

# EXMINSTER PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1024111

## Details

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Other names	EXMINSTER PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1993-07-30
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**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:** Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities for pre-school children in the local community. Offering such opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability. Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families.

## Classification

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

## Geography

- Devon

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£240,467	£261,331	-	-
2024-03-31	£213,335	£230,126	-	-
2023-03-31	£208,803	£235,215	-	-
2022-03-31	£193,592	£213,689	-	-
2021-03-31	£178,904	£189,238	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Mollie Curnow</b>	Chair	2025-01-10
Bianca Roke		2021-10-14
LEAH LOUISE BARNES		2018-06-13
Lesley Gibbins		2025-01-10
Rebekah Ovens		2024-01-05

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# Accounts

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# Exminster Pre-school Committee Meeting,

## Tuesday 9th December 2025 - Minutes

Emmanuel Chapel, 7.30pm

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### 1. Welcome & Apologies

Attendees: Bekah Ovens, Mollie Curnow, Leah Barnes, Lesley Gibbins, Kerry Stanley, Stacie Spencer and Bianca Roke

Apologises: None

### 2. Accept minutes from last meeting - accepted

### 3. Matters arising from minutes - None

### 4. Chair Report

All agreed that the Bazaar and Santa Tour were a great success. Final figures are still being calculated but it looks like we took almost £2,500, which is a great achievement. We had a few investment expenses such as the inflatable grotto, but this was a really successful addition that saved so much time setting up in the morning that it was worth the money. There were a couple of suggestions for next year, one being we need some music in the show room to create a welcoming atmosphere. The other was to make sure we have payment for the hire tables in advance of the day. Two trades people booked tables but actually didn't turn up on the day. The other stalls were very successful. We should get the final figure before the end of next week.

At the next meeting we need to discuss Staff pay in light of the proposed living wage increase in April next year and the need to increase fees alongside this. DCC will announce the new rates for the Early Years funding in January. Action: Ask Sarah to prepare 3 options of degrees of rises for the committee to discuss.

### 5. Playleader Report

Numbers have slowly been increasing since the start of the new academic year, but recently we have had a lot of interest for places for two-year-olds, however, although they bring in more money this has to be offset by the fact they need a higher staff ratio, which counters this. Careful admissions need to be managed.

We had a successful Parents evening in November and were pleased with the large number who attended.

Plans are being made for next year's Cygnets programme. This will be a small intake but it does mean we will be able to condense our visits to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, which will help with staffing.

We are still having issues with the camera doorbell, the live feed on the camera seems to work intermittently but I'm hopeful that it is only a glitch that we can resolve pretty easily because when it does work it works really well.

### 6. Treasurer Report

Outstanding fees – reviewed – Leah to chase the two larger bills.

End of year accounts for 2024-2025 have now been audited, see attached. 2024-2025 has again ended with a year loss of - £20,864 which

unfortunately continues the trend of net loss for the fourth year. Again, our biggest expenses is staff wages and rent. At the moment there is little we can do about the rent. If and when the proposed new extension is built, then we can try to negotiate a new rental payment. We will need to look at staffing carefully over the next year to see if we can make any reduction without it impacting on the service we provide.

Considerations:

Check and recalculate the Redundancy total.

Crack down on the outstanding fees. We have several historic debts that need addressing. Any new debts seem to be manageable and in line with our payment policy.

Accounts to be audited in a timelier manner – We are already only a few months away from the end of the next financial year, which means that any actions as a result of findings from 2024-2025 are of little use to this year.

Accept accounts for financial year 2024-2025 - Yes

7. Any Other Business

Discussions were being carried out between the Parish Council & Deepway Trust about the proposed extension to the Deepway centre. This extension has plans for a dedicated space for Pre-school. However, we are still struggling to agree on the layout for the Pre-school space. It is frustrating that the decisions about the layout is being led by the Parish council who do not have a realistic idea of how Preschool actually want to use the space. This is disappointedly slow going.

The committee were thanked for their contribution this year and wished a happy Christmas!

