HOME-START BUTSER

(A company limited by guarantee)

Charity number 1140692
Company number 07508097

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 March 2026

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2026 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Chair's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's Chair's Report for Home Start Butser. This past year has been both inspiring and challenging, and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together in support of local families in our community.

And it was a record-breaking year, **332** families and **459** children engaged with Home-Start Butser's services.

71 families were supported with home-visiting volunteers.
224 were supported in our **Little Steps Family Groups.**
37 children took part in our **After School Clubs** in local infant schools.
7 families engaged with our **School Readiness** programme.
17 parents took part in our **Baby Massage** sessions.
5 parents attended our **Nurture Parenting Courses.**

The **Young Families Counselling** continues to offer vital face to face counselling.

Our mission - to provide practical and emotional support to families facing difficulties has never felt more vital. As the cost of living continues to impact families across our area, we have seen a notable increase in demand for our services. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, we have been able to respond with compassion, flexibility, and determination.

We were able to provide this level of support with the help of our trained and dedicated volunteers and 10 Trustees, all supported and supervised by our small team of totally dedicated part-time staff.

Our area in Hampshire stretches from Greatham in the north to Rowlands Castle in the South and from East Meon to the west and along the Hampshire/West Sussex border in the East. As well as Petersfield, Horndean, Clanfield, and Liss there are many small villages.

Our fundraising was, yet again successful with a record amount donated via the The Big Give Christmas Challenge match campaign.

Local sponsors and donations are crucial to our ongoing success, and I would like to publicly thank LMS Security Consultants, K J Smith Solicitors. Also, Churcher's College, Bedales, Ditcham Park School, The Petersfield School, and Petersfield Lions. Thank you all. The commitment of our sponsors ensures that the level of support we can provide to the local community continues to grow as the need increases.

Our thanks also go to the Parish, District and County Councillors who supported us, the PACT Food Bank with whom we partner and all those who donated to the Big Give Christmas Challenge.

And of course, none of this would have been possible without the support of my fellow trustees. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to each of you for your time, wisdom, and commitment throughout the year. Whether it's reviewing policies, attending late-night meetings, or offering encouragement during tough decisions, your support has been steadfast.

I am also deeply grateful to our Scheme Manager Nicola and her dedicated team for their resilience and creativity, and to our volunteers whose kindness and energy embody the spirit of this charity.

Challenges

- **Funding Constraints:**

  Like many charities, we continue to face challenges in securing sustainable funding. We are actively exploring new funding opportunities and working to diversify our income streams, especially with the help of the local community.

- **Increased Demand:**

  We have seen a significant increase in demand for our services, and we are working to address this challenge by increasing the number of volunteers, fundraising and encouraging local partnerships.

- **Impact of External Factors:**

  The ongoing cost of living crisis is having a significant impact on the families we support. We continue to adapt our services to meet these changing needs.

Our goals

This coming year we are looking to widen our fundraising and sponsorship horizons and to sustain our record-breaking number of families supported in the southern parishes of East Hampshire.

We know that the challenges facing families are not going away, and we are committed to walking alongside them with dignity and practical help.

Purposes and Activities

Home-Start Butser remains committed to using all its funds to organise and provide support to local families with at least one child under the age of five years. Friendship, moral and practical support is offered by trained volunteers who are allocated to the individual families in need. Families are referred to the scheme by partnership agencies and self-refer. Home-Start Butser also extends its support to families through Family Groups. All services are provided free to families.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have adopted a reserves policy so that in case of insufficient funding the charity will be able to wind up its activities and meet all its obligations in a timely manner. The policy stipulates that unrestricted funds not committed should be three months operating costs. Of the total reserves at the end of the financial year some £50,000 has been designated for this purpose.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name	Home-Start Butser
Charity Registration Number	1140692
Company Registration Number	07508097
Registstered Office	Winton House Centre 18 High Street Petersfield GU32 3JL
Website	www.homestart-butser.org.uk

Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Board of Trustees

Linda Bazant	Chair
Murray Whewell	Treasurer and Secretary (resigned as Secretary on 23 February 2026)
Fiona Smart	
Abby Parker	
Marcus Newton	
Jo Wright	
Vanessa Beech	
Dawn Renton	Appointed on 5 December 2025
Carol Norris	Appointed Trustee and Secretary on 23 February 2026
Karen Turnbull	Appointed on 13 November 2025
Alistair (Forbes) Campbell	(resigned on 4 August 2025)
David Butler	(resigned on 18 February 2026)
Derek Judd	(resigned on 30 January 2026)
Amanda Sandberg	(resigned on 1 June 2025)

Staff

Nicola Winter	Scheme Manager
Kim Steele	Senior Coordinator
Tory Cover	Administrator
Alex Symonds	Family Group Leader
Kat Butler	Coordinator
Lucia Smith	Community Development and Fundraising

All staff work part time

Our advisors

Bankers	HSBC PLC 312 London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7DX
Independent Examiner	Wendy Callaway, Hippo Accountants Limited, Turner House, 9-10 Mill Lane, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2QG

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Home-Start Butser is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 27 January 2011. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member of the Company and there are currently 97 members (98 in 2025), each of whom agrees to contribute £1 in the event of the charity winding up.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees (up to a maximum of 12) are elected by the Members of the charitable company attending the Annual General Meeting. One third of the Trustees must retire at each AGM, those longest in office retiring first, and a retiring Trustee who is eligible may be reappointed. The Trustees may at any time co-opt any individual who is eligible as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number but a co-opted Trustee holds office only until the next AGM, where they may be reappointed.

