

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1003986

Details

Other names NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1991-08-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY:- (A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY FACILITIES AND TRAINING COURSES, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, DISABILITY OR MEANS (B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS (C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIM OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE PATA

Activities: We are a playgroup providing learning experiences for children of nursery and pre-school age. we also offer wrap around and holiday club for up to the age of 11.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE NORTHWAY, TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£335,731	£296,878	-	-
2024-07-31	£277,289	£260,043	-	-
2023-07-31	£239,780	£254,993	-	-
2022-07-31	£234,790	£240,618	-	-
2021-07-31	£238,674	£217,018	-	-
2020-07-31	£221,530	£195,676	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Allison Booth		2015-10-15
Carly Cooke		2019-12-09
JULIE SHERWOOD		
Joanne Chew		2020-01-30
Kirsty Stebbings-Pritchard		2019-07-29
Samantha Morgan		2017-02-01

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Accounts

Chair of Trustees Report - 24/25

As Chair of the Trustees, I am delighted to present this Annual Report for the year 2024/25. It has been a year of challenges, resilience, and ultimately great success. Tonight is about celebrating the journey we've taken together and acknowledging the dedication of our staff, trustees, and volunteers who make Northway Playgroup and Kidz Club the thriving community it is.

A Challenging Start

The year began with a major setback: a computer crash that wiped out our administrative systems. Rebuilding from the ground up was no small task, and it took most of the first two terms to reinstate everything. A special thanks must go to **Selwyn**, whose knowledge and commitment ensured we came through this difficult period stronger than before.

Growth and New Programmes

Despite the rocky start, from the outset our rooms were full — a testament to the demand for and quality of our provision.

- We launched the **ELSEC programme**, overseen by **Dawn**, focusing on early language and communication.
- Alongside this, **Lesley** led the **Maths Champion initiative**, improving outcomes for children in mathematics.
- Planning for our new **SEND and additional space building** was in full swing, with monthly meetings continuing throughout the year.
- New Building – The funding for the new building came from section 106 money from the Fiddington and Pamington new builds to enable more spaces to take additional children. Within this staff had recognised that a SEND room would be a welcome addition – no more need to have a pack away facility. So together with the designers the foot print was created. It has been a back and forth exercise from choosing colours for the toilet cubicles, to blinds, to floor choices. The internal walls are up, the roof is water proof and the screed is being laid this week. We are almost there.

Recognition and Partnerships

We received a glowing report from Northway infant School (NIS), praising how well-prepared our children were for school compared to other groups. This feedback validates the hard work we put into ensuring children are truly ready to learn.

In September, the GLA took over NIS, later appointing **Danielle Morley** as head across the two schools by Easter. We said farewell to **Maria Budd**, sending her off with a small gift and our best wishes. Importantly, we have established and maintained a professional relationship with the GLA, which will

serve us well going forward. Joyce continues to build rapport with the GLA leadership and has earned their respect, they know she will have the good of the community as her motivation.

Staff Changes and Team Spirit

- **Louise** joined Kidz Club briefly but had to step down due to ill health.
- **Katie Long** moved on to new opportunities, we wished her well and are delighted to hear things have gone well in her new setting. We welcomed **Courtney** and **Jenna**, who have settled in brilliantly and are great additions to the team.
- **Emma FP** announced her pregnancy and will soon begin maternity leave — we are working hard to find a suitable replacement. We wish Emma lots of luck and hope she enjoys her maternity leave.

Throughout these changes, the team has remained strong and supportive, ensuring continuity for the children.

Children's Progress and Groups

All groups performed well this year. Our new **Little Cubs group** made steady progress, with integration into peer groups attempted where possible — sometimes successful, sometimes more challenging. We did lose one child to Mitton, who offered more hours, but overall, I am delighted to report that the children thrived with us.

Fundraising and Grants

We were successful in our fundraising efforts, raising money through two fantastic bingo nights and a sponsored walk.

Additionally, **Joyce** secured a grant for wraparound care, which we have yet to spend — though I'm assured there is already a "spend list" prepared!

Joyce, Dawn and Lesley have put a lot of effort into ensuring the funding and design for the new building fully utilises the GCC budget allocated.

Learning and Safety

We faced a challenge with the safety gate incident flagged to Ofsted. We acted swiftly, learned from it, and ensured measures were put in place to prevent recurrence.

We conducted our first lockdown practice, with staff reflecting on lessons learned and making improvements.

These experiences have strengthened our commitment to safety and preparedness.

Celebrations and Community Spirit

The year ended on a high with a beach party — complete with donkeys, chips, party games, and a bouncy castle. The children had a wonderful time, and it was a fitting celebration of their achievements.

Financial Overview

We recorded a profit at year-end, which will be reinvested into the group to ensure we continue the success story that is Northway Playgroup and Kidz Club.

Gratitude and Resilience

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to say several thank you's;

To Joyce for her continued leadership, drive and determination to deliver the best possible services to our children, parents and community. Your unwavering dedication and commitment to the Play Group is inspiring and deeply appreciated.

To all the staff for your professionalism and your commitment to making the Playgroup a place where the children can feel safe, be themselves and can explore and develop to meet their potential, ultimately being ready for school and able to access the next stage of their education. You also make the Kidz Club exciting, interesting and fun which is why so many are eager to attend sessions (even if parents don't really need them to!)

Our heartfelt thanks are also given to all staff for the support you gave Joyce during her diagnosis and recovery earlier this year. Ensuring life here continued smoothly during her absence was no easy task, especially given the ever-changing landscape of Early Years.

Special thanks go to Dawn and Lesley for keeping everything running — often spinning several plates at once — which allowed Joyce the stress-free recovery time she needed. She is now cancer-free, continuing her recovery, and deeply grateful for the way you all had her back.

To my fellow trustees for all your hard work, time, support and commitment to the Play Group, it is much valued and appreciated. Without you we wouldn't be able to function, which would severely impact our community and be greatly missed.

This year has shown us that even in the face of setbacks, our strength lies in our people — trustees, staff, volunteers, and families. Together, we have built resilience, celebrated achievements, and laid foundations for an even brighter future.

Finally, thank you all for being part of this story. Let's celebrate tonight and look forward to another successful year ahead.