8. Date/venue of next meeting

To be confirmed via WhatsApp.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Curran". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Exminster Pre-school  
**Nominal Activity Report**

Category: All, Ledger Account: All

Nominal Code	Ledger Name	Category	Opening Balance	Total Debits this period	Total Credits this period	Closing Balance
0030	Office equipment and IT - Cost	Fixed Assets	201.79 Dr			201.79 Dr
1100	Trade Debtors	Current Assets	6,633.68 Dr	241,713.95	244,718.30	3,629.33 Dr
1200	Bank Account	Bank	19,062.58 Dr	279,003.60	264,698.23	33,367.95 Dr
1210	Cash	Bank	56.15 Dr	2,965.50	2,997.65	24.00 Dr
1220	Cambridge and Counties Bank (Reserve)	Bank	77,768.78 Dr	3,699.93	20,000.00	61,468.71 Dr
1230	Barclays	Bank	35,902.83 Dr	496.48	15,000.00	21,399.31 Dr
2100	Trade Creditors	Current Liability	367.86 Cr	10,207.83	10,817.45	977.48 Cr
2210	PAYE to pay to HMRC	Current Liability	0.00 Cr	14,489.49	14,489.49	0.00 Cr
2211	Other taxes to pay HMRC	Current Liability	0.00 Cr	1,671.90	1,671.90	0.00 Cr
2220	NI to pay to HMRC	Current Liability	0.00 Cr	9,807.48	9,807.48	0.00 Cr
2230	Pension	Current Liability	0.00 Cr	12,529.45	13,249.40	719.95 Cr
2250	Net Wages	Current Liability	0.00 Cr	196,054.77	196,054.77	0.00 Cr
2280	Student Loan	Current Liability	0.00 Cr	46.00	46.00	0.00 Cr
4000	Sales - Uniform	Sales	385.10 Cr		102.00	487.10 Cr
4010	Parent Subs	Sales	123,134.02 Cr	1,166.80	24,261.95	146,229.17 Cr
4100	DCC - Funding	Other Income	477,126.75 Cr		209,163.36	686,290.11 Cr
4200	Bank Interest	Other Income	2,511.97 Cr		3,968.97	6,480.94 Cr
4500	Fundraising	Other Income	6,238.27 Cr		3,177.55	9,415.82 Cr
4600	Donations	Other Income	2,193.72 Cr		175.21	2,368.93 Cr
4700	Grant	Other Income	0.00 Cr		100.00	100.00 Cr
4800	Late Payment Fee	Other Income	30.00 Cr			30.00 Cr
4900	Other income	Other Income	1,936.87 Cr		684.30	2,621.17 Cr
5000	Cost of Sales - Goods	Direct Expenses	6,598.24 Dr	1,806.50		8,404.74 Dr

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 Nominal Activity Report

5001	Food Purchased for Children's Snack Time	Direct Expenses	3,463.13 Dr	1,288.06		4,751.19 Dr
7000	Employee Wages and Salaries	Overheads	539,391.04 Dr	210,560.63		749,951.67 Dr
7006	Employers NI Contribution	Overheads	30,720.94 Dr	13,681.25		44,402.19 Dr
7011	Statutory Maternity Pay (Reclaimed)	Overheads	0.00 Cr		72.68	72.68 Cr
7020	Employers NI	Overheads	0.00 Cr	6,908.01	6,908.01	0.00 Cr
7030	Employer's Pension	Overheads	8,442.44 Dr	3,952.59		12,395.03 Dr
7060	Statutory Sick Pay	Overheads	0.00 Cr	583.75		583.75 Dr
7070	Statutory Maternity Pay	Overheads	0.00 Cr	2,449.73	2,449.73	0.00 Cr
7100	Rent	Overheads	66,308.50 Dr	22,224.00		88,532.50 Dr
7140	Insurance	Overheads	3,765.36 Dr	1,391.13		5,156.49 Dr
7500	Office Costs/Stationery/Postage	Overheads	1,792.12 Dr	813.85		2,605.97 Dr
7501	Play Equipment Purchased	Overheads	4,734.76 Dr	161.89	87.26	4,809.39 Dr
7502	Telephone	Overheads	666.49 Dr	151.02		817.51 Dr
7503	Books	Overheads	179.57 Dr	14.26		193.83 Dr
7504	Staff Costs	Overheads	588.04 Dr			588.04 Dr
7506	Trips and Visits	Overheads	1,180.75 Dr	809.20		1,989.95 Dr
7507	Misc	Overheads	160.00 Dr			160.00 Dr
7508	Fundraising Expenses	Overheads	1,001.98 Dr	308.92		1,310.90 Dr
7550	Computer & Software	Overheads	1,963.13 Dr	626.58		2,589.71 Dr
7800	Repairs and Renewals	Overheads	301.85 Dr	103.65		405.50 Dr
7810	Cleaning	Overheads	1,762.53 Dr	846.76		2,609.29 Dr
7900	Bank Charges and Interest	Overheads	2,031.98 Cr	11.12	227.44	2,248.30 Cr
8100	Bad Debts	Overheads	14.84 Dr			14.84 Dr
8210	Subscriptions	Overheads	1,204.25 Dr	373.00		1,577.25 Dr
8220	Clothing Costs	Overheads	89.15 Dr	941.55		1,030.70 Dr
8230	Training Costs	Overheads	4,515.86 Dr	971.00		5,486.86 Dr

