

TATWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1022464

Details

Other names TATWORTH PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-06-09

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Activities: Operation of a village Pre School open between 8.00 to 4.00. Between the ages of 9 months and 4 years 11 months. Term time only.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£140,565	£132,377	-	-
2024-08-31	£117,536	£117,570	-	-
2023-08-31	£92,788	£118,822	-	-
2022-08-31	£123,253	£113,331	-	-
2021-08-31	£111,046	£110,862	-	-
2020-08-31	£103,688	£99,192	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Shield		2023-11-29
Kirsty White		2025-11-18
Leanne Lawson		2023-11-29
Michael Trott		2021-11-16
Michelle Long		2019-10-22

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**On accounts for the year
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Signed:

Nicola Hooper

Date:

29/10/2025

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Name: NICOLA HOOPER

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TATWOTH PRESCHOOL PROFIT AND LOSS SEPT 24-AUG 25 **BALANCE SHEET**

	2024-2025	2023-24
INCOME		
Fees	£ 13,008.59	£ 13,988.00
EYE	£ 117,681.76	£ 95,545.78
Uniform	£ 370.00	£ 114.00
Grants	£ -	£ -
Higher Needs	£ 2,656.00	£ 1,365.00
Vouchers	£ -	£ -
Fundraising	£ 3,361.54	£ 2,045.11
Interest	£ -	£ -
Other Grants	£ 3,488.00	£ 4,479.04
	£ 140,565.89	£ 117,536.93
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	£ 107,456.53	£ 95,975.98
rent	£ 3,380.00	£ 3,765.20
food	£ 681.16	£ 715.57
Utilities	£ 3,910.40	£ 4,161.87
consumables	£ 1,706.23	£ 2,096.08
equipment	£ 4,868.13	£ 403.11
Office Cost	£ 2,681.92	£ 4,571.82
Meeting	£ 143.60	£ -
other	£ 7,549.79	£ 5,880.85
Total	£ 132,377.76	£ 117,570.48
PROFIT/LOSS	2024-25	£ 8,188.13

BANK	
Current Account	£ 33,069.40
Total	£ 33,069.40
petty cash	£ 50.00
Accounts	
Opening balance	£ 24,832.78
Surplus	£ 8,188.13
Cash in Hand	£ 33,020.91
DISCREPANCY	£ 48.49

Chairpersons report 2024-25.

The year got off to a good start with 31 children on roll in September.

Our fundraising was good this year, we did a Halloween Quiz night, unfortunately not as big attendance as we would have liked. We then had a sponsored Autumn scavenger hunt which was well supported. Cathryn organised some fund-raising coasters which were nice. Then we had with ticket and raffle sales from our nativity show. We were unable to host a Christmas Bingo so instead opted for an Easter Bingo instead.

Staffing – Staffing has remained constant throughout the year apart from having to hire 3 new staff members for the baby. Interviews went well and we were lucky enough to be spoiled for choice. We have taken on two staff members completely new to us and one who has previously done volunteering and placement work with us. They will all start in September.

Training- Tatworth Pre-School ensures that staff are always developing their knowledge and skills by attending various training courses to promote their continued professional development. In addition to this we ensure staff are up to date with Safeguarding, Food Hygiene and First Aid training and this year staff have done lots of specialist training through Dingley's promise funded by comic relief.

After school Club-The after-school club continues to be viable and as such we will be looking to open earlier from September from 8.00 to help support demand.

Policies and Procedures- The Trustees and Managers have continued reviewing all our Policies and Procedures, in line with the requirement to conduct an annual review. Some new policies and procedures have been introduced to support the new baby room. Parents/carers can access the Policies and Procedures at any time either via the website or by viewing the file in the reception area of the pre-school.

Website- The Pre-School website continues to be updated and developed. We aim to ensure its the first point of contact for any parent/carer who wants information on Tatworth Pre-School but recognise that it is still a work in progress.

Future aims: This year's targets are identified below:

- To open and run new baby room
- Continue to plan for the new EYFS updates in September
- To continue reviewing the policies and procedures.

Tatworth Pre-School continues to ensure the child is at the centre of all we do. The setting works within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and follows the new Ofsted Framework.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the enormous amount of hard work that went into getting the go ahead for the baby room.

The setting finished the year with a very positive 41 children on the books. The setting held visits with primary school teachers and had meetings with the Primary school's teachers to ensure a smooth transition for all children in September. We hope that we can continue to move from strength to strength and look forward to what the new academic year brings with the introduction of the baby room. Thank you to all the committee for their continued support for the Pre-school and help drive its continued success.

Rebecca John (Chairman).

Treasurers Report for Accounting period- 2024 to 2025

The accounts have been independently examined, and the breakdown of accounts is attached. This accounting period has been very productive, down to a return to pre pandemic birth rates and close budget monitoring. We will file the accounts with the charities commission after the AGM.

We started this year with a good number of children on role in the September, so were set up in a good position for the year.

As funds were good, we purchased a new lunch trolley, bookshelf for the lobby and 2 climbing frames for the garden, half of the climbing frame money came from a very kind grant from the parish council. We also bought a large storage cupboard for the quiet room to make the room more child friendly. We then used some of our higher needs funding for a trampoline. The pupil premium funding has also been used to purchase specific resources identified by staff to support eligible children. We took a review of fees, and the decision was taken to increase the fees to £6.50. A copy of the fees policy is available on the website and lobby notice board.

This year we also made the decision to open a baby room in September 2025. As such we have also had to make available additional funds for equipment for the baby room. We have spent approximately £3500 so far but know that we will need additional purchases as the need arises. We were fortunate again in being able to apply for an expansion grant from Somerset County Council for £2000 which also helped with our set up costs.