Allison

Chair of Trustees

**Financial report
Academic year 2024/2025**

Presented to the AGM of Northway pre-school playgroup and kidz club

Charity number 1003986

Charity Trustees for financial year 2024/2025

Chairperson – Mrs Allison Booth

Treasurer Mrs Sam Morgan

Secretary - Mrs Carly Cooke

Ms Juliet Sherwood

Mrs Kirsty Pritchard

Mrs Joanne Chew

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Details of fees

Pre school £5.09

Nursery £5.09

Springboard £5.09

Kidz club £5.09

We are a registered charity with the Charities commission for England and Wales. It is a requirement of all charities with an income over £10k per annum that their accounts are subjected to an independent audit once a year. The appointed examiner for this financial period was Mr Gary Crump and company and his signed examination statement is enclosed with this report. The report is copied to the Charity commission and Gloucestershire PATA.

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General overview of the year

We set a positive budget at the beginning of the year in the knowledge that the Government would be extending the delivery of the 2 year old funding for working parents and wrap around care. Our forecast was based on actual numbers at the beginning of the year but we knew these numbers would rise throughout the year. This is monitored very closely and at the midway point we gauge where we are to make any adjustments we feel is necessary.

We were successful in achieving a wrap around grant of £40+k. This has been used to support staff wages in Kidz club as well as a list of changes we wish to make once the new build is established.

By the end of the year we had made a profit of about 5.5k which was amazing.

On the basis of the above information I am happy to submit this report to the AGM

Name **SAMANTHA MORGAN**

Official position **TREASURER**

Signature.....



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31.07.25

Charity no (if any)

N/A

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 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 (other than that disclosed below*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

G Crump

Date

8.12.2025

Name

GARY CRUMP

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

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Charity name:

Charity number:

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date.....

Period end date.....

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	208156	-	222289	-
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)	-	-	-	-
Children's fees	59530	-	63045	-
Milk refund	-	-	-	-
Grants (specify) <i>ECC</i>	-	-	33033	-
Grant	-	-	-	-
Grant	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	3351	-	2661	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Interest	316	-	443	-
Other receipts	10936	-	14260	-
Sub total	277289	0.00	335731	0.00
Income from the sale of equipment	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) 277289		335731	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	222151	-	257081	-
Training costs	650	-	1749	-
Premises (rent, heat etc)	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Insurance	2164	-	3236	-
Administration	1220	-	2789	-
Refreshments	650	-	814	-
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	14381	-	12598	-
Fundraising costs	2064	-	1344	-
Other	5350	-	11603	-
Sub total	251930		291214	
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	813	-	5664	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) 260043		296878	

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C) +17246	38833
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end	(D) 162004	129250
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end	(C+D) 179250	218103

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

	Current value	
	£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E) 218103	-
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F) NIL	-
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G) NIL	-
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H) NIL	-
Net assets	(E-F+G-H)	218103

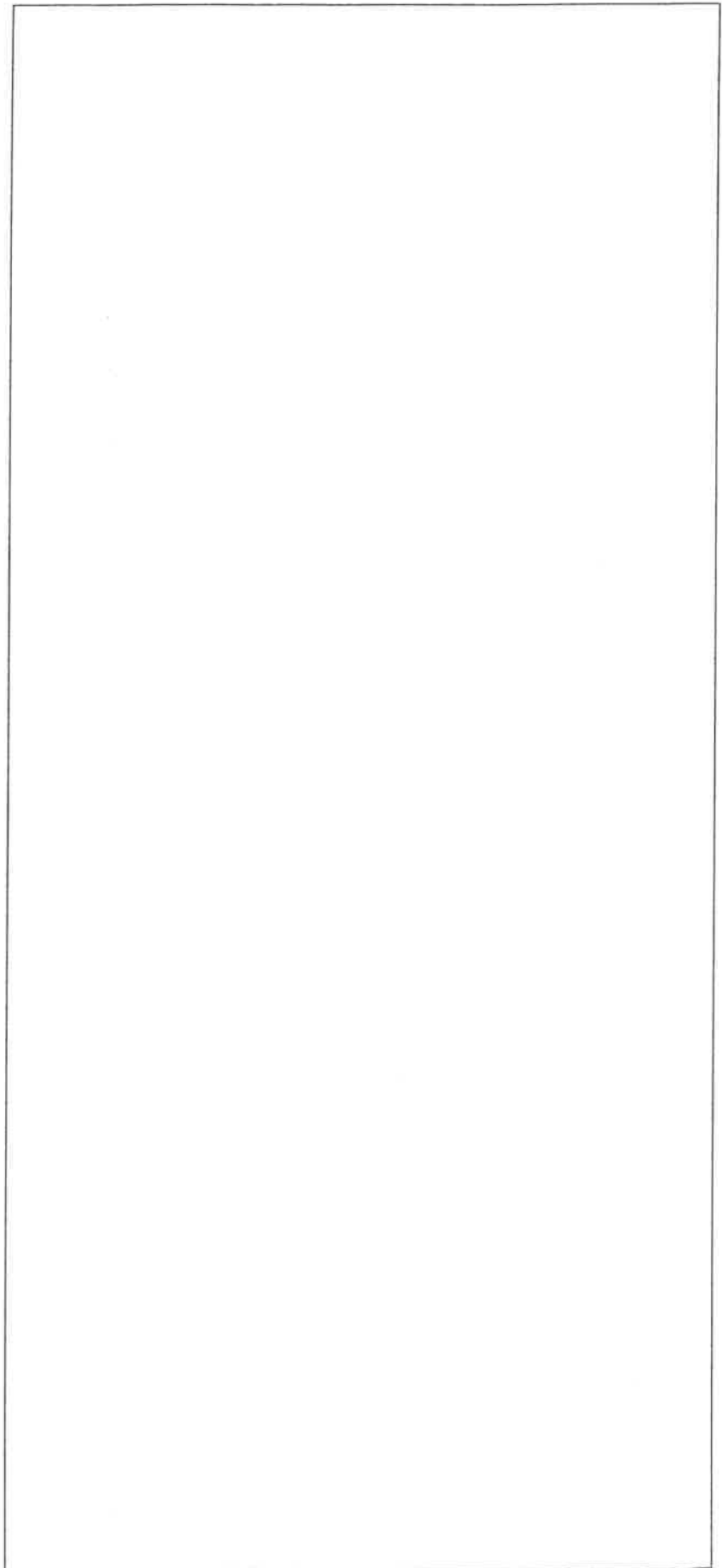
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Date.....