From: 01/04/2024

To: 31/03/2025

Exminster Pre-school  
**Nominal Activity Report**

20 Oct 2025

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8240	Refreshments	Overheads	175.88 Dr	97.50	273.38 Dr
9998	Opening Balances	Overheads	202,690.12 Cr		202,690.12 Cr



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Exminster Pre School

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1024111

Set out on pages

3-6

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025<sup>YYY</sup>.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Helen Hibbins

Date:

07/11/2025

Name:

Helen Hibbins

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

BSc CiLCA

(if any):

Address:

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

N/A

# Exminster Pre-school

## Profit and Loss Report

01 April, 2024 - 31 March, 2025

<b>Sales</b>		
4000 - Sales - Uniform	102.00	
4010 - Parent Subs	23,095.15	
4100 - DCC - Funding	209,163.36	
4200 - Bank Interest	3,968.97	
4500 - Fundraising	3,177.55	
4600 - Donations	175.21	
4700 - Grant	100.00	
4900 - Other income	684.30	
	<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>£240,466.54</b>
<b>Direct Expenses</b>		
5000 - Cost of Sales - Goods	1,806.50	
5001 - Food Purchased for Children's Snack Time	1,288.06	
	<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>£3,094.56</b>
	<b>GROSS PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>£237,371.98</b>
<b>Overheads</b>		
7000 - Employee Wages and Salaries	210,560.63	
7006 - Employers NI Contribution	13,681.25	
7011 - Statutory Maternity Pay (Reclaimed)	-72.68	
7030 - Employer's Pension	3,952.59	
7060 - Statutory Sick Pay	583.75	
7100 - Rent	22,224.00	
7140 - Insurance	1,391.13	
7500 - Office Costs/Stationery/Postage	813.85	

7501 - Play Equipment Purchased	74.63	
7502 - Telephone	151.02	
7503 - Books	14.26	
7506 - Trips and Visits	809.20	
7508 - Fundraising Expenses	308.92	
7550 - Computer & Software	626.58	
7800 - Repairs and Renewals	103.65	
7810 - Cleaning	846.76	
7900 - Bank Charges and Interest	-216.32	
8210 - Subscriptions	373.00	
8220 - Clothing Costs	941.55	
8230 - Training Costs	971.00	
8240 - Refreshments	97.50	
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	<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>£258,236.27</b>
	<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>-£20,864.29</b>

# Exminster Pre-school

## Balance Sheet Report

To: 31 March, 2025

### ASSETS

#### Fixed Assets

0030 - Office equipment and IT - Cost	201.79	
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>£201.79</b>

#### Current Assets

1100 - Trade Debtors	3,629.33	
1200 - Bank Account	33,367.95	
1210 - Cash	24.00	
1220 - Cambridge and Counties Bank (Reserve)	61,468.71	
1230 - Barclays	21,399.31	
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>£119,889.30</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **£120,091.09**

### LIABILITIES

#### Current Liabilities

2100 - Trade Creditors	977.48	
2230 - Pension	719.95	
	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£1,697.43</b>