Our income this year has increased by £23000 due mainly to an increase in children's hours. However, we have also had an increase in staff wages due to the rise in minimum wage and increase in national insurance contributions of £11500. There has been a general rise in all costs, but that is just the current financial climate.

Our fundraising has improved this year up just over £1000, well done everyone for your hard work and support. This has all helped to put us in good position moving forward with a surplus made this year of just over £8,000.

Thank you to all our dedicated staff members for all their hard work this year and many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

Mike Trott

Treasurer.

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Chairpersons report 2023-2024

Hello and welcome to everyone that is here for the 2023-2024 AGM.

The children have had some brilliant experiences this last year including a trip to the primary school to visit the space dome. We have also had support from parents coming in to visit, telling the children about their work as police officers, firemen and nurses.

Sports day was a great success which the children enjoyed and again a good parental turn out.

We are getting through the list of jobs - a few still outstanding. Some fencing has been replaced and we would like to thank the committee members for making a start on painting this and cleaning the gutters in their own time.

This year is the first full year without Faye and the cleaner but otherwise staffing has remained constant with Kirsty taking on the cleaners' responsibilities and Faye even returning as bank staff when needed.

All phone lines have now gone digital with the number remaining unchanged, however, the email address had to be changed.

There was minimal overspend last year with the accounts still looking to be in a good place. *(The overspend can be seen in the overcharge from BT)*

Fundraising events have been going well, we had the autumn scavenger hunt and the Christmas bingo. We also sold tea towels with the children's self-portraits on. On going fundraising events are in full swing with future events planned including a quiz night and Christmas coasters and soon Christmas bingo and another scavenger hunt.)

As always, a big thank you to all the committee members, parents and staff for their continued support.

Thank you

Rebecca John,
Chairperson.

Treasurer's report year 2023-2024

Tatworth Pre-School runs its accounts on the academic year September 1st to August 31st. Following on from last year's particularly financially difficult year we are now in a much safer financial position. The measures we took including reducing staffing numbers, increasing suggested fees, re-negotiating phone contracts and changing suppliers have helped us to now, all but break even, rather than the substantial loss of the previous year. The profit and loss account this year show a very small loss of £33.55. Our bank balance is still fairly healthy with a balance on 30th August 2024 of £24832.78.

Our income this year is up by £24749 on last year thanks to an increase in funding rates from Somerset Council and an increase of £879 on last year through our fundraising efforts. We continue to have maintenance costs for the building and land, this year having to replace and improve our fencing.

Expenditure- despite the measures taken we only saw a reduction of £1251. This is because salaries stayed roughly the same due to an increase in the minimum wage rate and more staffing due to the increased number of 2 yr olds attending and SEN support needed. Despite renegotiating contracts, as across the country, utility bills have increased by £710. Our insurance costs also increased sharply this year. This will be something that we will look at more closely next year. We continue to have maintenance costs for the building and land. As the building ages some of the items need replacing as they come to the end of their lifespan.

Moving forward we will continue to closely monitor spending, improvements and fundraising. We are also aware that next year will bring a substantial increase in salary costs due to the increase to minimum wage rates and the change to employer national insurance rates and thresholds. We are hoping that government funding rates increase in March to reflect this, but we will watch this space.

Thank you once again for everyone's hard work in continuing to keep the Pre-School the success it is.

Mike Trott

Treasurer

Manager's report

As explained by the treasurer we have taken huge steps towards balancing the books. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work this year, as without a floating staff member everyone has worked above and beyond.

Anna and I have continued to monitor expenditure closely and have managed to get our BT bills down by switching to a digital service. This was not without its difficulties as we lost phonelines for a bit and had a new email address.

Staffing has remained constant this year with no changes. Kirsty, Cathryn, Mel and Bethany have all now completed the Early Years Development Programme, so congratulations to them. We have continued to work on all staff members professional development with several training courses being done, such as: Dingley's Promise child development and support programme, SEND, child protection, paediatric first aid, Prevent, to name but a few. Moving forward into next year we are continuing to support further training with several staff members already signed up on various courses.

We started the academic year with 19 children in September and finished the year with 33 children, sending 17 off to start their reception year at various schools. The good news is we will be starting back to school with 26 children on our books.

The new working families funding expansion started this year and with it came a rise in the number of 2-year-olds attending the setting, doing an increased number of hours. This caused a great disruption to the daily operations of the pre-school and following several staff meetings we have developed a new strategy for the children, with the introduction of the Bees and Butterfly groups. This has meant that we are better able to target support to where it is most needed. The Butterflies are able to have targeted resources and activities in a smaller area allowing them to feel more secure and supported, whilst the Bees are able to extend their development with more challenging activities. This has been a big success, and we are very pleased with the effect this has had on all the children's progress.

We are continuing to follow the same curriculum and learning programme, based on our aims and aspirations for the children with our weekly topics and activities. We continue to amend and evaluate them managing changes where necessary. To support this, we have had visits from a nurse, policeman, and fireman. We had visits from some ducklings and cows, and also went to visit the space dome planetarium, which were all very well received. We would like to thank those involved for making it happen.

We continue working on improving and upgrading our facilities and had some new fencing and gates put in place to make us self-contained.

We have also had some good fundraising events with our Bingo, Nativity show and scavenger hunt. Thank you to all those who helped make these events a success.

We have had a very busy fun packed year, and I would like to thank the staff, committee, children and parents who all help to make this such a successful pre-school.