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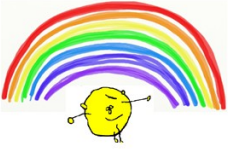
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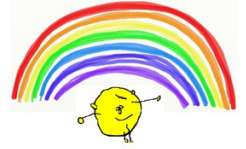
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NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYSCHOOL



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28 November 2024

Allison Booth Chair's Report, Northway Preschool Playgroup: Academic Year 23/24

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting.

It is such a privilege to be part of our Playgroup community, particularly as we mark our 50th anniversary year. In preparation for the AGM, I thought about just how many hundreds of children and parents that have been helped and supported across those 50 years and it is both staggering and truly awesome. I can't even attempt to work out how many staff and trustees there have been, but without us all there wouldn't be a Playgroup – ladies take a moment to be proud of yourselves for all those children past, present and future you help shape, positively influence and prepare for future schooling and wider society. I am pleased to say that the children had a party to mark the anniversary and that money from our fundraising activities this year was used to purchase much needed new bikes.

On behalf of the trustees, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for an amazing year. We know that, each year, you all have overcome the inevitable and often very different challenges that early year's provision throws at you and that, once again, you have successfully delivered high-quality services that are valued by the community we serve. I continue to be deeply impressed by the results you achieve through your professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment to making the Playgroup a supportive, nurturing and fun environment. Whilst the on-going success of Playgroup is due to a whole team effort, without Joyce's effective leadership, drive and determination the playgroup would not be in such a strong position. As always, she is skilfully supported by Dawn and Leslie and, as a team, they plan the delivery of our services and a creative and appealing curriculum to meet the EYFS requirement. They also ensure that they provide additional and tailored support, as required to meet the needs of the children (and their parents) throughout the entire year, including preparing the relevant documentation to support those children in the next stages of their education. As part of our role to ensure the effectiveness of the Playgroup, the Trustees receive a report from the session managers on the theme of each term and we regularly review anonymised data to ensure progress in line with our expectations. I

am delighted to report that overall, the children continue to make good progress but where necessary, the staff can explain where progress is not as expected and detail what interventions are in place to support those children.

This academic year has seen the introduction of the 15 hours for working parents and has gone some way to ensuring that both rooms have been busy across the year. In addition, Kidz club continues to thrive and is pretty much full all of the time, including during the school holidays where we attract children from other settings within Tewkesbury. Feedback from the children and parents continue to be excellent and demonstrates that it is a much-valued service. With this endorsement, Joyce successfully applied for a grant for the provision of additional wrap around care which will benefit our families.

Joyce continues to champion the needs of our SEND children and this year following a letter from the Director of Education she wrote to challenge their lack of funding for SEND, citing that it was in effect discriminating against these children and at odds with their drive for inclusivity. Whilst this unfortunately didn't result in any additional funding, it spurred her on to look creatively how we could provide the opportunity for learning. As a result, the planning for the little cubs group in September started. Her dedication to providing the support to all of our children and parents is truly inspiring, thank you Joyce, I know you will never give up fighting for what you believe is right.

There have been big changes this year within our schools, with Carrant Brook joining the GLA in May and then Northway Infants joining in September. As always, Joyce puts the needs of the community as the overriding priority and has been working to develop a good working relationship with the leadership of the GLA. It is obvious that they are keen to work with us and all indications suggest this will be a very collaborative partnership.

Technology is an essential part of our daily lives and the vast majority of business rely on it to support the delivery of their services. Therefore, when we had technical issues at the end of the summer term it was particularly alarming for Joyce as she was preparing for the new academic year. We would like to say a massive thank you to Dawn and her partner Selwyn, who went way above and beyond to sort out the issue. We deeply appreciate all your time and effort and are immensely grateful for your support.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for giving their time and their continued support to the Playgroup. Without you, we would not be able to continue to run as a charity and be able to continually reinvest in the services we provide to, and are needed by, our community.

I look forward to another great year for Playgroup.

Allison

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Academic year 2023/2024

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Secretary - Mrs Carly Cooke

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By the end of the year we had made a profit of **£17,246.00** which was amazing.

This is our first profit in 3 years.

On the basis of the above information I am happy to submit this report to the AGM

Name.....

Official position.....

Signature.....



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name
NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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Signed