#### Future Liabilities

**Total Future Liabilities** **£0.00**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **£1,697.43**

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<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>£118,393.66</b>
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**EQUITY**

Net Profit / Loss	118,393.66
<i>Net Profit / Loss (prior year(s))</i>	139,257.95
<i>Net Profit / Loss (current year)</i>	-20,864.29

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<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>£118,393.66</b>
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**EXMINSTER PRE-SCHOOL**

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# Accounts

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## **1. Treasurer's Report**

### **a. Financial Summary**

2023-2024 ended with a year loss of - £16,791 which unfortunately continues the trend of net loss for the fourth year, however, it is a significantly lower loss than the previous 3 years. We are also pleased to see that at the end of the last term we actually turned a profit. This is the first time since Covid that we have had a positive balance. We hope that this might be a sign that we have turned a corner.

### **b. Accept accounts for financial year 2023-2024 - Yes**

## **2. Chair's Report**

As chair of the committee, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in Exminster Pre-school this year - the children and their parents and carers, the fabulous Pink Ladies and Pre-school admin staff, my fellow committee members and those in the community who have donated to our fundraisers or supported us in any other way.

It's been another exciting year with lots of successes to celebrate so I'll run through some of the highlights!

This time last year, we were pleased to make a new rental agreement with the Deepway Trust for year-round use of the Deepway Centre. This meant that we could go full steam ahead with our plans for new opening hours which launched in January, with earlier opening and holiday club making us much more accessible for working parents in the village.

Before that we had a fantastic festive season with the annual Santa tour (always an amazing event), followed by the Christmas bazaar. The bazaar hadn't run since before covid but was a big success and we were really pleased with the total raised by the Christmas events.

In the summer term, the Deepway Centre was given a fresh lick of paint and new turf was laid in the garden. The Pink Ladies pulled out all the stops with very little notice to create a lovely outdoor space for the children to play in! It will be nice to be able to enjoy the new improved main garden when it's ready.

More excitement in June came in the form of the trip to Drakes Farm, which sounded like a great day out. As the Royal Oak's charity of the year, we were able to use money raised from their Big Lunch event to pay for the coach, which was brilliant. Thank you to Leah and all the staff involved for putting on such a lovely trip for the children. The success of this was particularly impressive with both Leah and Julie unable to attend on the day due to injury!

We've got more events to look forward to next week - the summer disco, teddy bears picnic and the leaving presentation for Cygnets!

Meanwhile, progress has been made collecting outstanding fees from previous years and systems have been put in place to help prevent parents from getting behind on their payments in future.

We're interested to see how the new funding for 2 year olds will affect us over the coming year - we are hopeful that it will increase numbers in the Ducklings.

We are aware that there is still a need in the village for childcare for Under 2s, and while we are currently unable to offer this due to lack of space, this is something that the committee will continue to think about.

It really has been a pleasure to have been involved with this warm, community focussed organisation for the last 3 years. The Pre-school genuinely cares so much about every child that walks through its doors and we are very lucky to have it in our village.

It is now time for me to step down as chair but the Pre-school relies on its committee to run so if you are considering getting involved, I cannot recommend enough that you do. The time commitment is small but your involvement will make a huge difference and your input will be greatly appreciated.

**Exminster Pre-school****Year End Accounts 2023-24****Year Ending****31 March 2023 31 March 2024****Opening Balances:**

	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Santander current account	52772	25838
Barclays deposit account	35398	35476
Cambridge & Counties account	89786	90684
Cash		
	<b>177956</b>	<b>151998</b>

**Sales**

Uniform	111	154
Invoices to Parents	37287	46960
DCC - Funding	168252	160347
Bank Interest	971	2512
Fundraising	1841	2560
Donations	194	334
Late Payment Fee		30
Other income	147	438
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>208803</b>	<b>213335</b>

