



Report
2011

Grandparents Plus: Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2011

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About us



Grandparents Plus is the national charity (England and Wales) which champions the vital role of grandparents and the wider family in children's lives - especially when they take on the caring role in difficult family circumstances.



We work to support grandparents and the wider family by:

- campaigning for change so that their contribution to children’s safeguarding and care is valued and understood**
- providing evidence, policy solutions and training so that they get the services and support they need to help children to thrive**
- advising and supporting grandparents and wider family members by ensuring that they have access to professional advice and information, can have a voice and help each other, especially when they are caring for children who are not living with their parents.**



We support a peer-to-peer support Network for grandparents and other carers who are raising children in the absence of parents. We put carers in touch with each other and provide a way for them to access much needed support.

We also facilitate a Kinship Care Group for professionals which supports social workers who work in family and friends care, helping them to develop their own practice and understanding.

We are grateful for the current support of:

Big Lottery Fund

Comic Relief

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

The John Ellerman Foundation

Mulberry Trust

National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA)

Porticus UK

Charities Aid Foundation

The Rayne Foundation

Who we are



Status

A registered and incorporated charity.
Charity registration number: 1093975
Date of registration: 30th September 2002
Company registration number: 4454103
Date of incorporation: 5th June 2002

Address

18A, Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PF

Directors and Trustees

Jean Stogdon, Co-Chair
Stephen Burke, Co-Chair
Dean Casswell, Treasurer
Geoff Dench
Brian Dimmock (appointed 28th October 2010)
Gladys Edwards (appointed 28th October 2010)
Patrick Grattan MBE
Maria Hamilton
Helen Jackson CBE (appointed 28th October 2010)
Stephen Mold (appointed 28th October 2010)
Gail Pringle (appointed 28th October 2010)
Pat Strachan (appointed 28th October 2010)
Judith Trowell

Company Secretary

Sam Smethers

Chief Executive

Sam Smethers

Staff

Alison Blaxland, Network Co-ordinator
Maria Bremmers, Advice and Information Worker
Oonagh Murphy-Jack, Project Manager
Josephine Raine, Advice and Information Worker
Sacha Shabbir, Office Manager
Sarah Wellard, Policy and Research Manager
Ben Wheatley, Campaigns Assistant
Pam Hines, Communications Officer (seconded)

Report of the Trustees for the year to 31st March 2011



Objects for the public benefit

Grandparents Plus is a registered charity and is also incorporated as a limited company with dispensation granted to drop the word limited. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association where the objectives are the same as those set out in its charity registration which are to promote the better care, upbringing and establishment in life of children, in particular by;

- promoting the role of kinship care by grandparents at all levels, particularly in circumstances of family breakdown, single parenthood and other difficult circumstances;
- supporting and advising grandparents and other kin who are acting as, or intend to act as, carers, particularly in the circumstances mentioned above.

The board confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and priorities for the coming year.

Charity organisation

The charity is governed by a board of trustees which meets at regular intervals throughout the year. The board recruits and appoints a chief executive who is then accountable to the board. The board agrees the annual programme and a budget in advance of the financial year. Management reports are then prepared for board meetings and discussed between board and chief executive. The chief executive recruits a small support team with executive and administrative skills and engages consultants as required.

New trustees are appointed by identifying persons who are considered to have skills and experience relevant to the charity's objectives and either recruited openly through advertisement and interview, or approached to enquire whether they would be willing to serve as a trustee.

Activities for year and developments

Board membership has grown considerably this year with six new board members recruited through a process of open advertisement and interview. The charity now has a total of 13 board members. The board decided to grow in number and capacity to respond to the charity's enhanced activity and increased staff size. We were pleased to welcome Brian Dimmock, Gladys Edwards, Helen Jackson, Stephen Mold, Gail Pringle and Pat Strachan to the Board in October 2010.

Since January 2011 the charity has been led by Co-Chairs, Stephen Burke and Jean Stogdon. We were pleased to recruit several new staff members. Josephine Raine and Maria Bremmers both joined in January 2011 as part-time Advice and Information Workers to set up the new advice and information service.

We have also recruited Ben Wheatley, a part-time Campaigns Assistant to support the increasingly active campaigning work of the organisation. Our communications capacity has been further enhanced by the work of Pam Hines, a secondee from Comic Relief.