G Crump

Date

27-11-2024

Name

GRARY CRUMP

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

FCCA

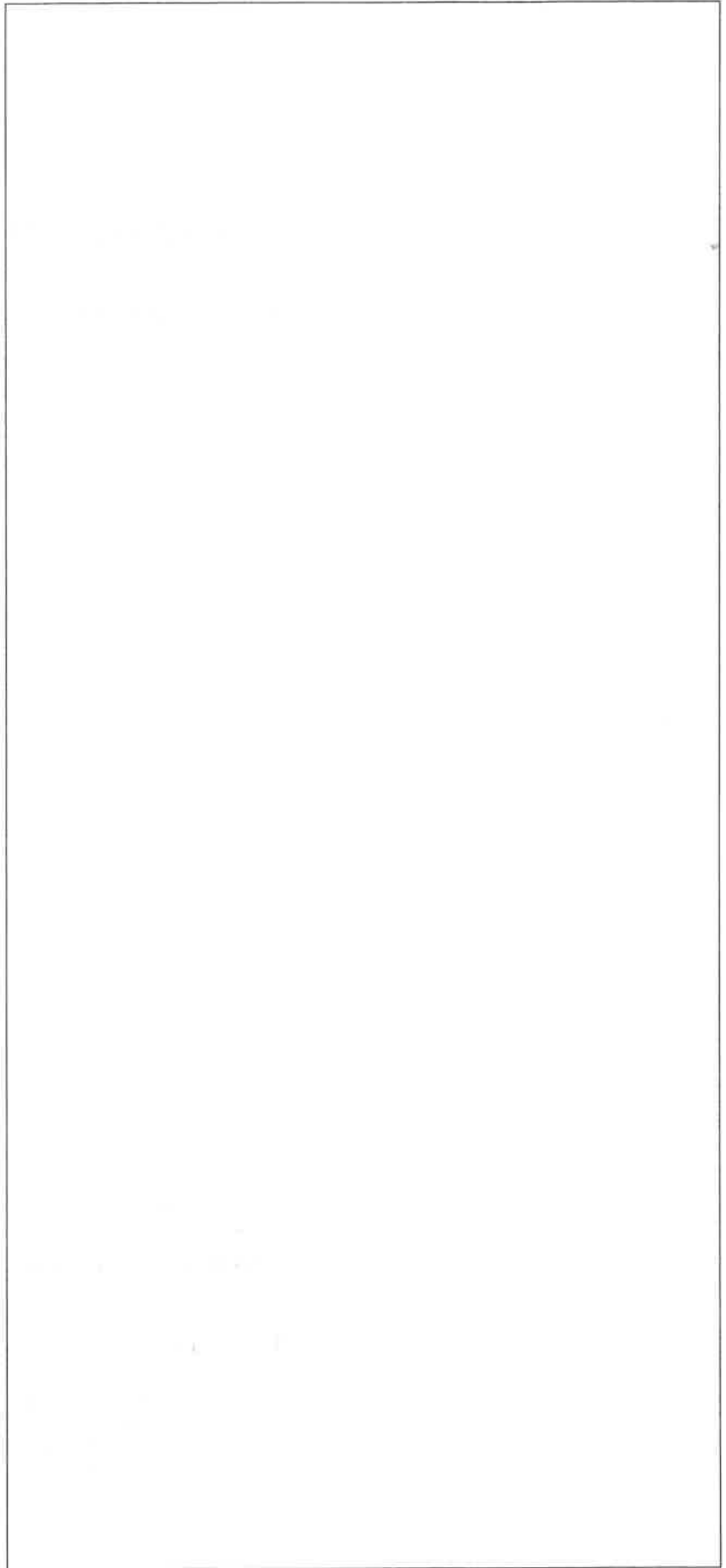
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TO BE RETAINED BY THE SETTING

Charity name:

Charity number:

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

N/A

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date.....

Period end date.....

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	134	421. -	203	156 -
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)				
Children's fees	81	266 -	59	530 -
Milk refund				
Grants (specify) <u>GCC</u>	17	757 -		
Grant <u>Apprenticeship</u>				
Grant				
Fundraising	5	353 -	3	351 -
Donations				
Interest		84 -		316 -
Other receipts		899 -		10936 -
Sub total	239	780 -	277	289 -
Income from the sale of equipment				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A)	239780 -	277289	-

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	216	529 -	222	151 -
Training costs	2	344 -		650 -
Premises (rent, heat etc)				
Subscriptions				
Insurance	4	406 -	2	464 -
Administration	4	072 -	4	220 -
Refreshments		638 -		650 -
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	10	262 -	14	381 -
Fundraising costs		2933 -		2064 -
Other	13	809 -		5350 -
Sub total	254	993 -	251	930 -
Purchases of of equipment and other assets				8113 -
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B)	254993 -	260043	-

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	-15213 -	+17246	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end	(D)	127217 -	162004 -	
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end	(C+D)	162004 -	179250 -	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

	Current value	
	£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	179250 -
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	NIL
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	NIL
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	NIL
Net assets	(E-F+G-H)	179250 -

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee):

Signed.....Name.....Role.....

Date.....

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NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYSCHOOL



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6 December 2022

Allison Booth Chair's Report, Northway Preschool Playgroup: Academic Year 21/22

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting.

This is my third AGM as Chair and thankfully this year it hasn't been dominated by Covid, although we have still had to manage the challenges of living with the virus and keeping children, parents and staff as safe as possible whilst delivering the services that our community both values and deserves. Yet again, our staff have successfully met those challenges and ensured that our children could access our early years provision and the wider community have benefited from our other services.

On behalf of the trustees, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for an amazing year. We thank you for your professionalism, commitment and dedication throughout the year and for creating the supportive, nurturing and fun environment where the children can flourish. I remain impressed with the whole leadership team and the great team spirit that they engender throughout the staff, the benefits of which are obvious to all those that come into Playgroup. I would particularly like to highlight Joyce's contribution to the ongoing success and development of Playgroup. Without her drive, passion and unwavering commitment, we would not be in such a strong business position and have the trust and respect of the all the other educational and health professionals she interacts with.

In this academic year, the Nursery and Pre-school teams have planned and delivered a range of structured activities each term to develop specific areas in accordance with development goals in the EYFS. The Trustees receive a report from the session managers on the theme of each term and we regularly review anonymised data to ensure there is expected progress in line with our expectations and provide a level of challenge and support to the staff in identifying development areas and drive improvement. I am delighted to report that overall, the children continue to make good progress but that staff can explain where progress is not as expected and detail what interventions are in place to support those children.

* This year saw us holding the nativity play in St Nicholas Church at Ashchurch for the first time. It was an absolutely wonderful experience for the children, staff and their proud parents/carers. The children really rose to the challenge of performing in a completely new environment and were ably supported by the staff who worked tirelessly to inspire their confidence. A small hiccup, that made the occasion more memorable, was when we realised baby Jesus was missing and was still in Playgroup. Thankfully, a replacement was soon found, even though Mary and Joseph thought the wrapped-up teddy a bit odd! We also had a fabulous time celebrating the late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee which culminated in a fantastic tea party along with all the children from Northway Infants and Carrant Brook schools. Listening to them all, but particularly our pre-school children, singing the national anthem brought tears to many eyes.

I am pleased to report that Kidz club success and popularity continues to grow; with many sessions completely full and a small waiting list for some activities. Feedback from the children and parents are excellent and demonstrates that it is a much-valued service. Also this year saw the launch of the Northway Bambino's group run by two of our trustees – Jo and Carly. The group is doing really well and supporting mums in our community with their little ones by providing an opportunity to chat, meet new people each and share experiences.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for giving their time and their continued support to the Playgroup. Without you, we would not be able to continue to run as a charity and be able to continually reinvest in the services we provide to, and are needed by, our community.

I look forward to another good year for Playgroup.

