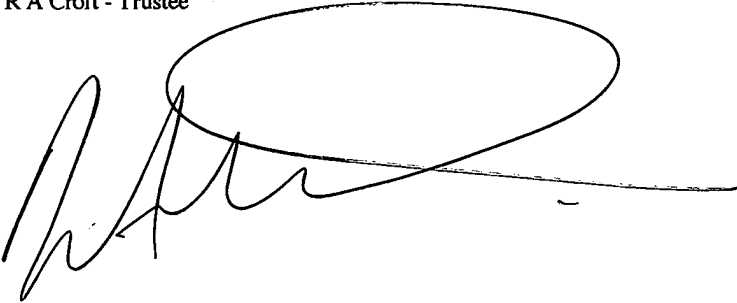
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

Mrs YAO Wood  
FCA  
Bennett Brooks & Co Limited  
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St George's Court  
Winnington Avenue  
Northwich  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 October 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

R A Croft - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Home-Start Cheshire**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Home-Start Cheshire ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**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.

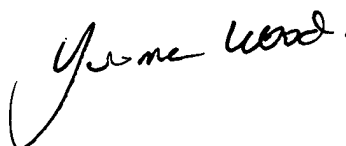
**Independent examiner's statement**

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.

Mrs YAO Wood  
FCA  
Bennett Brooks & Co Limited  
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21 October 2020

# Home-Start Cheshire

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		141,730	105,412	247,142	270,108
Investment income	2	2,553	-	2,553	219
<b>Total</b>		<b>144,283</b>	<b>105,412</b>	<b>249,695</b>	<b>270,327</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Home-Start services		159,532	88,316	247,848	269,261
Other		1,005	-	1,005	1,047
<b>Total</b>		<b>160,537</b>	<b>88,316</b>	<b>248,853</b>	<b>270,308</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(16,254)</b>	<b>17,096</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>91,786</b>	<b>11,917</b>	<b>103,703</b>	<b>103,684</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>75,532</b>	<b>29,013</b>	<b>104,545</b>	<b>103,703</b>

# Home-Start Cheshire

## Balance Sheet 31 March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	1,272	-	1,272	1,575
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	238	-	238	68
Cash at bank		87,353	29,015	116,368	110,161
		<u>87,591</u>	<u>29,015</u>	<u>116,606</u>	<u>110,229</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(13,333)	-	(13,333)	(8,101)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>74,258</u>	<u>29,015</u>	<u>103,273</u>	<u>102,128</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>75,530</u>	<u>29,015</u>	<u>104,545</u>	<u>103,703</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>75,530</u>	<u>29,015</u>	<u>104,545</u>	<u>103,703</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10				
Unrestricted funds				75,530	91,786
Restricted funds				<u>29,015</u>	<u>11,917</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>104,545</u>	<u>103,703</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

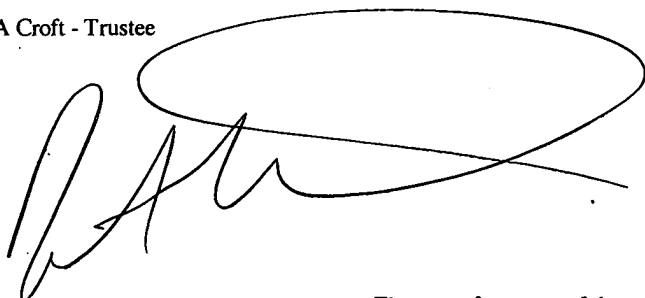
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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 21 October 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

R A Croft - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

## Home-Start Cheshire

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020

#### 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.

##### Income

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

##### 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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

##### Taxation

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

##### 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.

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

##### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

##### 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. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,553</u>	<u>219</u>



# Home-Start Cheshire

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 March 2020

### 3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	1,005	1,046
Hire of plant and machinery	2,887	1,570
	<u>2,887</u>	<u>1,570</u>

### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

### 5. STAFF COSTS

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

	2020	2019
	10	11
Charity staff	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

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

### 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	189,925	80,183	270,108
Investment income	219	-	219
<b>Total</b>	<u>190,144</u>	<u>80,183</u>	<u>270,327</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Home-Start services	180,887	88,374	269,261
Other	1,047	-	1,047
<b>Total</b>	<u>181,934</u>	<u>88,374</u>	<u>270,308</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>8,210</u>	<u>(8,191)</u>	<u>19</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>83,576</u>	<u>20,108</u>	<u>103,684</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>91,786</u>	<u>11,917</u>	<u>103,703</u>

# Home-Start Cheshire

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 March 2020

### 7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2019	4,135	15,404	19,539
Additions	-	702	702
At 31 March 2020	4,135	16,106	20,241
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2019	3,137	14,827	17,964
Charge for year	248	757	1,005
At 31 March 2020	3,385	15,584	18,969
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2020	750	522	1,272
At 31 March 2019	998	577	1,575

### 8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	170	-
Prepayments and accrued income	68	68
	238	68

### 9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	6,448	1,796
Social security and other taxes	3,950	4,099
Other creditors	1,584	886
Accrued expenses	1,351	1,320
	13,333	8,101

### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	31,786	(16,256)	15,530
Contingency fund	60,000	-	60,000
	91,786	(16,256)	75,530
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery	10,930	4,500	15,430
Williams Foundation	987	(916)	71
Children in Need	-	13,514	13,514
	11,917	17,098	29,015
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	103,703	842	104,545

# Home-Start Cheshire

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 March 2020

### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	144,283	(160,539)	(16,256)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery	81,719	(77,219)	4,500
Williams Foundation	1,342	(2,258)	(916)
Children in Need	22,351	(8,837)	13,514
	<u>105,412</u>	<u>(88,314)</u>	<u>17,098</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>249,695</u>	<u>(248,853)</u>	<u>842</u>

### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	23,576	8,210	31,786
Contingency fund	60,000	-	60,000
	<u>83,576</u>	<u>8,210</u>	<u>91,786</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery	17,340	(6,410)	10,930
Williams Foundation	2,768	(1,781)	987
	<u>20,108</u>	<u>(8,191)</u>	<u>11,917</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>103,684</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>103,703</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	190,144	(181,934)	8,210
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery	80,183	(86,593)	(6,410)
Williams Foundation	-	(1,781)	(1,781)
	<u>80,183</u>	<u>(88,374)</u>	<u>(8,191)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>270,327</u>	<u>(270,308)</u>	<u>19</u>

# Home-Start Cheshire

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 March 2020

### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	23,576	(8,046)	15,530
Contingency fund	60,000	-	60,000
	<u>83,576</u>	<u>(8,046)</u>	<u>75,530</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery	17,340	(1,910)	15,430
Williams Foundation	2,768	(2,697)	71
Children in Need	-	13,514	13,514
	<u>20,108</u>	<u>8,907</u>	<u>29,015</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>103,684</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>104,545</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	334,427	(342,473)	(8,046)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery	161,902	(163,812)	(1,910)
Williams Foundation	1,342	(4,039)	(2,697)
Children in Need	22,351	(8,837)	13,514
	<u>185,595</u>	<u>(176,688)</u>	<u>8,907</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>520,022</u>	<u>(519,161)</u>	<u>861</u>

The general fund represents the free funds of the charity which have not been designated for particular purposes.

The contingency and redundancy fund represents monies designated by the trustees towards potential future expenditure.

The Big Lottery fund consists of grant funding towards the CIRCLE (Community Involvement To Raise Confidence, Life Skills and Education) project, supporting families in Crewe to raise confidence, life skills and education.

The Williams Foundation fund comprises grant funding to enable the charity to provide financial assistance grants to support its beneficiaries.

**Home-Start Cheshire**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2020**

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2020.