Sarah Sitton

Manager

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Chairpersons report 2022-2023

Whilst the academic year 2022-23 was a challenging year due to a drop in numbers and rising costs the children have had a very positive year. They have had lots of new resources and a visit from the Axe Valley Wildlife Park along with visits from outside professionals such as dentists. As a setting we have also seen a rise in the number of children needing SEN support at a higher level. I would like to particularly thank the staff for their support and drive to ensure everyone is given the opportunity to grow and thrive. The headcount this year has been smaller, but individuals needs and the lasting impact from Covid has meant that additional staff were required above ratio to ensure everyone's needs were met. Hopefully the next academic year will prove to be less challenging. We have all seen on the news the crisis in funding for early years providers and are very thankful that we are still here serving the community where many other settings have closed.

It has been lovely this year to see so many parents attend our pre-school show and sports day, and both children's party days this year were a success.

We were sorry to see Faye leave us this year after 9 years but are happy to welcome Anna as deputy manager and Kirsty as our new SENCO.

As Trustees we are proud to be part of a voluntary pre-school and have ensured that we support the strategic management of the pre-school ensuring we meet the statutory requirements by:

- holding at least one formal meeting each term
- approving how the pre-school budget is spent and managed.
- ensuring safeguarding practices and health and safety practices are in place.
- approving pre-school policies, these are available on the website

The curriculum offered at Tatworth Pre-School, gives children the opportunity to make decisions and choices in their learning. It is carefully balanced to include adult directed and child-initiated learning. Our recent

Ofsted success highlights how far we have come, and it is fantastic that our child development is judged as outstanding. We aim to ensure that we continue to achieve these high standards in the future.

It has been a privilege to help support the pre-school these last few years and it is with regret that I am stepping down from my role in the committee as Chairperson. I would however like to thank everyone for their support and wish my successor good luck in the role. It has been a pleasure to support such a fabulous setting and wonderful staff!

Thank you.

Emily Farr

Chairperson.



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Annual General Meeting Monday 29th November 2023.

Present: Sarah Sitton, Chris Doel, Stacey Jose, Edward John, Becky John, Kelly Foote, Vicky Atkin, Bethany Shield, Emily Farr, Katrina Bowditch Taylor, Elsie Stacey, Leanne Lawson, Mike Trott, Cathryn Henson, Kirsty Wood, Melissa Farley, Anna Childs, Jacqui Page.

Apologies: Michelle Long, Lucy Gosden, Daniel Childs, Andrew Shield, Shannon Doel and Samantha Elswood.

Emily Farr opened the AGM and thanked everyone for coming.

The minutes for last year's A.G.M were read and approved.

Emily Farr read the chairpersons report (attached) and thanked staff and committee for their hard work.

Emily Farr presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Lucy Goden and discussed the summary of the audited reports (attached).

Sarah Sitton then presented the Manager's report (attached).
Brief Discussion on the importance of fundraising.

Discussions were held on committee roles and responsibilities, Confidentiality, DBS checks and EYA constitution.

Appointment of officers: All committee resigned on block and new officers elected. Rebecca John was elected to Chairperson position (proposed by Emily Farr and seconded by Elsie Stacey) Lucy Gosden sent letter requesting to step down as treasurer. New treasurer Mike Trott was elected, (proposed by Vicky Atkin and seconded by Emily Farr). Michelle Long is to continue on the committee but stepped down as secretary. The secretary role is being filled by Leanne Lawson (proposed by Elsie Stacey and seconded by Edward John). Additionally, Daniel Childs, Claire Parris and Sam Elswood resigned from the committee. Andrew Shield, Shannon Doel and Elsie Stacey were also elected on block to the committee. Rebecca John is to become the committee Safeguarding Officer.

Approval of constitution: The committee decided to continue to adopt the Early Years Alliance model constitution and that they should continue to provide the settings insurance.

Any other Business: Brief discussions on the upcoming Bingo night were held.

Next meeting 05/02/2024 @ 7.30pm

Treasurer's report year 2022-2023

Tatworth Pre-School runs its accounts on the academic year September 1st to August 31st. This year has been a particularly financially challenging one for the pre-school. As everybody is aware we are currently in a cost-of-living crisis, and this has now also affected the pre-school. There has been a large drop in numbers attending the setting and the local primary school. Parents are also waiting until their child is funded before starting pre-school, this has meant a drop in the number of our 2-year-olds attending the setting and therefore a drop in revenue. Our bank balance is still fairly healthy with a balance on 30th August of £24866.33. Unfortunately, this year has been a bit of a perfect storm with wage rises, costs increasing and a drop in child numbers.

Fortunately, due to previous years surpluses we are able to weather the storm where other providers have not. Moving forward there are steps which the setting is taking to redress the balance as outlined in the managers' report. It is likely that this year we will make a loss, but this is not uncommon as birth rates rise and fall, and the setting has experienced this in previous years, although not for a long time. We have made some changes to our fees policy to help address the imbalance in expenditure and income. We have agreed to put up our suggested fee payments to £20.00 from £10.00. We are also introducing a £20.00 registration fee to join the setting but will gift a book bag to each child as they start. We don't feel that we can currently increase the fee charges to parents. We have also taken the difficult decision not to replace the 2 staff members who have left us at the end of this academic year. These measures should address the immediate shortfall, but we will need to keep a very close eye on finances during the next year.

We have also had some additional expenses this year that are also unusual, new computer, printer, shed, lighting, Hoover, carpet cleaner, tree felling works all are items that we would normally require but are needed. I would also like to thank the staff and committee for all their continued hard work.

Lucy Gosden

Treasurer

Manager's report

As explained by the treasurer we have made a substantial loss this year. Anna and I have been looking through the accounts and see some potential for savings. We have reviewed our supply chain, and our supplies are the best we can get. We still need to review our utility bills which are our next project.

We have also made the decision not to replace the 2 staff members who have left at the end of the term. This has meant that the staff have absorbed any additional tasks such as building cleaning, etc. This has meant that we have almost absorbed all the loss with these measures.