**Financial Report
Academic year 2021/22**

**Presented to the AGM of Northway Pre-School Playgroup
8th December 2022**

Charity Number 1003986

Charity Trustees for Financial year 2021/2022

Chairperson – Mrs Allison Booth

Vice Chair – Mrs Sam Morgan

Treasurer – Mrs Sam Morgan

Secretary – Mrs Carly Cooke

Members

Mrs Allison Booth

Mrs Sam Morgan

Ms Juliet Sherwood

Mrs Kirsty Pritchard

Mrs Joanne Chew

Mrs Carly Cooke

Details of Fees

Pre School £4.24 per hour

Nursery £4.24 per hour

Springboard £4.24 per hour

Kidz club £4.24 per hour

Northway Pre-School playgroup and kidz club is a registered charity with the Charities commission for England and Wales. It is a requirement of all charities with an income over £10,000.00 per annum that their accounts are subjected to an independent audit once a year.

The appointed examiner for this financial period was **Mr Gary Crump of Holberton and company** and his signed examination statement is enclosed with this report. This report is copied to the Charity Commission and Gloucestershire PATA.

General overview

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity remains financially sustainable throughout any financial year. We oversee the financial reporting by the business manager who is delegated with managing the financial aspect of the group.

We set a budget at the beginning of the year with a deficit forecast of £11,000.00.

Our opening funds at the beginning of the year was £155,639.31

We look at predicted income and spend with the knowledge that our forecast at the beginning of the year is always worst-case scenario. This is because we can only count the children and their hours based on factual knowledge of placements that we hold in the September – we cannot include

additional monies for A2YO, Pupil Premium, any new children, or any increases in hours throughout the year, as we are not aware of these possibilities becoming facts until the year progresses.

We review the forecast mid-year which give us an updated prediction - however the finances are monitored daily by the business manager and any significant concerns would be raised to our Treasurer and board of Trustees immediately.

The finances are reviewed by the board of Trustees at every meeting (these are held once a term) and an up-to-date account is presented to the board.
In addition to this the Treasurer will carry out audits each term with the business manager to assist the board in remaining confident that the finances are all in order.

Taking into consideration that we lost 4 children from Preschool at the beginning of the year due to relocation, giving us a loss of £19,334.40, a final recorded loss of **£ 5,828.00** at the end of the year was better than expected.

On the basis of the above information I am happy to submit this report to the AGM.

Name..... S MORGAN
(Please print)

Official Position..... TREASURER

Signature..... 



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31.07.22

Charity no (if any)

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 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 (other than that disclosed below*):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

G Crump

Date

6.12.22

Name

GARY CRUMP

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

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Address

HOUBERTON AND CO

NORTON BURN HOUSE

37 HIGH STREET TENKERSBURN

GL05 GL20 5BB

Charity name:

NORTHWAY PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Charity number:

N/A

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date 1.8.21

Period end date 31.7.22

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	168054	-	144842	-
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)	-	-	-	-
Children's fees	45597	-	66934	-
Milk refund	-	-	-	-
Grants (specify) GCC	5399	-	17164	-
Grant HMRC Support	-	-	-	-
Grant Apprenticeship	-	-	1500	-
Fundraising	-	-	1166	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Interest	3	-	3	-
Other receipts	19621	-	3181	-
Sub total				
Income from the sale of equipment	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) 238674		234790	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	181639	-	200624	-
Training costs	610	-	2468	-
Premises (rent, heat etc)	1377	-	1363	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Insurance	1265	-	1294	-
Administration	7145	-	2753	-
Refreshments	791	-	531	-
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1365	-	9077	-
Fundraising costs	1402	-	450	-
Other	21424	-	22058	-
Sub total				
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) 212018		240618	

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	21656	-5828
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end	(D)	161389	183045
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end	(C+D)	183045	177217

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

	Current value	
	£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	177217
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	NIL
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	NIL
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	NIL
Net assets (E-F+G-H)		177217

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee):

Signed.....Name.....Role.....

Date.....

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1003986

Accounts



NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYSCHOOL



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1st December 2021

Allison Booth Chair's Report, Northway Preschool Playgroup: Academic Year 20/21

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting.

This is my second AGM as the Chair; the year has continued to be dominated by the Covid pandemic and how we all manage to live in these unprecedented times. It is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of all our staff, that we have stayed open throughout the entire year delivering high quality, valued services to the children, parents and our local community.

I know that we have enabled key workers and working parents the opportunity to continue to support the country and most importantly that our children have accessed the early years provision that is so vital for their development.

On behalf of the trustees, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for an amazing year. We thank you for your courage, commitment and dedication throughout this challenging period and for creating the environment where the children can thrive.

There is an impressive feeling of teamwork in the Playgroup which has enabled you to support each other and effectively work with children and parents, whatever role you hold in the group.

I know it has sometimes been difficult implementing the processes needed to keep the setting safe and secure, but it is through your efforts and diligence that we have not had to close at all.

At this point, I would like to mention the work done (mostly behind the scenes) by Joyce, who is superbly supported by Dawn, in understanding the government requirements, legislation and how to access the relevant information to ensure compliance so that the Playgroup could continue to function safely and effectively. It reflects their excellent leadership that the team is inclusive and high performing and that the business is professionally managed and continues to develop to meet the needs of those it serves.

In addition to this I would also like to thank Lesley for her due diligence in creating the risk assessment for covid – no easy feat as rules and expectations have changed and at times, we have all found ourselves asking “what’s the rules now” ? and Dawn R for her outstanding effort to keep the whole of the Children centre and our room in the school clean and germ free.

In this academic year, we have structured activities to help the children understand the seasons and have celebrated the different holidays albeit in a slightly different ways to previous years to ensure Covid compliance.

We have continued a strong focus on British values and the “Hot spots” in the nursery and pre-school were changed each term to develop specific areas in accordance with development goals in the EYFS.

The children have continued to make progress across the year, although there has been some disruption in attendance due to families needing to isolate and, in some cases, where schools have been closed this has limited parents’ ability to bring children to Playgroup. The Trustees receive a report from the session managers on the theme of each term and we regularly review anonymised data to ensure there is expected progress in line with our expectations and provide a level of challenge and support to the staff in identifying development areas and drive improvement.

I am pleased to say that the Kidz club, which is proving to be a much-valued service for parents, is continuing to increase in popularity and is making a profit. To help the room be more appealing to a wider range of ages, we have invested in a wider range of activities for the children and our impressive dinosaur mural that was painted in the summer holidays has proved to be a massive hit with both the younger and older children who come to the club. We have held a couple of great fundraisers; the children loved the Harvest sponsored ride and the adult Bingo evening was at full capacity and great fun – there is eager anticipation for the next one! The profits from the fundraising will be going towards new indoor and outdoor equipment for the children.