The charity has also successfully recruited a number of interns this year to support the work of paid staff and to increase the capacity of the organisation. We are grateful to them for their contributions.

Funding

Grandparents Plus has been able to pursue its charitable objectives through continued policy and research work, its campaigning and influencing activity, the growth of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Network and the development of a new advice and information service.

Big Lottery funding has continued for another year, supporting the charity's Network activities and some of its core costs together with two staff posts. But the year has also seen the start of some new projects. In particular, the Comic Relief funded older kinship carers project. This project includes qualitative interviews with a number of carers who are aged over 65 and who are parenting again. It will also see a campaign film and campaign targeted at social workers and other local service providers. Most of this research work has been completed in 2010-11 and is due to launch in June 2011. The funding will also fund a Campaigns Officer who will be responsible for planning the launch and roll-out of the campaign.

The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) has funded the charity to develop a rewards scheme for grandparental care. This funding pays for a Project Manager and also provides 'in-kind' business development and prototyping support.

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation's funding has continued into 2010-11 funding the Grandparenting in Europe scoping study and part-funding the launch event.

Funding from the Mulberry Trust, the Rayne Foundation and the John Ellerman Foundation has enabled the charity to launch an important new advice and information service, recruiting two new advice workers to join the team. The service was developed in response to demand from Network members and has been in start-up phase from January 2011, ready for launch in April 2011. The service will greatly enhance what the charity can offer grandparents and other family carers and will complement existing advice provision.

Continued funding from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation for the Policy and Research Manager post and from Porticus UK to part-fund the Chief Executive's post has been very welcome. An anonymous donation via the Charities Aid Foundation also gave a much-needed boost to reserves, alongside the support of the Mulberry Trust and Porticus UK for the core costs of the organisation, which have inevitably grown as the charity's activities have grown.

Other welcome contributions have come from the Family and Parenting Institute, the Beth Johnson Foundation and Bauermedia Group. The charity also engaged the services of a fundraising consultant during the year to evaluate the charity's fundraising activities to date and to recommend a strategy going forward, particularly in order further to diversify funding sources.

We are very grateful to all our funders and supporters without whom our work would not be possible.

Activities for the public benefit

The charity has had a busy and successful year, building on progress made in previous years, to transform the debate about the family, reaching more grandparents and family carers, and more professionals who are working with families. The chief executive has worked closely with the Co-Chairs and the board to implement the 2008-11 business plan, progressing the three priorities that have been identified:

- a) campaign for change and redefine the family by policy makers and service providers
- b) grow the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Network
- c) provide information and training for professionals to improve practice

The chief executive and the board have also begun the work of shaping a new business plan for 2011-14.

Campaigning for change, redefining the family

The charity has built on the extremely active year it had in 2009-10 to do even more in 2010-11. The beginning of the year saw the publication of 'Family life: a grandparents' guide to supporting families through difficult times'. 20,000 copies were distributed to individuals, children's centres, Family Information Services and other professionals working with families across the country. Sales have helped to generate income for the charity. In June 2010 the charity launched its Grandparenting in Europe report which was produced in partnership with the Institute of Gerontology at Kings College London and the Beth Johnson Foundation. The report provoked widespread media debate about policies in other EU countries which recognise and support the grandparent contribution to family life. The launch took place at a stakeholder reception in Westminster with the charity's first ever Michael Young Family and Kinship Memorial Lecture delivered by historian David Kynaston, author of 'Family Britain'. The success of the scoping study has led to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation agreeing to fund the full research study which is already underway.

In partnership with members of the Care and Support Alliance and the Family Room group of family sector charities, Grandparents Plus co-hosted a series of events at the party conferences in September and October 2010.

October 2010 saw the launch of the 'What if we said no?' campaign to highlight the impact of welfare reform and spending cuts on kinship carers. It was launched at the Network National Day in October, supported by a powerful new Network Survey research report. Extensive media coverage was possible because of the support of a large number of Network members who acted as local and regional media spokespeople on the day. This campaign has involved Network members in lobbying their MPs and the charity is also working with Kinship Care Alliance partners to lobby on amendments to the Welfare Reform Bill.

Further data from the charity's Network survey was published in February 2011, to highlight the particular experiences of grandparents and carers who are raising children because of parental substance misuse. Media coverage secured on this occasion directly led to 60 new membership applications. The findings were launched at an event hosted by Baroness Massey in the House of Lords, the first of the charity's Spotlight Seminar Series looking at the reasons why grandparents and other family members step in to raise children.