The number of children attending the setting this year was lower due to the lower birth rate across the country. Figures from the office for national statistics show birth rates for 2019 were the lowest since 2004. A drop to 1.65 from 2.9 in 2018. 2021 also had a low birth of 1.58 the lowest since Covid.

The good news is that numbers are picking with an additional 5 children set to start in September, with another 9 on our waiting list within the next 12 months. From April the government are also introducing 15 hours of funding for 2-year-old children of eligible working parents which should also help to increase numbers. The government has also started to recognise the shortfall in funding and is increasing our funding from April next year.

Whilst financially it has been a difficult year for the pre-school, for the setting and children it has been a very busy and successful one. We started the year with 21 children and finished the year with 30 children, 16 of which we sent off to primary school. I have spoken to the children's reception teacher and can confirm that they have all settled in well.

We started the new academic year with a completely new curriculum and learning programme, based on our aims and aspirations for the children. This went well and the children seemed to thrive with the new weekly topics and activities. We finished the term with a lovely Christmas show and party.

From January we started to split the children further into age and stage development groups, to support the older children's school readiness and for the younger and SEN children's to concentrate on their three prime areas of development.

Then in February we received our Ofsted visit. All the changes we had made were validated with the results of our Ofsted inspection, maintaining our overall good grading, but for the first time ever with a grading of outstanding for our children's personal development. This is really something to celebrate and is thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staffing team.

Following on from covid we have noticed that there had been a decline in some children's physical development. To help support all our children with their physical development we worked with an organisation called SASP (Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership). We looked to increase the range and number of physical activities we offer to the children. We aimed to embed positive healthy habits and

- Develop skills that will help them to be a successful learner

- Put a smile on your child's face to support their emotional health
- Build social skills that help relationship building
- Contribute to brain development and learning
- Support natural sleep patterns
- Help to maintain a healthy weight

Following on from this work we were able to gain our SASP certification in February, with a big thanks for the amount of work Anna did as SASP co-ordinator to achieve this.

The children had several visits in the second half of the year. We booked in a visit from Axe Valley Wildlife Park to link in with our Dear Zoo topic, and they brought with them a few friends! We also had a visit from the police and the local dentists, who spoke about the importance of oral hygiene. We then had a lovely sports day, before saying goodbye to Faye. Anna was appointed the new deputy manager with Kirsty taking on the role of SENCO and Cathryn offering support of room lead when Anna or Sarah are unavailable. We then finished the year with a lovely leaver's ceremony and party.

We have continued to work on all staff members professional development with several training courses being done, such as: behaviours that challenge, equality and inclusion, send code of practice, children's mental health, child protection, paediatric first aid, to name but a few. Moving forward into next year we are continuing to support further training with several staff members already signed up on various courses.

We have had a very busy fun packed year, and I would like to thank the staff, committee, children and parents who all help to make this such a successful pre-school.

Sarah Sitton

Manager

TATWORTH PRE-SCHOOL

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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
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Signed:

Nicola Hooper

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Chairpersons report 2021-22

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all the committee, staff and parents who have helped support the pre-school this year and promote its continued success. Thankfully we appear to be coming towards the end of the Covid pandemic and things are starting to return to a more normal state.

Our fundraising was very limited again this year as we were unable to hold our Christmas show and Bingo night. We did however put on a show behind closed doors and sold the DVDs to raise money. We held a sponsored Gruffalo hunt around the village unfortunately we did have low support numbers for this which may still be a result of the pandemic. We had also hoped to raise funds at our sports day this summer but due to the extreme temperatures of the heat wave this was also cancelled. The children did however manage one behind closed doors when the temperatures dropped.

Staffing - Staffing has remained the same this year with the addition of Bethany returning from her maternity leave. The staff have continued with their professional development by attending training courses and keeping up to date with curriculum changes. In addition to this we ensure all staff are up to date with Safeguarding, Food Hygiene and First Aid training.

After School Club -The after-school club has remained viable this year despite fluctuations in attendance, and we will continue to offer it next year depending on demand.

Policies and Procedures - The Trustees, Managers and staff have completed a full review of all our Policies and Procedures at the end of the year. Parents/carers can access the Policies and Procedures at any time either via the website or by viewing the file in the reception area of the pre-school.

Website - The pre-school website continues to be updated and developed. We aim to ensure its the first point of contact for any parent/carer who wants information on Tatworth Pre-School but recognise that it is still a work in progress. We have introduced a home learning page to further help support children and parents.

Curriculum - The setting has completely overhauled its curriculum, assessments, and evaluation practices for the changes to the EYFS in September. The results from these changes so far appear to be positive although it is still early days, and we will continue to evaluate as we go along.

Future aims: This year's targets are identified below:

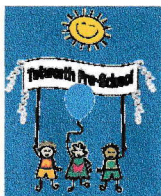
- Outdoor space - continue to develop the outdoor space, review, and replace the toy storage.
- Promote Physical development – We would like to look at gaining accreditation from an organisation called SASP (Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership) We are looking to increase the range and number of physical activities we offer to the children.

We continue to develop good relationships with the local primary schools and have supported visits with all the relevant reception teachers. At the end of his year, we sent 22 children off to start their reception year across 4 schools and understand they have all had a smooth transition.

Thank you to all the committee for their continued support. Michelle is stepping down as Secretary but will remain on the committee. We are also losing Shakira and Josie, thank you for all you have done to help support the pre-school. Finally thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication on behalf of all the children, Parents and Committee.

Emily Farr

Chairperson November 2022.