We have seen some staff changes this year; we said goodbye to Mrs Denise Heeks who had been with playgroup for many years and thank her for her contribution to our community, we congratulated Miss Katie Sprason as she graduated from her apprenticeship to a Practitioner and took up a full time post and are delighted that Miss Katie Long started her apprenticeship with us – we wish you both every success for the future. We also said goodbye to one of trustees - Mrs Leanne Exeter- and would like to thank her for all her energy, passion and work to support the Playgroup.

As I speak, we are currently preparing to say goodbye to Mrs Angie Aldridge after her being part of Playgroup for 30 years. She has helped hundreds of children and their parents across this extraordinary length of service and is well loved, trusted and respected by all those she has known – they still go up to her many years later to say hello and share what they are doing, and many have returned with their own children for her to take care of. Angie has always created the environment for children to feel safe, grow in confidence, develop their social skills by learning through play and thus being ready to move onto school. She has made an amazing contribution to our Playgroup for which we are profoundly grateful and deeply appreciative. Although we will be sad to say goodbye, we all wish her every happiness in the next chapter of her life and know she will love spending time with her whole family but especially her grandchildren.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for giving their time and their continued support to the Playgroup. Without you, we would not be able to continue to run as a charity and be able to continually reinvest in the services we provide to, and are needed by, our community. Although Covid is still impacting us, I look forward to another good year for Playgroup.

Financial Report
Academic year 2020/21

Presented to the AGM of Northway Pre-School Playgroup
30th November 2021

Charity Trustees for Financial year 2020/2021

Chairperson – Mrs Allison Booth

Vice Chair – Mrs Sam Morgan

Treasurer – Mrs Sam Morgan

Secretary – Mrs Carly Cooke

Members

Mrs Allison Booth

Mrs Sam Morgan

Ms Juliet Sherwood

Mrs Kirsty Pritchard

Mrs Leanne Exeter Resigned in April 2021

Mrs Joanne Chew

Mrs Carly Cooke

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Details of Fees

Pre School £4.07 per hour

Nursery £4.07 per hour

Springboard £4.07 per hour

Kidz club £4.07 per hour

Northway Pre-School playgroup and kidz club is a registered charity with the Charities commission for England and Wales. It is a requirement of all charities with an income over £10,000.00 per annum that their accounts are subjected to an independent audit once a year.

The appointed examiner for this financial period was **Mr Gary Crump of Holberton and company** and his signed examination statement is enclosed with this report. This report is copied to the Charity Commission and Gloucestershire PATA.

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General overview

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity remains financially sustainable throughout any financial year. We oversee the financial reporting by the business manager who is delegated with managing the financial aspect of the group.

We set a budget at the beginning of the year with a deficit forecast of £30,849.52 Our opening funds at the beginning of the year was £161,389.10.

We look at predicted income and spend with the knowledge that our forecast at the beginning of the year is always worst-case scenario. This is because we can only count the children and their hours based on factual knowledge of placements that we hold in the September – we cannot include additional monies for A2YO, Pupil Premium, any new children, or any increases in hours throughout the year, as we are not aware of these possibilities becoming facts until the year progresses.

We review the forecast midyear which give us an updated prediction - however the finances are monitored daily by the business manager and any significant concerns would be raised to our Treasurer and board of Trustees immediately.

The finances are reviewed by the board of Trustees at every meeting (these are held once a term) and an up-to-date account is presented to the board.

In addition to this the Treasurer will carry out audits each term with the business manager to assist the board in remaining confident that the finances are all in order. This did not happen this year due to Covid 19.

*I am happy to report that the external auditor has shown in our financial report that we recorded a profit of **£21,656.00** at the end of the year.*

On the basis of the above report, I am happy to report at this AGM, another successful financial year.

Name..... SAM MORGAN
(Please print)

Official Position..... VICE CHAIR / TREASURER

Signature..... 



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

N/A

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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 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 (other than that disclosed below*):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

G Crump

Date

20/10/21

Name

GARY CRUMP

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Charity name:

Charity number:

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

N/A

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date... 1/8/20

Period end date... 31/3/21

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	161291	-	168054	-
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)	-	-	-	-
Children's fees	36842	-	45997	-
Milk refund	-	-	-	-
Grants (specify) GCC	-	-	5399	-
Grant Hmrc Support	12180	-	-	-
Grant OTHERS	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Donations	10100	-	-	-
Interest	14	-	3	-
Other receipts	1103	-	19621	-
Sub total				
Income from the sale of equipment	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) 221530		238674	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	179513	-	181639	-
Training costs	555	-	610	-
Premises (rent, heat etc)	1587	-	1377	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Insurance	1265	-	1265	-
Administration	2233	-	7145	-
Refreshments	683	-	791	-
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	6653	-	1365	-
Fundraising costs	-	-	1402	-
Other	3187	-	21424	-
Sub total				
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) 195676		217018	

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	25854	21656
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end	(D)	135535	161389
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end	(C+D)	161389	183045

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

	Current value	
	£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	183045
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	NIL
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	NIL
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	NIL
Net assets	(E-F+G-H)	183045

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee):