The Family Justice Review published its interim report in March 2011, including a recommendation the charity made for parenting agreements to include steps parents will take to support children's relationships with grandparents.

The charity is committed to working in partnership with others and remains an active member of the Kinship Care Alliance, Kids in the Middle Coalition, the Care and Support Alliance, the Family Room group of charities.

Grandparents Plus has also actively supported Age UK's campaign on women's pensions this year.

In recognition of the campaigning profile the charity has had this year, the chief executive was shortlisted for the ComRes Charity Campaigner of the Year Award.

Growing the Network

The charity has successfully grown its Network of grandparents and other carers from 1,000 to over 1,600. The number of groups in the Network now stands at 26. Grandparents Plus has continued to deliver a series of Network events where members can meet and support each other and also receive practical advice and support.

The charity also produced a quarterly newsletter for Network members. Survey feedback on the value that members place in the Network has been extremely positive with 6 out of 10 saying that it makes them feel less isolated.

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In October the charity organised its second National Network Day which included a lobby of parliament with 120 carers from across the country attending a meeting in the House of Commons, hosted by Stephen Twigg MP and addressed by DWP Minister, Steve Webb MP. While carers were in parliament 100 children were entertained nearby at a children's party. The day was funded by contributions from Big Lottery Fund, Mulberry Trust, Bauermedia Group (Yours Magazine) and by drawing on the charity's own reserves. The feedback from the families who attended the day was extremely positive.

The charity continues to be an active member of the Kinship Care Alliance and the lobby was organised by Grandparents Plus with a number of Alliance member organisations represented on the day.

Providing information and training to improve professional practice

The charity continues to support the Kinship Care Group for Professionals which is chaired by Jean Stogden. The group meets quarterly and provides a valuable opportunity for social workers to share information and hear from experts in kinship care and related issues. Speakers who have addressed the group this year include John Simmonds from BAAF, David Roth from Family Rights Group, and Peggy Ray, Judge and Co-founder of Goodman Ray Solicitors who specialise in Family Law.

The funding situation for local authorities has become particularly challenging this year, making it difficult for the charity to progress its training and consultancy income-generation activity. However it remains a priority for the coming year and the charity also hopes to encourage the replication of Kinship Care Groups for Professionals across the country.

Risk assessment

The charity trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that procedures are in place in order to manage those risks.

Review of financial position and reserves policy

Grandparents Plus is funded mainly by external grants. Its solvency remains dependent on its success in continuing to raise further funds from similar sources. During the year the charity secured a number of new grants and as a result income increased by 57%. The year also saw a 27% increase in expenditure. Despite the charity's growing activity, the chief executive and the board have carefully managed resources to ensure that reserves have grown this year from £30,800 at the beginning of the year to £42,400 at 31st March 2011 in response to the growth of the charity.

Board policy continues to ensure that the charity undertakes commitments within known and secured financial resources and has now achieved its earlier initial aim of maintaining a minimum general reserve of £40,000. However as responsibilities grow, activities and its permanent staff numbers increase, larger levels of free reserves will be required to place the charity on a safer financial footing. The Board therefore will further review these reserves during the current year and seek to grow the reserves to a level equivalent to 25% of expenditure.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the results for that period. In preparing those financial statements trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts, and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

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

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid during the year. Details of trustee expenses are disclosed in the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the chief executive and in accordance with the charity's policy to withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity's Independent Examiner, Ron Hoyle, has indicated his willingness to continue in office and offers himself for reappointment.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 21st July 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Jean Stogdon
Co-Chair

Stephen Burke
Co-Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Grandparents Plus



I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011, which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met, or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Ron Hoyle, Chartered Accountant,
Institute of Chartered Accountants, England & Wales,
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Financial statements

Balance sheet at 31st March 2011

Registered no. 4454103.	Note		2011 £		2010 £
Net fixed assets	3		1		1
Current assets					
Grants receivable	4	13,754			17,049
Prepayments		-			5,000
Cash at bank		183,908			103,117
		197,662			125,166
Less: current liabilities	5				
Grants in advance		89,405			60,874
Creditors & accruals		37,616			22,048
		127,021			82,922
Net current assets			70,641		42,244
Total Net Assets			70,642		42,245
Funds	10				
Unrestricted funds		42,459			30,853
Restricted funds		28,183			11,392
Total Funds			70,642		42,245