The charity's work focuses on the welfare of young children and the development of parental skills. The trustees seek to ensure that the board combines the skills needed for this work, together with specialist skills from the public, voluntary and charitable sector and necessary business skills.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are invited to attend a training session to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. This is organised by Home-Start UK.

Organisation

The board of trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Board meet at least four times a year together with invited staff and special advisors. A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the scheme manager. The scheme manager is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met, for individual supervision of the staff team and also for ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

Home-Start Butser is guided by the national and local polices of Home-Start UK, the national umbrella for the charity. Home-Start Butser, represented by the chairman, works with other schemes in Hampshire to improve the profile of Home-Start throughout the county.

Pay policy for senior staff

With such a small team, the directors consider all the charity's staff to be key to its success. The scheme manager is the key member of the team in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year.

The pay of the staff is reviewed annually and normally increased when possible, in accordance with appropriate benchmarks.

Risk Management

Home-Start Butser follows Home-Start UK policy. Our risk management strategy encompasses:

- Governance and strategic planning
- Learning and improving
- Managing resources and finance
- Managing staff
- Managing volunteers
- Managing information
- Welfare of children and supporting families
- Working in partnership.

We are audited by Home-Start UK on our compliance with our policies.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Home-Start Butser for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to the independent examiner

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- By order of the board: 24 June 2026
- Approval by Board: 24 June 2026
- Independent Examiner signature date: awaiting completion of examination.

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the independent examiner in connection with preparing his report, of which the independent examiner is unaware
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the independent examiner that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that they are obliged to take as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

By order of the Board of Trustees:

Linda Bazant (Chair)
?? June 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including summary income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2026	Prior year funds
		£	£	£	£
Income	3				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		75,794	36,981	112,775	78,853
Charitable activities			51,421	51,421	59,280
Other trading activities		12,340	101	12,441	9,230
Investments		907		907	1,697
Total		**89,041**	**88,503**	**177,544**	**149,060**
Expenditure	5				
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		20,626	265	20,891	21,746
Charitable activities		69,202	100,993	170,195	165,795
Total		**89,828**	**101,258**	**191,086**	**187,541**
Net income/(expenditure)		(787)	(12,755)	(13,542)	(38,481)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		61,583	34,282	95,865	134,346
Total funds carried forward		**60,796**	**21,527**	**82,323**	**95,865**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2026	Prior year funds
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank and in Hand	11	61,991	21,527	83,518	100,624
Debtors	10	3,296		3,296	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,491)		(4,491)	(4,759)
Total Net Assets		**60,796**	**21,527**	**82,323**	**95,865**
Funds	12				
Unrestricted Funds		60,796		60,796	61,583
Restricted Funds			21,527	21,527	34,282
Total Funds		**60,796**	**21,527**	**82,323**	**95,865**

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Signed:

Linda Bazant
Chair of Trustees, on behalf of the trustees.

Approved by the trustees on ?? June 2026

Notes on the accounts

Note 1. Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Note 2. Accounting policies

2.1 Income

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP). In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).
Legacies	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.
Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.
Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Grants	The charity does not give any grants either with or without conditions.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.3 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	The charity has no tangible fixed assets.
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has no intangible fixed assets.
Heritage assets	The charity has no heritage assets.
Investments	The charity has no fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar.
Stocks and work in progress	The charity has no stock.
Debtors	The charity has no debtors
Current asset investments	The charity has no investments which it holds for resale.

Note 3. Income

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Grand Total	Prior Year
Donations and Legacies	Donations and Gifts	40,808	31,065	71,873	40,929
	General grants provided by government/other charities	26,650	5,916	32,566	32,270
	Gift Aid	8,336		8,336	5,654
	Legacies				
Total		**75,794**	**36,981**	**112,775**	**78,853**
Income from Charitable Activities	Donations and Gifts		10,500	10,500	300
	Grants for Family Support		40,421	40,421	2,317
	Grants for Family Groups		500	500	56,663
Total			**51,421**	**51,421**	**59,280**
Income from other trading activities	100 Club Lottery	6,155		6,155	5,650
	Fundraising	6,062	101	6,163	3,248
	Income from other trading activities	123		123	332
Total		**12,340**	**101**	**12,441**	**9,230**
Investments	Bank Interest Received	907		907	1,697
Total		**89,041**	**88,503**	**177,544**	**149,060**

Note 4. Analysis of receipts of government grants (All grants are discretionary)

	Total	Prior Year
Hampshire County Council (various)		2,800
East Hants District Council (various)	2,521	4,927
Parish Councils (various)	3,770	2,470
	6,291	**10,197**