**Overheads/Expenses**

Cost of Sales - Goods	1,672	3,023
Food Purchased for Children's Snack Time	1,203	932
Employee Wages and Salaries	188,657	184235
Employers NI Contribution	11,432	11389
Employer's Pension	3,078	3252
Rent	23,430	21262
Insurance	1,179	1327
Office Costs/Stationery/Postage	687	717
Play Equipment Purchased	601	1100
Telephone	151	163
Books	112	9
Staff Costs	157	112
Trips and Visits	33	122
Fundraising Expenses	345	124
Computer & Software	593	348
Repairs and Renewals	302	948
Cleaning	883	132
Bank Charges and Interest		10
Bad Debts	15	
Subscriptions	497	349
Clothing Costs	22	67
Training Costs	92	420
Refreshments	77	86
<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>235215</b>	<b>230126</b>

Surplus (Receipts-Payments)

**-26412 -16791****151998 132790****Closing Balances:**

Santander current account	25838	19063
Barclays deposit account	35476	35903
Cambridge and Counties account	90684	77769
Cash		56
	<b>151998</b>	<b>132790</b>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Exminster Pre-school

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1024111

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
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Signed:

Date:

02/07/2024

Name:

Helen Hibbins

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

CiLCA

Address:

54 Milbury Farm Meadow, Exminster, EX6 8FG

**Section B****Disclosure**

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N/A

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity No. 1024111  
Ofsted Registration 106118

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

### **a. Financial Summary**

2022-2023 ended with a year loss of -£26,412.18 which unfortunately continues the trend of net loss for the third year.

### **b. Accept accounts for financial year 2022-2023 - yes**

## **6. Chair's Report**

As chair of the committee, please let me place on record my thanks to everyone who has contributed to another successful year for Exminster Pre-School.

- Our children, parents and carers
- The Pink Ladies
- Our administrative staff
- Our committee, who continue to play their part on a voluntary basis
- The wider community who have engaged with the pre-school in any way

This has been a busy year for the pre-school. In order to offer an update to members, I will mention some of the projects and achievements of the year:

In July there was a meeting between the Preschool committee and the Deepway Trust. The purpose of such meeting was to negotiate year-round hire of the Deepway Centre to enable childcare during school holidays. A 50 week/year hire proposal was submitted to the Deepway Trust and I am pleased to report that an agreement has been reached that will enable the preschool to serve the community with year round childcare for children of preschool age. This is being launched in January 2024.

Following difficulties with our website, the preschool saw this an opportunity to build a new website.

Steps have been taken to tackle outstanding fees.



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Christmas 2022 was a success and this coming Christmas looks to be even bigger with the famous santa tour taking place on Thursday 07 December and the return of the Christmas bazaar at the Royal Oak on Saturday 09 December.

The Santa videos and numerous discos to suit all occasions have proven very popular with the children and it is with huge thanks to the pink ladies for organising these events.

Aims for the coming year is to improve the garden area at the preschool.

Unfortunately, we have still not been supported in our vision to provide 0-2 provision to the village, which necessitates new premises or indeed a revision of how we can use the space at the Deepway Centre. We continue to view this as a critical next step for the village. We will continue to consider alternatives, and what might be possible, as we continue to try our best to serve our community with the provision families might expect, and certainly deserve.

I have been a serving member of the committee for two years, sitting as chair for the last 12 months. It has been a privilege to be part of the committee but unfortunately, commitments elsewhere mean I seek to end my term as chair.

The committee is a welcoming group and crucial for the continuation of our much loved preschool. The charity relies on support from its members, which includes all of those who have children at the preschool. Hopefully, we can count on the support of some of you here present this evening, to join the committee and offer your own insight and experience. The time commitment is small, but the impact is mighty.

**Exminster Pre-school****Year End Accounts 2022-23****Year Ending****31 March 2022 31 March 2023****Opening Balances:**

	£	£
Santander current account	77268	52772
Barclays deposit account	35395	35398
Cambridge & Counties account	88718	89786
	<b>201381</b>	<b>177956</b>

**Receipts**

Fees and subscriptions	39019	37287
Early Years' Grant	148528	168252
Fundraising	1837	1841
Grants and Donations	1666	194
Interest	1071	971
Other	1471	259
	<b>193592</b>	<b>208803</b>