For the year ending 31st March 2011 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The Board of Directors approved the financial statements on the 21st July 2011 and duly authorised the Co-Chairs to sign on its behalf:

Jean Stogdon
Trustee & Director

Stephen Burke
Trustee & Director

The notes numbered 1 to 11 on pages 13 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Activities including Income & Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
Incoming resources	7				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		44,049	278,979	323,028	207,320
Investment income		178		178	73
Incoming resources from charitable activities		3,891		3,891	-
Other incoming resources		432		432	535
Total incoming resources		48,550	278,979	327,529	207,928
Resources expended	8				
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		6,486	4,529	11,015	6,619
Charitable activities		28,445	251,633	280,078	222,357
Governance costs		2,013	6,026	8,039	7,203
Total resources expended		36,944	262,188	299,132	236,179
Net(expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		11,606	16,791	28,397	(28,251)
Reconciliation of funds	10				
Total funds brought forward		30,853	11,392	42,245	70,496
Total funds carried forward		42,459	28,183	70,642	42,245

Notes:

- 1) All the above results are derived from continuing activities.
- 2) There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.
- 3) The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Notes forming part of the financial statements

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011

1. **Accounting Policies**
The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice (SORP) - Accounting by Charities published by the Charities Commission.
- The following principal accounting policies have been applied:
- a) **Income**
Income represents amounts receivable during the year. Grants and donations for specific purposes are treated as income in the year in which received. Amounts received during the year relating to specific periods are spread over the periods to which they relate. Income received during the year for future periods is treated as deferred income.
- b) **Fund accounting**
Restricted and unrestricted funds are separately disclosed, as set out in note 8. The different funds held are defined as follows:
- restricted funds are subject to specific restrictions imposed by the funder
 - unrestricted funds are available to spend at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity
- c) **Expenditure**
Charitable expenditure and governance costs comprise direct expenditure including direct staff costs attributable to a grant. Where costs cannot be directly attributed they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking grants and in publicising the charity.
- Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the management of the charity's assets, routine administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- d) **Depreciation of fixed assets**
Computer and office equipment and furniture costing less than £500 is written off in the year of purchase. Capital items costing £500 and over are depreciated over an estimated four year life at a depreciation rate of 25% per annum. A full year's depreciation is charged in the first year of use of the asset.
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2. **Taxation**
The charity is exempt from corporation tax under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 as all its income is from external grant and donated sources and is applied to charitable purposes.

3	Tangible Fixed Assets	2011	2010
	Furniture and Equipment	£	£
	Cost 1st April 2010	2,771	2,771
	Additions	-	-
	Cost 31st March 2011	2,771	2,771
	Depreciation		
	Balance 1st April 2010	2,770	2,770
	Charge for the year	-	-
	Balance 31st March 2011	2,770	2,770
	Net Book Value	1	1

4	Debtors	2011	2010
		£	£
	Grants receivable	13,754	17,049
	Project prepayments	-	5,000
		13,754	22,049

5	Current Liabilities (falling due within 1 year)	2011	2010
		£	£
	Grants in advance	89,405	60,874
	Creditors and accruals	37,616	22,048
		127,021	82,922

6	Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Tangible net fixed	Net current assets	Total assets
		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds	1	42,458	42,459
	Restricted funds	-	28,183	28,183
	Total	1	70,641	70,642

7 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
Grants and Donations				
Big Lottery Fund		58,011	58,011	52,558
Porticus UK		46,000	46,000	56,000
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation		43,334	43,334	40,000
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation		38,415	38,415	17,000
National Endowment for Science Technology & the Arts (NESTA)		47,712	47,712	2,289
Comic Relief		31,163	31,163	-
Charities Aid Foundation	27,100		27,100	1,826
John Ellerman Foundation		25,000	25,000	-
Mulberry Trust	10,000	10,000	20,000	15,000
Dept for Children, Schools and Families		5,875	5,875	28,250
Ericson Trust	2,000		2,000	-
Dulverton Trust			-	15,000
Equality & Human Rights Commission			-	14,760
Lloyds Banking Group			-	5,000
Care Matters Partnership			-	4,000
Bauer Media Group	2,000		2,000	3,474
Rayne Foundation			-	3,000
Donations, grants <£2000	2,949	2,000	4,949	2,622
	44,049	307,510	351,559	260,779
Grants received in advance b/fwd		60,874	60,874	7,415
Grants received in advance c/fwd		(89,405)	(89,405)	(60,874)
	44,049	278,979	323,028	207,320
Other Income				
Publications	3,891		3,891	-
Sundry income	432		432	535
Interest earned	178		178	73
	4,501	-	4,501	608
Total Incoming Resources	48,550	278,979	327,529	207,928
Donated services and gifts for the year total £2,414 as below: (2010: £1,060).		£		
IT software donated to the charity		334		
Workshop management paid by NESTA		2,080		
		2,414		