Signed: S Morgan

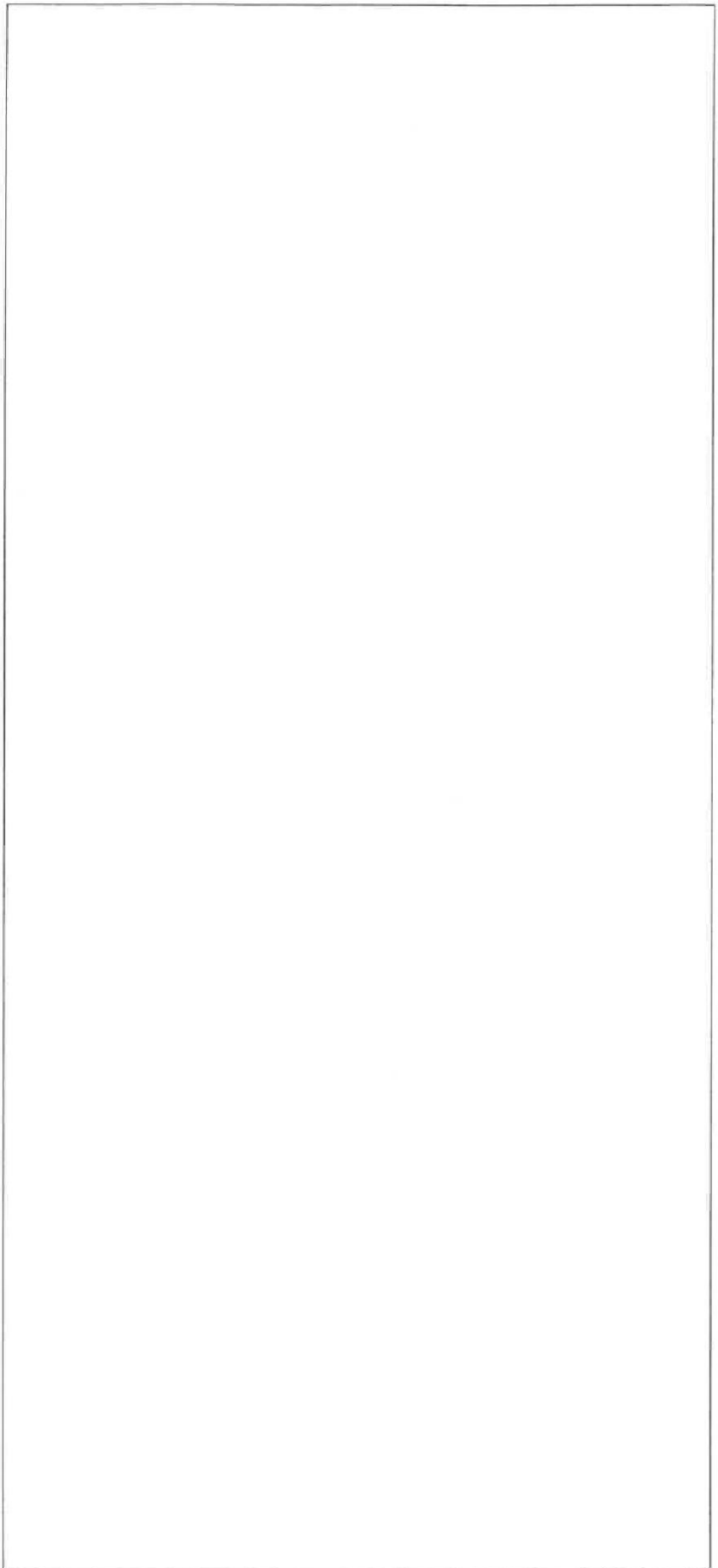
Name: SAM MORGAN

Role: VICE CHAIR/TREASURER

Date: 1/12/21

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose



NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1003986

Accounts

Allison Booth Chair's Report, Northway Preschool Playgroup : Academic Year 19/20

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting.

This is my first AGM as the Chair, and I wanted to start by recognising the fantastic contribution by our previous Chair – Emma Hancocks – who stood down for personal reasons in early March. Emma has been actively involved with the Playgroup for many years, was a long standing trustee and held the office of Chair for over 2 years. She was very committed to helping the playgroup continue to thrive and dedicated much of her spare time and energy to us. We have benefited greatly from Emma's involvement and I wish to record our sincere thanks and deep appreciation of everything she has done for Playgroup.

This has been a year of two distinct parts; pre-covid 19 (September 19 to March 20) and Living with Covid from 23 March 2020 onwards. We have all been living in unprecedented times and this has had a huge impact both on our individual lives but also the running of the Playgroup. Therefore, in this report I am not going to cover the year in a chronological order but start with how Playgroup has, very successfully, managed in this period of Covid. But, before that I am going to start with acknowledging the superb efforts of our staff.

On behalf of the trustees, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for an amazing year. We thank you for your courage, commitment and dedication throughout this very difficult period and helping deliver valued services to the children, parents and supporting our local community. We know it has been challenging, but it is impressive how you've supported each other, enabled the children to have some sense of normality and the opportunity to play and continue their development. However, it is through Joyce and later Dawn's extraordinary efforts that the Playgroup was able to survive the lockdown and be in a position where we could reopen in June to vulnerable and key worker children. Wading through, and understanding, the complex financial information was stressful but enabled us to access the funding to furlough staff, pay 80% (as appropriate) and protect jobs. The incredible amount of ever changing guidance and instructions that needed to be analysed and implemented was a mammoth task which they successfully tackled to ensure children and staff were safe. I believe that it is a testament to their efforts that we never had to close a bubble or had cases of transmission in our setting – well done to you both, you are truly awesome.

The Playgroup numbers in June were very small as we were only providing for vulnerable and key worker children but started to increase as restrictions eased and more key workers took up places. Many parents remained cautious until the schools reopened fully in September. All staff were called back to work at the start of July so that we could be in a good position to reopen in September. An amazing amount of work was done in this period

and I have to say the Playgroup has never looked as splendid, particularly with the outdoor play area being so colourful with new stimulating and fun activities.

Back to the start of the academic year;

At the start of Term 1, we saw our overall numbers dip across all year groups but the trustees noted that this had been as expected and using historic patterns and Joyce's projections for likely increases was not too much of a concern but that we would monitor through our meetings. The staff reported that the children settled in well although there were a small number in the Nursery group who did take a little longer to settle. The feedback from the summer Kidz club was very positive and there were strong indications that the club would be profitable. All staff attended the new Ofsted framework training and would build necessary changes into their planning. We agreed that we should have an objective to look at the business plan over the year now we feel settled in the children centre. The 18/19 AGM reported on another successful year.

In Term 2 there was lots of activity and all the groups celebrated Diwali, Thanksgiving and Christmas, evidencing our commitment to British values covering diversity and Inclusion. The Preschool went on visits to the local care home to sing some Christmas Carols which both the children and residents thoroughly enjoyed. We launched our Facebook page and are delighted by the number of positive comments that we have received. We agreed that we should use this medium to advertise ourselves much more and celebrate what the children have been doing.