**Payments**

Staff Wages	166499	188657
Tax/NI/Pension	10013	14510
Rent	21617	23430
Insurance and registrations	1260	1179
Snacks	1329	1203
Cost of fundraising	309	345
Staff uniform and costs	319	179
Training	4004	92
Educational visits and visitors	1026	33
Play equipment purchased	3034	601
Office costs/stationery/postage	388	687
Telephone	353	151
Books	58	112
Computer & Software	422	593
Repairs and Renewals		302
Cleaning	748	883
Bad Debts		15
Subscriptions	359	497
Refreshments	13	77
Cost of Sales - Goods	1903	1672
Misc	36	
	<b>213689</b>	<b>235215</b>

Surplus (Receipts-Payments)

**-20097 -26412****177956 151998****Closing Balances:**

Santander current account	52772	25838
Barclays deposit account	35398	35476
Cambridge and Counties account	89786	90684
	<b>177956</b>	<b>151998</b>



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

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Charity no (if any)

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Signed:

*Helen Hibbins*

Date:

13/10/2023

Name:

Helen Hibbins

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

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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N/A

**EXMINSTER PRE-SCHOOL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1024111

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# Accounts

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As chair of the committee, please let me place on record my thanks to everyone who has contributed to another successful year for Exminster Pre-School.

- Our children, parents and carers
- The Pink Ladies
- Our administrative staff
- Our committee, who continue to play their part on a voluntary basis
- The wider community who have engaged with the pre-school in any way

It has been a pleasure to see our staff able to continue to 'return to normal' after working through the COVID pandemic. Of course, that has not always meant it has been easy, as we have all navigated how best to handle unexpected occurrences, including storms, the passing of the Monarch, and many other things besides. Thanks to you all, for your professionalism, and for continuing to offer your best to our children.

This has been a busy year for the pre-school. In order to offer an update to members, I will mention some of the projects and achievements of the year:

- Discussion and planning of the charity's possible conversion to 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' Status, which is also known as CIO.
- An inaugural provision of a summer school. Thanks to staff who attended this. Thanks also to the Deepway Community Trust for their negotiation of a different hourly rate, in our hiring of the hall, which made this viable.
- The ever-popular 'Santa Tour' was bigger and better than ever, alongside other successful fundraising activity through the year

Unfortunately, we have still not been supported in our vision to provide 0-2 provision to the village, which necessitates new premises. We continue to view this as a critical next step for the village. We will continue to consider alternatives, and what might be possible, as we continue to try and best serve our community with the provision families might expect, and certainly deserve.

Commitments elsewhere mean that I will be ending my two-year service to the committee. So I would also like to say how privileged I have felt to offer what I could to the pre-school. The appointment of trustees is essential to the running of our pre-school. The committee is a welcoming group, with a culture of encouragement and support for anyone who wishes to contribute to the success of this crucial first step of education for local children. The charity relies on support from its members, which includes all of us who have children at the pre-school. Hopefully, we can count on the support of some of you here present this evening, to join the committee and offer your own insight and experience. The time commitment is small, but the impact is mighty.

**Exminster Pre-school****Year End Accounts**

<b>Year Ending</b>	<b>31-Mar-21</b>	<b>31 March 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Santander current account	89122	77268
Barclays deposit account	35379	35395
Cambridge & Counties account	87215	88718
	<b>211715</b>	<b>201381</b>

**Receipts**

Fees and subscriptions	29449	39019
Early Years' Grant	142571	148528
Fundraising	406	1837
Grants and Donations	0	1666
Interest	1520	1071
Other	4957	1471
	<b>178904</b>	<b>193592</b>

**Payments**

Staff Wages	150185	166499
Tax/NI/Pension	9028	10013
Rent	19242	21617
Materials and consumables	2764	
Equipment	2847	
Insurance and registrations	1844	1260
Administration	317	
Snacks	648	1329
Cost of fundraising	169	309
Staff uniform and costs	806	319
Training	832	4004
Educational visits and visitors	245	1026
Other	311	
Play equipment purchased		3034
Office costs/stationery/postage		388
Telephone		353
Books		58
Computer & Software		422
Cleaning		748
Subscriptions		359
Refreshments		13
Cost of Sales - Goods		1903
Misc		36
	<b>189238</b>	<b>213689</b>

Surplus (Receipts-Payments)	<b>-10334</b>	<b>-20097</b>
	<b>201381</b>	<b>177956</b>

Represented by account balances at

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**EXMINSTER PRE-SCHOOL**

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# Exminster Pre-school - Annual General Meeting 2021

## Minutes

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**Date/Time of Meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October @ 7.45pm

**Location:** Immanuel church, Exminster

Daniel North (Chair), Charlotte Stone (treasurer), Clair Reed (Secretary), Leah Barnes (Manager), Karen Beal (Administrator), Jo Hobbs (pink lady),

Apologies: Michalea

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

DN welcomed committee members, staff and parents to the AGM and explained the voting procedures in the Pre-school Constitution.