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Tatworth Pre-School Treasurer's Report

Finances for the year ending 31st August 2022

Overall, for the year ending 31st August 2022, Tatworth pre-school achieved a surplus of £9921.95 meaning that the money coming into pre-school was higher than what was spent by £9921.95. This surplus has arisen largely as a result of increased funding from the Government due to a rise in children's hours in attendance. Also due to the current cost of living increases and awareness of the drop in birth rate in the future, expenditure was kept to a minimum and costs were carefully managed. We also received a Covid recovery grant from the government for £1675.21. Expenditure has started to increase as we have seen some operational costs rise. We have had a 23% increase in the price of our consumable items, and a 24% increase in our utility bills.

The number of children attending the setting this year has meant that we have been able to keep the setting in a good financial position. We also raised a healthy £493.00 with our fundraising efforts with the treasure hunt and Christmas show DVD money.

We have continued this year with our program of purchasing items to support the new curriculum and replacing old, damaged equipment. This year we have purchased: water wall, wheelbarrows, panda playset, farm vehicles, book display unit for the children's book corner, shredder, carpet cleaner, shelf unit. We also spent £1247.80 on building repairs and maintenance.

The pre-school committee and pre-school staff worked hard to secure the financial future of the pre-school, which they have achieved resulting in a healthy surplus of £9921.95. We are aware however of the drop in birth rate over the next 12-24 months and the current cost of living crisis. This means that the surplus money raised this year should help us offset difficult times ahead.

Lucy Gosden

Treasurer

Managers report 2021-22

Thank you all for coming to Tatworth pre-schools AGM. The staff would like to thank the committee for their support this year. This year has been an extremely busy one. With the new EYFS in September we decided to have a complete overhaul of our curriculum, planning, assessment, and policies. We have introduced talk boost for all children 3 and over. This has provided an excellent tool for spotting speech, language and understanding issues early on. We have then been providing a 10-week support package for children that need it. This is working well at helping to narrow the gaps in development.

The new curriculum has also enabled us to provide a whole new range of activities and experiences for the children. We are aiming to give the children as many different experiences, challenges, and development opportunities as we can. This year we have provided an education and care program to support 43 children and their families. We have adapted the curriculum program to offer learning opportunities for both children attending onsite and learning activities at home. Each staff member has played their part in contributing to the preschools planning program and to each child's learning. In the Autumn term we focused on learning to adjust to the new environment and master the routines of toileting, snack and lunch times, circle time, group experiences and investigating rules that make the preschool a safe and comfortable place to learn and play. Our adult initiated topics for the Autumn term were, All about me, recycling, harvest, farming, space, art and music, and room on the broom. In the second half of the term, we made a guy for the village bonfire, we looked at fire safety and fireworks before moving on to explore the topics of Diwali, India, pirates, superhero's, occupations and then Christmas. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions were unable to put on a Christmas show in front of parents but did manage to film one on site for parents to buy copies of. The children did a fantastic job of learning the songs and actions and the lovey costumes were also a treat.

We started the new year looking at shops before moving on to, transport, road awareness, China, where I live, weather, and Dear Zoo. After the spring half term, we looked at families, Africa, and Dinosaurs. We supported World Book Day by dressing up and showing our friends our favourite books. We also had a week of science with lots of experiments and fun activities. We then broke for easter before returning for the last term of the academic year. The weather improved and we looked at, nests, animal habitats, gardening, and Europe. We also celebrated the Queens Jubilee with tea parties, flags, and costumes. We also hatched some caterpillars and watched them grow before releasing them into our garden. This brought us to the last half of the term where we looked at holidays, sun awareness, under the sea, feelings and emotions, people who help us, oral health, and sports day practice. Unfortunately, the decision to cancel sports day had to be taken due to extreme heat.

Our school transition programme with the local primary schools went well with schoolteachers visiting the children here on several occasions. We also held transition meetings with the children's teachers to help ensure a smooth transition for all the children at the pre-school and some children have been able to visit their new schools.

The settings staffing has remained constant this year with Bethany returning from her maternity leave in October. The staff have continued with lots of training and have worked incredibly hard this year in developing our new curriculum. We continue to support the staff with their professional development and so far this year the team have done training on: Child Protection, Working with

infant trauma, Progress checks for 2 year olds, Equality and Diversity, Early talk boost, Legionella awareness, Getting to grips with the EYFS, Food allergy and intolerance training, Food hygiene training and Special educational needs workshops. We continue to strive to make the Pre-School the best it can be and look forward to the years to come. Thank you to all the staff, committee, parents, children, and everyone who has contributed to supporting the Pre-School.

Sarah Sitton

Manager

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Signed: *Nicola Hooper*

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Treasurers Report 2020-2021

Tatworth Pre-School runs its accounts on the academic year from September to September. Attached is a copy of the report from the independent examiner along with the profit and loss report and balance sheet. The setting has managed the financial difficulties brought on by the Covid pandemic well. Despite setting closures and loss of revenue we still remain in a good position.

During the accounting period the setting made a surplus of £183.91. Our cash in hand at the end of the academic year was £40975.08 This was largely due to the setting being able to maintain its current numbers of children within the pre-school.

Whilst 2020/2021 was a challenging year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, with the setting closing for part of the year we were still able to plan for the future by replacing various worn-out furniture, replacing a water heater, putting up a new fence and purchasing a new printer. We have also purchased lots of new resources to help with our new strategies and goals with the new EYFS in September.

Once again, we saw a rise in the minimum wage in April, the setting was able to allow the 19p rise to be passed on to all staff and continue to remain viable. We will need to keep expenditure under review particularly knowing that there will be a future rise in the minimum wage in April.

The fees charged for the pre-school and Afterschool club have not changed this year and we continue to monitor income and expenditure closely.

A review of fees will take place during the Summer Term 2022. A copy of the fees policy is available on the website, notice board in the lobby or can be requested.