Note 5. Expenditure

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Grand Total	Prior Year
Fundraising Costs	100 Club Lottery Costs	1,131		1,131	1,126
	Fundraising costs	2,281		2,281	1,225
	Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	5,125	196	5,321	8,033
Total		**8,537**	**196**	**8,733**	**10,384**
Cost of Charitable Activities	Family Support	4,209	86,939	91,148	88,852
	Family Groups	14,402	13,835	28,237	27,379
	Community Development	12,312		12,312	13,584
Total		**30,923**	**100,774**	**131,697**	**129,815**
Admin & governance	Admin & governance	50,369	287	50,656	47,342
Grand Total		**89,828**	**101,258**	**191,086**	**187,541**

Note 6. Support Costs

Support Costs are allocated to Fundraising and Charitable Activities as follows:

	Family support	Family groups	Raising funds	Total
Office Staff Costs	12,627	4,509	5,411	22,547
Phone and broadband	2,040	729	874	3,643
Office Running Costs	536	192	230	958
Insurance	730	261	313	1,304
Home-Start fee	1,870	668	801	3,339
IT Costs	4,153	1,483	1,780	7,416
Other costs	587	210	251	1,048
Rent and Electricity	5,825	2,080	2,496	10,401
	28,368	**10,132**	**12,156**	**50,656**

Support Costs are allocated on a fixed percentage basis (normally Family Support 56%, Family Groups 20% and Fund Raising 24%) based on similar proportions for the direct costs and historical ratios.

Note 7. Fees for examination of the accounts

No fees were paid for the independent examination of the accounts.

Note 8. Paid Employees

8.1 Staff Costs

	Total	Prior Year
Salaries and wages	131,980	126,486
Employers NI contributions	3,959	3,876
Employers pension contributions	3,930	3,641
Grand Total	**139,869**	**134,003**

No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (prior year: nil).

8.2 Average head count in the year

	Total	Prior Year
Average staff head count	7	7
Average equivalent full-time staff	4	4

8.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)

There were no ex-gratia payments.
(prior year: None)

Note 9. Defined contribution pension scheme

Amount of contributions recognised in the SoFA as an expense	3,930
The basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.	allocated on a fixed percentage basis (Family Support 76% and Fund Raising 24%) based on similar proportions for the direct costs. Unrestricted funds.

Note 10.1 Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	*Prior Year*
HMRC (Gift Aid)	3,296.00		3,296.00	
Total	**3,296.00**		**3,296.00**	

Note 10.2 Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	*Prior Year*
Pensions Trust	968		968	785
Winton House Rent	1,741		1,741	1,845
Hampshire County Council	945		945	
Family Group - Room Hire	200		200	1,610
Half Moon Sheet	334		334	
HMRC				200
Other	303		303	319
Total	**4,491**		**4,491**	**4,759**

Note 11. Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	*Prior Year*
HSBC Current Account	9,983	11,527	21,510	22,246
HSBC 100 Club Account	10		10	20
Shawbrook Savings Account	15,000	10,000	25,000	25,000
Monmouth Building Society	36,911		36,911	53,180
Petty Cash	87		87	179
Total	**61,991**	**21,527**	**83,518**	**100,624**

Note 12. Charity Funds

12.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

	Restricted / Unrestricted	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
General Fund	Unrestricted	61,583	89,041	(89,828)	60,796
Young Families Project	Restricted		1,949	(1,949)	
Volunteer Event	Restricted		673	(238)	435
Staff Costs/Salaries	Restricted		15,000	(15,000)	
Speech and Language	Restricted		1,000	(1,000)	
SGN Fuelling Futures	Restricted	5,019	12,597	(17,616)	
School Uniforms	Restricted	183		(183)	
Safeguarding	Restricted	386		(386)	
RNRMC	Restricted	1,000		(1,000)	
Prep Course - All grants	Restricted		270	(270)	
Post Natal Group	Restricted	1,134		(1,134)	
PFG	Restricted		500	(500)	
PASRIN Family Support	Restricted	293		(293)	
Paediatric First Aid	Restricted	270		(270)	
Nurture volunteer training	Restricted		1,000	(1,000)	
Marketing	Restricted		500	(355)	145
Family Groups	Restricted		10,000	(10,000)	
Change a Childhood	Restricted	25,997	40,493	(46,543)	19,947
CFG	Restricted		3,521	(3,521)	
Neuro Diversity Training	Restricted		1,000		1,000
Grand Total	**Restricted**	**95,865**	**177,544**	**(191,086)**	**82,323**

12.2 Designated funds

Planned Use	Purpose of Designation	Amount
Wind up reserve fund	In the event of having to wind up the charity, to be able to meet all its obligations in a timely manner. This is part of the General Fund (unrestricted).	50,000

Note 13. Transactions with trustees and related parties

13.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

13.2 Trustees' expenses

Type of expenses reimbursed	This Year	Prior Year
Travel (for Trustees who are also Family Volunteers)	599	179
Total	**599**	**179**

All Trustee expenses were donated back to the charity (prior year: £179).

13.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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Report of the Independent Examiner

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records:
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

SIGNED

Wendy Callaway

Date: ?? July 2026

Wendy Callaway FCCA ICPA
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