8	Resources Expended	2011 £	2010 £
	Staff salaries, training, travel	163,967	88,346
	Recruitment	8,719	2,439
	Volunteers	383	798
	Trustees travel & training	1,443	755
	Rent & services	8,620	4,169
	Office supplies	6,171	3,573
	Communications, website	9,293	11,195
	IT software & consumables	1,974	2,357
	Publications & subscriptions	1,029	882
	Accountancy, legal & insurance services	4,350	3,080
	Newsletter	1,588	3,858
	Fundraising consultant	5,893	-
	Research, consultancies and partnerships	31,000	44,024
	Project activities, event attendances	54,109	69,178
	Publication costs	593	-
	Training consultant	-	1,525
	Total	299,132	236,179
	Summaries of Resources Expended		
	Restricted costs	262,188	194,580
	Unrestricted costs	36,944	41,599
		299,132	236,179
	Charitable activities	280,078	222,357
	Fundraising	11,015	6,619
	Governance	8,039	7,203
		299,132	236,179
	Average staff numbers	6	3
	Charitable project works	5.5	2.5
	Fundraising	0.25	0.25
	Governance	0.25	0.25
	No employee is remunerated at a rate in excess of £60,000 per annum		
	Staff costs	2011 £	2010 £
	Salaries	146,133	79,931
	Social security costs	14,197	5,727
		160,330	85,658

9 **Trustee Remuneration & Expenses**
5 trustees were reimbursed £932 (2010: 2: £81) for travel expenses.

10 Reconciliation of Funds		Movement in Funds			
ref:	Restricted Funds	Balance 01-04-10 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance 31-03-11 £
a)	Executive & Events Support fund		45,166	45,166	-
b)	Newsletter & Network Support fund	2,191	57,398	59,589	-
c)	Policy & Research Support fund	1,051	40,000	37,717	3,334
d)	Grandparenting in Europe Research project		40,415	39,665	750
e)	Rewards Scheme project		47,712	47,712	-
f)	Older grandparent carers project		31,163	11,346	19,817
g)	Advice Service project	3,000	11,250	9,968	4,282
h)	'Kids in the Middle' project	5,150	5,875	11,025	-
		11,392	278,979	262,188	28,183
	Unrestricted Funds				
	General Fund	30,853	48,550	36,944	42,459
	Total Funds	42,245	327,529	299,132	70,642

Notes on restricted grant funding:

- a) Porticus UK agreed grants towards supporting the costs and support of the chief executive and for specified events managed by the charity.
- b) Big Lottery Fund is assisting in the creation of a network of grandparents raising their grandchildren across England, and in the newsletter production and distribution costs.
- c) The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation has agreed a grant towards funding the executive post of Policy & Research manager.
- d) The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is the principal funder of a grandparenting research in Europe project, undertaken by Kings College London, managed by the charity. The Beth Johnson Foundation and the Family & Parenting Institute assisted with grants towards a launch event for the scoping study.
- e) The National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts has agreed a series of grants and 'in kind' support to assist the charity to research a rewards scheme aimed at grandparents who spend time caring for their grandchildren.
- f) Comic Relief has agreed to fund a campaign to raise awareness of the needs and experiences of older grandparent and family carers.
- g) The John Ellerman Foundation, Mulberry Trust and Rayne Foundation have agreed funds for the setting up of an Advice Service to be operated by the charity.
- h) The Department for Children, Schools and Families funded the charity, through Kids in the Middle, to produce a guide for grandparents to support families through difficult times.

11 Operating Lease Commitments	2011	2010
Commitments for operating leases expire as follows: Office equipment: 2 - 5 years	6,744	-



We champion the wider
family who care for children

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