### 2. Accept Minutes from last AGM

The minutes from the last AGM held on the Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were distributed to the attendees via email prior to AGM. DN proposed that these minutes were accepted. Members voted to accept the minutes and there were no objections. DN and CS signed the minutes off as a true and accurate reflection of the last AGM.

### 3. Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising

### 4. Staff Report

Leah Barnes read the following report.

This report is for the period December 2020 until September 2021. It has been another unusual year, in and out of Lockdown and the various social restrictions but a new normal was achieved. Unfortunately, restrictions meant we were not able to run our annual Christmas Bazaar, but we couldn't let Christmas go by with out a visit from Santa. Sean and his team at Berrybrook motors saved the day by fully immersing themselves in the Santa tour and it felt almost like a carnival. We were so grateful for all their time and effort to provide a wonderful community event. Thinking outside the box we decided to ask Santa to come to Pre-school and record a little message for each child. For a small fee, children were sent a personal recording from Santa along with a

small gift and this proved very popular. We were pleased that we managed to raise over half our usual amount, which in Covid times we class as a real success!

We finished the term by recording our Christmas performance and sending it out on Tapestry. This was the next best thing to having parents in person to see the show.

The year has passed by without too many hiccups. We haven't had to close and neither have we had any positive cases. I can't thank the staff enough for being flexible with their time, adaptable with their practices and the care and attention they have given to the children and each other. The children's health and wellbeing has been our priority and our curriculum has been full of fun activities to distract from the difficult times. Sadly, the Cygnets were unable to spend time at the Primary school again this year but the teaching staff did come to us and spent time getting to know the children. I'm sure this positive approach really helped with a smooth transition to school.

We ran with very good numbers throughout the year. We continued with our new room layout and the 3 groupings, each having their own space and staff team. We have continued with our enhanced cleaning of the hall and wearing indoor shoes. These have been a great success and we really appreciate parents support in helping this to work. We are always looking at ways to improve and be more environmentally friendly and this year we have been using washable individual hand towels instead of paper towels. This has so far been very successful and hopefully saved some trees!

Training has always played an important role in the development of our Pre-School. This summer staff have been focused on completing lots of training on the new EYFS 2021, which came in force this September. The staff have all embraced the changes and we are navigating around the changes to Tapestry, our online system. Staff are excellent at discussing, debating and implementing change to the way we deliver the curriculum and we are very proud that the staff team are so professional in their attitude towards the children's learning. We continue to support staff in their own professional development. Fiona is in her last year of her degree. Congratulations to Martha on completing her degree, she has remained with us on our bank staff whilst she is doing her PGCE year. We wish them both good luck! Congratulations to Teresa and Jo Lovell on completing the Level 3 in Early years and Jo Hobbs on completing the Level 2 in Early years. Well, done, it's not easy to balance work, family and study! Jo Hobbs is now studying for the Level 3!

In January we welcomed two new staff members Kirsty and Katy. They are a great addition to the team. Kirsty has began studying the Level 3 in Early Years and Katy is studying the Level 2 in Early Years. We wish them all good luck.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Helen, who has been absolutely wonderful throughout her time with us. We welcome Jess who takes up the challenge to keep us all financially sound!

We have purchased new equipment, generously funded by parents from various fundraising events. A great hit was a much larger climbing frame with climbing wall! Unfortunately, a sad point in the holidays was the wreckage left by the Travellers who came to visit. We were overwhelmed by the support from the community, it really was amazing! The gofund me page couldn't have been better. We were so grateful; it made an awful situation so much better.