This year we had to close our savings account with Nationwide as they are no longer offering the charities account. The account was closed, and the balance put into the main Barclays bank account. We are now in the process of looking to set up another account to transfer our reserves into.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee and staff for their continued hard work.

Chairpersons report 2020-21.

We started off the year still under the clouds of the Corona virus pandemic. The year got off to a quiet start but still with a positive 31 children on roll.

Our fundraising was very limited again this year as we were unable to hold our Christmas show and Bingo night. We did however put on a show behind closed doors and sold the DVD's to raise money. We held a sponsored Gruffalo hunt around the village unfortunately we did have low support numbers for this which may still be a result of the pandemic. We also tried raising funds through selling bags decorated by the children. We just about broke even on this but did have some issues with delayed delivery and issues with the current financial climate may have made people less willing to buy additional bags.

The setting also had to manage 2 Covid 19 outbreaks, which resulted in the setting having to close for 10 days at a time. The setting was able to re-cover some of the lost revenue through the governments job retention scheme.

Staffing- Bethany left us in October to start her Maternity leave and our volunteer student placement Kirsty Wood was employed to cover Bethany's maternity leave. Kirsty also completed her level 3 early years qualification this year, so well done Kirsty. Sadly, we also said goodbye to Megan Parfoot who left us in May to take on a new role as manager of another setting. As Kirsty had stepped into Bethany's shoes so well it was decided to increase Kirsty's hours to cover Megan hours. Cathryn, Mel and Katrina kindly offered to step in and cover the remaining outstanding hours until Bethany returns from her maternity cover next year. Sarah continues as setting manager and business administrator with Faye as deputy manager and SENCO, with Anna as social media administrator and ENCO.

Training- Tatworth Pre-School ensures that staff are always developing their knowledge and skills by attending various training courses to promote their continued professional development. In addition to this we ensure staff are up to date with Safeguarding, Food Hygiene and First Aid training.

After school Club-The after school club has remained viable this year despite fluctuations in attendance, and we will continue to offer it next year depending on demand.

Policies and Procedures- The Trustees and Managers have continued reviewing all our Policies and Procedures, in line with the requirement to conduct an annual review. Some new policies and procedures have been introduced during 2020 - including the COVID policy which has been reviewed and updated many times to ensure current Government guidance is adhered to. Parents/carers can access the Policies and Procedures at any time either via the website or by viewing the file in the reception area of the pre-school.

Website- The Pre-School website continues to be updated and developed. We aim to ensure its the first point of contact for any parent/carer who wants information on Tatworth Pre-School but recognise that it is still a work in progress.

Covid Pandemic- When we returned in September, we needed to limit numbers into bubbles to meet national guidance to ensure we maintained the safety and welfare of all children, staff, parents and carers. 2020 saw a number of changes in response to the pandemic including the changes to how children are dropped off and collected. In addition, staff have adjusted to communicating with parents/carers in different ways. The main achievement this year has therefore been the response by all parents/carers, staff and the children to the Coronavirus

pandemic and all the adjustments that have needed to be made to ensure not only that do we comply with national guidance but that we ensure everyone is as safe as possible.

Future aims: This year's targets are identified below:

- Outdoor space - continue to develop the outdoor space
- Continue to plan for the new EYFS in September
- To develop a new setting curriculum
- Afternoon routine to be reviewed to ensure mirrors the morning routine

Tatworth Pre-School continues to ensure the child is at the centre of all we do. The setting works within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and follows the new Ofsted Framework.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the enormous amount of hard work that went into getting the setting into a place where it could open in a Covid safe way.

The setting finished the year with 44 children on the books and the setting held visits with primary school teachers and had meetings with the Primary schools to ensure a smooth transition for all children in September. We hope that we can move forward towards a more normal time.

Thank you to all the committee for their continued support however it would be nice now to have some new faces to support the Pre-school and help drive its continued success.

Helen Crook December 2021.

Managers' report 2020-2021

Firstly, I would like to thank the staff, parents, children and committee members, for what has been a very challenging year (18 months). There has been so much guidance to wade through and lots of changes to undertake. We have had to make decisions quickly and effectively. We have aimed to maintain a consistent, safe, fun and educational provision, for pre-school children and families, whilst trying to remain sustainable for future generations of our community.

At the end of last year, we sent 21 children off to start their reception year. I am led to believe that they have all settled in very well.

We started this academic year with 31 children on role and the numbers steadily rose to 44.

As a setting we cannot help but notice that the Covid pandemic has had an impact in some children's development and resilience. We have reflected this in our practice this year and have done lots of work on confidence building, offering experiences that promote awe and wonder and stimulate a love of learning. We have continued to have more focused and group work this year strengthening the keyworker and child bonds, the children have responded well to this. We have also seen an increase with children needing additional support from staff with behaviour, communication and language skills.

In anticipation of the new EYFS in September we have started reviewing our planning and activities offered to the children. We have been able to purchase some new resources this year to support this. We have purchased a lot of small world and role play support toys including - dinosaur fossils, bones, Insects, Chinese cooking set, Indian cuisine set and utensils, Paw Patrol, tractors, tea set, robot mice, ocean creatures, ride on bikes and scooters to name but a few. We have also purchased this year a new printer, large table and home corner table and replaced the decking on the Wendy house. We have also painted and repaired the fencing in the garden and had a new water heater fitted.

Staffing - This year I would like to thank staff for their continued support and motivation. They have demonstrated resilience, tenacity, loyalty and commitment to both our setting but mostly to the children and families in our care. This year, we have had some staffing changes. Bethany started her maternity leave in October and Kirsty Wood became a permanent employee, starting with her covering Bethany's maternity leave and then becoming a permanent member of staff by taking on Megan Parfoot's hours when she left us. We were sorry to see Megan leave and wished her well in her new role as setting manager in Buckland St Marys. All other staffing remains the same.