In term 3 we celebrated the Chinese New Year which the children also really enjoyed. Joyce reported an increase in the number of hours being taken in nursery which was very welcome and followed her predictions. The trustees noted that there has been a large increase of workload associated with SEND in Nursery. We were given additional funding by GCC due to under spend in Early years. All staff attended Total communication training on the inset day.

In a really challenging year, the children who are at the centre of everything we do, have continued to receive great support and be in a happy, secure and fun setting where they can develop and grow.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for giving their time and their continued support to the Playgroup. I look forward to a time when we can go out and celebrate the work we do to keep our playgroup supporting the needs of the children, parents and local community. Although Covid is still impacting us, I look forward to another good year for Playgroup.

Financial Report
Academic year 2019/20

Presented to the AGM of Northway Pre-School Playgroup
28th January 2021

Charity Trustees for Financial year 2019/2020

Chairperson – Mrs Emma Hancox (Resigned March 2020)
Vice Chair – Mrs Allison Booth (Chair from April 2020)
Treasurer – Mrs Sam Morgan
Secretary – Mrs Allison Booth

Members

Ms Juliet Sherwood
Mrs Kirsty Pritchard
Mrs Leanne Exeter
Mrs Joanne Chew
Mrs Carly Cooke

Details of Fees

Pre School £4.01 per hour
Nursery £4.01 per hour
Springboard £4.01 per hour

Northway Pre-School playgroup is a registered charity with the Charities commission for England and Wales. It is a requirement of all charities with an income over £10,000.00 per annum that their accounts are subjected to an independent audit once a year.

The appointed examiner for this financial period was Mr John Holloway and his signed examination statement is enclosed with this report. This report is copied to the Charity Commission and Gloucestershire PATA.

General overview

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity remains financially sustainable throughout any financial year. We oversee the financial reporting by the business manager who is delegated with managing the financial aspect of the group.

We set a budget at the beginning of the year with a deficit forecast of £32,772.04. Our opening account at the beginning of the year was £108,134.00. Looking at predicted income and spend and in the knowledge that our forecast at the beginning of the year is always worst case scenario because we can only count the children and their hours based on factual knowledge of placements that we hold in the September – we cannot include additional monies for A2YO, Pupil Premium, any new children, or any increases in hours throughout the year, because when we set the budget we are not aware of these possibilities becoming facts.

We review the forecast midyear which give us an updated prediction - however the finances are monitored daily by the business manager and any significant concerns would be raised to our Treasurer and board of Trustees immediately.

The finances are reviewed by the board of Trustees at every meeting (these are held once a term) and an up-to-date account is presented to the board.

In addition to this the Treasurer will carry out audits each term with the business manager to assist the board in remaining confident that the finances are all in order.

In March 2020, the government issued instruction to the country to go into lockdown due to a Covid 19 Pandemic that was sweeping the country. We were asked to stay open for vulnerable and key worker children however with 9 members of staff clinically vulnerable and our Insurance company advising us that those members of staff would not be insured we took the decision to close the group until June when we were asked to re-open.

We did re open to vulnerable children with reduced staff. The Government set up a furloughing scheme whereby we could furlough our staff and the government paid them 80% of their wage. We kept as many of our staff on furlough that we could, but we were limited as to how many, because we could only claim based on the percentage of fee-paying customers, not those in receipt of government funding. Playgroup paid the staff who were not furloughed the 80% that the others were receiving.

Our business Manager stayed in post during this time ensuring the continuation of the business and was not furloughed. A member of staff was taken off furlough in May to support the Business manager in what was a very difficult and very challenging time.

The business was in receipt of a small business grant and a percentage of an underspend in Early years from our local council during this time to aid the continuation of the business and the sufficiency of places in Early years.

I am happy to report that the external auditor has shown in our financial report that we recorded a profit of £14,854.00 at the end of the year.

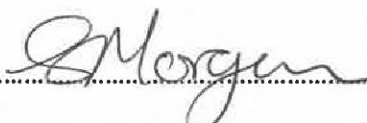
In addition £11,000.00 was ear marked for outstanding debits that were carry forward that had not been paid and cleared before we got to year end, this included the rent that we pay to Northway Infant School as we are still awaiting the Governors review. Even still we were delighted with the results given that the outlook had been considerable bleak in March when we first entered lockdown.

At the end of the financial year, our accounts were externally financially audited by a chartered accountant. His report is submitted to the Charity commission for England and Wales.

On the basis of the above report I am happy to report at this AGM another successful financial year.

Name..... SAM MORGAN
(Please print)

Official Position..... TREASURER

Signature..... 



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name **NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

On accounts for the year ended

Charity no (if any) **310720**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 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 (other than that disclosed below):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

"Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply."

Signed

John Holliday

Name

JOHN HOLLIDAY FCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

FELLOW OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Address

**ANAKA CROSSING
GRANGE ROAD
TEWKESBURY
GL20 8HZ**

Charity name: **NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**
 Charity number:

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date: **01-08-2019** Period end date: **31-07-2020**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year	Current year
	£ p	£ p

Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4) 150792

Nursery Education Funding (New for 2) 161291

Children's fees 36026

Milk refund 36842

Grants (specify) CCC 6181

Grant HMC SUPPORT 6181

Grant OTHER INCOME 12180

Grant 292

Fundraising 2209

Donations 10100

Interest -12

Other receipts 2806

Sub total 0.00

Income from the sale of equipment -

TOTAL RECEIPTS

198318 (A)

£0.00

£0.00

221530

PAYMENTS	Previous year	Current year
	£ p	£ p

Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC) 175921

Training costs 1130

Premises (rent, heat etc) 14040

Subscriptions -

Insurance 1248

Administration 1963

Refreshments 1505

Consumables (paint, paper etc) Educational 7011

Fundraising costs 1421

Other 607

Sub total 0.00

Purchases of equipment and other assets -

TOTAL PAYMENTS

204846 (B)

£0.00

£0.00

195676

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (A-B=C)

£0.00

£0.00

25854

Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end (D) -

Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end (C+D) £0.00

161389

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.
 Current value £ p

Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c) (E) -

Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date) (F) -

Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value) (G) -

Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date) (H) -

Net assets (E-F+G-H) £0.00

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee):

Name

Role

Date

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

There was no active program
activity been 12 March 2020 and
26 July 2020 because of
Cover 19.

HRC attend support during this
difficult time.

J. Holroyd
12/8/20