We are delighted to announce that we have begun working in partnership with the Baby and Toddler group based in the Victory Hall. Fi has been running their craft table and music session at the end of the morning. We hope this will be a positive relationship that will help children become familiar with the Pink ladies before they start with us. Staff will be available to offer advice and support to parents and families. We are really excited about this new venture and how it will grow over the coming year.

We look forward to a new year and new achievements. Working towards becoming a CIO and a space of our own to expand and develop.

I thank all the staff for their hard work, support, enthusiasm, friendship and fantastic team work! Every Pink lady plays their part in making Exminster Pre-school a really great Pre-school.

I would also like to thank all the committee for all the hard work they do for free. Without the support of the committee, we would not be able to run and they have really worked hard to make my job and Pre-school run efficiently.

Thank you very much.

Leah Barnes

## 5. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Summary – DN broke down the main points of the end of year accounts. Accounts for the year ending March 2021. Deficit - £10,334 which mainly came from wages and the furlough scheme.
2. Accept accounts for financial year 2020-2021: Due to be externally audited. The Accounts were accepted

## 6. Chair's Report

Daniel North read out the following report:

If you search for Exminster Pre-School on the charity commission website, our charity's goal is clearly stated: Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities for pre-school children in the local community. This has been made possible by the contribution of many, across the last year. Firstly, with thanks to the committee, who have continued to offer leadership to the charity on a voluntary basis. However, the most significant, heartfelt thanks must go to Leah and all of the Pink Ladies, who offer so much to our young people every day. Since the AGM of December 2020, some of the

toughest moments of the coronavirus pandemic have been faced. Against this backdrop, all staff have shown humbling levels of commitment to the work, and to the children. Thank you.

Even without considering the impact of coronavirus, this has been a busy year for the pre-school. In order to offer an update to members, I will mention some of the projects and achievements of the year:

- The charity has taken time to set up new ways to receive donations, via PayPal and Amazon Smile. These are easy ways for everyone, not just members, to support the charity.
- We have seen the Pink Ladies begin to offer planned, bespoke support to the toddler group that runs at the Victory Hall on Wednesday mornings.
- The ever-popular 'Santa Tour' was able to run and offer some relief and joy to the village at a difficult time in the winter
- We continued to liaise with the Parish Council in regards to the possibility of a new building, in order to start offering nursery provision. Although this was ultimately not possible, the committee considers 0-2 provision to be a critical next step for the village and will consider what alternatives may be viable across the next year.
- Finally, we must place on record once more our thanks to the community of Exminster who raised an incredible sum of money in order for the pre-school to purchase new play equipment, when so much was destroyed in the summer by the group that temporarily took residence at Deepway.

During this year, the pre-school took a double-page spread in the Exminster *Scene* magazine, to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The committee have spent much time discussing the future of the pre-school and the steps that may need to be taken in order to see the pre-school thrive across the next 40 years. At the heart of this discussion is a desire to best serve local families. Across the next year, the committee will actively pursue this goal by

- Continuing to investigate the possibility of providing much needed 0-2 years old provision to the parish
- Proceeding to amend the charity's status to that of a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation)
- Supporting staff to embrace the new EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Curriculum
- Continuing to play an active role in the community

So, clearly there is much to consider across the next year. I am coming to the end of my first year on the committee, and hope to continue. It is a welcoming group, with a culture of encouragement and support for anyone who wishes to contribute to the success of this crucial first step of education for local children. The charity relies on support from its members, which includes all of us who have children at the pre-school. Hopefully, we can count on the support of some of you here present this evening. The time commitment is small, but the impact is mighty. However, the most critical, most important goal is always the same: to enhance the development and education of our local children. Therefore, I would like to finish by once more thanking all staff at the pre-school for the focus and determination they show towards this.

## 7. Election of 2021-2022 Committee

Clair Reed and Charlotte Stone would like to stand down: Accepted

Daniel North

Laura Tranchant

Heidi Davey

Vicki Beeble

Bianca

Leah Barnes

8. Any Other Business

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Other		4957	Furlough reclaimed and income from Exeter College for apprentice
	<b>192402</b>	<b>178904</b>	
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Staff Wages	143451	150185	
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Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

11/2/22

Name:

RAYMOND VENN