Training -The staff have completed lots of training this year including, workshops to raise awareness of the prevent duty, advanced child protection, theories underpinning the EYFS, making sense of Autism, effective communication and the learning environment, promoting positive behaviour, first aid, food hygiene, providing a healthy food environment, Legionella awareness and reflective practice.

We have had a very busy fun packed year and I would like to thank the staff, committee, children and parents who all help to make this such a successful pre-school.

Sarah Sitton

Manager

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Annual General Meeting 10th December 2020.

Present: Helen Crook, Emily Farr, Lucy Gosden, Kelly Foote, Sarah Sitton, Faye Sharland, Cathryn Henson, Anna Childs, Katrina Bowditch Taylor, Daniel Childs, Shakira Witcher-Ivers, Rachel Willis, Martha Loak,

Apologies: Melissa Farley, Michelle Long, Vicky Horsfall, Lisa Fowler and Megan Parfoot.

Due to the Covid pandemic this year's AGM was done on an online conference call. Sarah opened the meeting on behalf of Helen Crook who joined the meeting a little later, Helen requested that Sarah read the Chairpersons report on her behalf.

The minutes for last year's A.G.M were read and approved.

Sarah read the chairpersons report (attached) and thanked staff and committee for their hard work.

Vicky Horsfall sent in the Treasurer's report and requested that she step down as treasurer as she no longer has any children in the setting. Sarah read the Treasurer's report on Vicky's behalf and discussed the summary of the audited reports (attached).

Sarah Sitton then presented the Manager's report (attached).

Discussions were held on committee roles and responsibilities.

Appointment of officers: All committee resigned on block and new officers elected. Helen Crook was elected to continue as Chairperson (proposed by Lucy Gosden and seconded by Emily Farr). Victoria Horsfall resigned by email letter as Treasurer along with Lisa Fowler, Lucy Gosden is to take over the role as Treasurer (proposed by Kelly Foote and seconded by Helen Crook). Michelle Long is to continue in the secretary role (was proposed by Emily Farr and seconded by Shakira Witcher-Ivers). Additionally, Emily Farr, Daniel Childs, and Kelly Foote are remaining as returning members to the committee. Rachel Willis and Shakira Witcher Ivers are to join the committee and Shakira will take on the role of Vice Chairperson. Emily Farr is to continue the role of committee Safeguarding Officer.

Approval of constitution: The committee decided to continue to adopt the Early Years Alliance model constitution and that they should continue to provide the settings insurance.

Any other Business: Brief discussions on increased costs meaning fees will rise to £5.00 in January. Helen thanked Sarah for all her hard work over the year and brought the meeting to a close.

Next meeting Wednesday 27th January 2021 @ 7.30pm

Chairpersons report 2019-2020.

We started off the year in a very positive place with 32 children returning after the summer. Our first main event was to celebrate Tatworth Pre-school being open for 50 years. We had a wonderful party for past and present staff, and children. One of the highlights was that it was attended by so many of the founding members. As a nice gesture to the children, they were also given a Tatworth Teddy to help them remember their times at Pre-School. We continued our role in the community, making a Guy Fawkes for the village bonfire and decorating a Christmas tree for the church.

Our next big fundraiser was to hold a successful Bingo night in the memorial hall. We had some fantastic donations from local businesses and parents which contributed to an excellent event.

The Pre-school once again put on a Christmas show and the children did a fantastic job learning their songs and actions. This was again well supported by parents and helped us raise more money for play resources in the setting. The setting also had a visit from the local paramedics and police, which was enjoyed by all.

We were looking forward to more exciting events, however, everything came to an abrupt stop with the Covid pandemic. In line with other settings the Covid pandemic shut us down from the end of March to 1st June. The Covid pandemic led to the setting having to undertake changes in the way they operated. There was a lot of preparation, with risk assessments being done, new equipment to buy, and PPE to source. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the enormous amount of hard work that went into getting the setting into a place where it could open in a Covid safe way.

The setting reopened with a small number of children for the last few weeks of term as most parents chose to keep their children at home as we went through the early phase of the pandemic. Smaller class sizes also meant a loss in revenue from the fee's parents paid topping up hours over the Government's 15 hours funding and from non-funded children. The setting felt it had no choice but to furlough some of the staff members to ensure a future for the Pre-School.

We are very fortunate that the staff have been incredibly supportive over the pandemic. They set up Zoom sessions for children who were not able to attend in person and did an enormous amount of online training whilst not at work.

The end of the year was a quiet one, the setting held meetings with the Primary school to ensure a smooth transition for all children in September. There have been no staffing changes this year and we hope that we can move forward towards a more normal time.

Thank you to all the committee for their continued support and a big thank you to Vicky for being our treasurer for the last few years. As she no longer has children at the setting, she will be stepping down today. So, it would be nice now to have some fresh faces to support the committee and inspire us with a fresh wave of fundraising ideas.

Helen Crook December 2020.

Treasurers Report for Accounting period 2019 to 2020

This accounting period has been very productive, down to Sarah's close budget monitoring and the staff's hard work as always.

We started this year with a high number of children in September, so were set up in a good position for the year.

As funds were good, we purchased new shelving for the storage cupboard to help with storage. We also chose to purchase teddy bears to give out to children attending our 50th celebrations. Additional purchases this year have included a new vacuum cleaner, Hero dolls, DIY role play resources and some additional books.

As part of our 50th celebrations Rob Henson kindly undertook some additional fundraising for us. He raised a fantastic £300. We then held a successful Bingo night which further helped with our fundraising adding £415.80 to the pot. Donations from our Nativity show raised £138.00 along with £50.00 for the DVD sales. Our fundraising efforts did not finish there thanks to the effort put in by Katie Bailey and her work with Tesco's blue token scheme we had an additional grant of £1166.00 for the children. With this money we were able to purchase toys and equipment to give the children a much wider access to small world play. We are also wanting to purchase a large play Caterpillar for the garden once things become more normal and we can guarantee delivery.

Whilst things this year were looking positive, we did have to contend with the COVID pandemic. As with so many other businesses we did feel the effects from March onwards. The lockdown and temporary closure of the setting meant we needed to refund those parents for hours were the children did not attend. Once we did open it was not to everyone as some parents wanted to keep their children at home and so again, we have had a drop in fee revenue as less children returned. We estimate that this lost us £7212.39 in income from non-funded children who either cancelled their hours or did not return. This drop in revenue and reduction in children meant that we were over staffed. We took the decision to apply for the Job retention scheme and Furlough some of the staff members during this difficult time. This furlough money has meant we were able to safeguard all current staff jobs during this accounting period.

This year however we have created a gain of £4485.59 which under the circumstances is good. We are aware that shortly we will be facing a bill of approximately £2200 to replace all the fencing to maintain the site security. With the current Covid pandemic still in full flow we must continue to be mindful and carefully review the settings financial position.

Thank you to all our dedicated staff members for all their hard work this year and many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

Managers Report 2019-2020

We started off the academic year in a very strong position. We had 31 children starting back with us in September and this continued to grow to 41 children on our books by the end of the year.

The year got off to a fantastic start with the celebrations of our 50th anniversary. This was supported well by the community and it was lovely to see so many people. We continue our community presence by making Guy Fawkes and holding a Bingo night open to all.

The children all settled in well after the summer holiday and enjoyed taking part in our Autumn activities, finishing off with a fantastic nativity show. Coming back after Christmas we were lucky enough to have visits from both the police and the paramedics to the setting. The children enjoyed going into the police van and looking at the flashing lights. They did some lovely work around people who help us.

Then as we moved into March the world changed for us all with the Covid pandemic. We shut the setting at the end of March for lockdown. All staff took the opportunity to complete lots of online courses for their continued professional development. We also introduced a new Covid risk assessment and had to look at new ways to operate to ensure that the setting remained Covid safe for both staff and children.

When we did reopen again, it was to a much smaller group of children as lots of parents kept their children at home due to fears over the pandemic or parents protecting shielded and vulnerable family members. The setting also had 2 staff members who were considered clinically extremely vulnerable and so were not able to work. The government made the decision that we would continue to receive funding based on an estimate of how many funded children would have attended in pre-pandemic conditions. Whilst this did help financially, we did lose over £7,000 in expected revenue from non-funded children and top up fee payments. It was therefore felt, that to secure the future of the setting and staff jobs that we would need to furlough some of the staff members.

During the pandemic we had the opportunity to review many of our working systems and trial new ideas. We have made changes to planning, evaluations and room set up. Whilst these remain under review, several of the new measures have proved very positive. We have also reviewed our policies and procedures and have now amended and updated several of them.

As not all children were able to return to the setting, we felt that we needed to stay in touch with everyone and provide support where we could. This meant we had to trial new ways of providing education and so we introduced Zoom sessions. This proved very popular and I would like to thank the staff in setting this up and providing such a positive experience. Those children who did return settled back amazingly well and had a great summer term.

Sadly, this year the children missed out on so many of the usual experiences, such as sports day, school visits and end of term parties. We were, however, able to hold detailed school

entry plan meetings with the Primary School to enable a smooth transition for all. We were also able to give the children a leaving gift of a school P.E. bag at the end of term.

Whilst fundraising has very much been on the back burner, we were very fortunate to receive a grant from Tesco's charity bag scheme. With this money we were able to purchase some new indoor toys and equipment for the children. In addition, once things have settled down, we will be using the remainder of the money to purchase a new climbing caterpillar for the garden.

This year has been incredibly hard and challenging for everyone. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication, and resilience. They have gone above and beyond to help and support the setting, children, parents, and fellow staff members. This has been a big learning curve for us all. I must also take this opportunity to thank parents, carers, and committee members for all their good wishes and support.

Moving forward we continue to support, evolve, and plan for the upcoming year and everything it may bring. Thank you to all the amazing children, because without you there would not be a Pre-school.

Sarah Sitton

Manager

Tatworth pre-School

Tatworth Pre-school 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

Profit and loss report

INCOME	
NEF	£ 82,231.34
Fees	£ 9,232.78
EYPP	£ 189.21
Uniform	£ 341.81
Grants	£ 10,466.05
Vouchers	£ 150.25
Fundraising	£ 1,066.70
Other income	£ -
Interest	£ 10.12
Total	£ 103,688.26

EXPENDITURE	
Salaries	£ 82,352.30
rent	£ 3,512.55
food	£ 329.40
Utilities	£ 2,694.08
consumables	£ 1,516.83
equipment	£ 1,245.71
Office Cost	£ 1,304.03
Meeting	£ 142.69
other	£ 6,094.96
Total	£ 99,192.55
Surplus	£ 4,495.71

Balance sheet

BANK	
Current Account	£ 30,678.89
Savings Account	£ 10,112.28
Total	£ 40,791.17
petty cash	£ 50.00
Accounts	
Opening balance	£ 36,295.35
Surplus	£ 4,495.71
Cash in Hand	£ 40,791.06

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Tatworth Pre-school

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1022464

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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. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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; and
 - 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:

Nicola Hooper

Date:

28th October 2020

Name: NICOLA HOOPER

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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

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