

SPARROWS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1026963

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-10-11

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

Contact

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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: Local run small playgroup in church hall with trained staff running 4 morning sessions and two afternoon session for pre school children. Registered as charity to be able to raise funds for group to purchase update equipment and toys for the children of group.High ratio of staff to children maintained. Needs of children put first.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, IN PRACTICE WEST MERSEA
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£52,937	£63,973	-	-
2024-08-31	£58,790	£72,117	-	-
2023-08-31	£66,767	£64,017	-	-
2022-08-31	£54,402	£51,571	-	-
2021-08-31	£45,187	£52,435	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KEARY HILL	Chair	2014-03-28
RITA ENID KEMP		
Sophie Hosni		2022-03-18

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	09	2024		31	08	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

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Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rita Kemp	
Keary Hill	
Sophie Hosni	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
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Children develop their learning through playing, painting, reading and craft activities.

Children learn and develop social skills at snack and lunch times also at parties, outings and sports day.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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The playgroup received a donation from a variety of local community groups which was put towards Sign and Sign sessions for the children to help develop their language and communication skills which also allowed 2 children who with significant additional needs in this area of development to communicate with their peers and their teachers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Sparrows started back for the year on 5th September 2024; one member of staff became full time.

Ofsted inspected Sparrows as we started back in September resulting in a disappointing "requires improvement" grade.

The children started to learn their colours, listening to the Colour Monster story and talked about their feelings. They made rainbow pictures and enjoyed mixing and experimenting with different colours.

Harvest festival was celebrated, parents and children donated to the Church's Porch Pantry, they also learnt about where food comes from, how they are grown and sampled new tastes and textures. The children and staff made a Farm Yard out of cereal boxes; the children used their imagination and their knowledge about the animals to play and create stories with the play animals.

The children who were starting school were invited to visit Mersea Island School with their parents and Sparrows welcomed back one member of staff from maternity leave.

Leading up to Christmas the children celebrated Halloween and Bonfire Night learning about safety around fireworks and fire.

Sparrows held an open day on 16th November and welcomed prospective parents and their children. Activities were available for the children to experience and staff were available to speak with parents and answer any questions.

Sparrows achieved 2nd place at the Christmas Tree Festival with "That's not my snowman" and the children worked on a variety of Christmas themed activities and crafts.

The children were invited to Mersea Island school to watch the Early Years Nativity Play and visited the elderly residents of Hall Barn to deliver gifts, cards and sing Christmas songs together.

The Christmas party was held on 17th December with Timmy the Elf and Bernard the Snowman to entertain the children. Father Christmas came to deliver presents which were donated by Micro Scooters (local family run company) which were drinks bottles and bottle holder and some stickers.

Spring Term started on 6th January 2025 continuing the theme of colours and introducing shapes.

Chinese New Year was celebrated, the year of the Snake, where the children made snakes and looked at the numbers 1 to 5 in Chinese.

The Manager and Deputy Manager retired from Sparrows on the 14th February 2025 and a new Manager was in place ready for rest of the Spring Term from 24th February 2025. A current member of staff was promoted to Deputy Manager and Sparrows continued to run as normal.

In March the Deputy Manager resigned for personal reasons, and a new Deputy Manager was taken on. Both the new Manager and Deputy Manager completed their Safeguarding Levels 2 and 3 (DSL) together with First Aid where needed.

Sparrows also started to offer Wednesday's from April after many comments at how having the full week would be beneficial to parents and their children.

Ofsted returned to Sparrows on 6th June and Sparrows were graded as GOOD overall and, in every area, they were happy that the key actions that were raised in the previous Inspection were now met.

Staff supervision meetings took place to ensure staff were feeling supported and additional CPD was put in place to ensure all staff were up to date with their understanding of the EYFS and children's development.

To round of the year the children had a trip to "Wellies on" Farm, where the children and their families had hands on experience with different animals and the working life on a farm.

As the summer term came to an end 9 children were preparing to leave for primary school and 4 additional children left as the parents required longer hours which Sparrows were unable to provide.

As Sparrows closed for the summer there was a total of 6 children on role for September 2025 and 4 members of staff.

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Sparrows ran a quiz night and raffle to help raise much needed funds to replace outdoor equipment. Successfully raising £600.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Keary Leah Hill	RE Kemp
Full name(s)	Keary Leah Hill	RIJA ENID KEMP
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	chair	TREASURER

Date 7.11.2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sparrows Playgroup

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1.9.24		31.8.25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
FEES	6,553	-	-	6,553	7,253
GRANT FEES	44,940	-	-	44,940	49,495
DONATIONS	400	-	-	400	60
FUND RAISING	728	-	-	728	378
SAVINGS ACCOUNT INTEREST	316	-	-	316	242
HMRC Refund	-	-	-	-	1,362
					-
					-
Sub total (Gross Income for AR)	52,937			52,937	58,790
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Total receipts	52,937			52,937	58,790
A3 Payments					
STAFF COSTS	55,680	-	-	55,680	64,760
ADMINISTRATION	271	-	-	271	387
PLAYGROUP ACTIVITIES & SUPPLIES	2,311	-	-	2,311	1,589
INSURANCE	888	-	-	888	568
POSTED FEE	35	-	-	35	35
CHURCH HALL	4,788	-	-	4,788	4,788
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					-
Sub total	63,973			63,973	72,117
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Total payments	63,973			63,973	72,117
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,036			11,036	13,327
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,510	-	-	46,510	59,837
Cash funds this year end	35,474	-	-	35,474	46,510

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	to nearest £		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds	CASH	93	-	-
	CURRENT ACCOUNT	4,933	-	-
	SAVINGS ACCOUNT	30,448	-	-
	Total cash funds	35,474	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets	Details	to nearest £		
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	to nearest £		
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>R R Kemp</i>	RITA ENID KEMP	7.11.2025
<i>Wendy Hill</i>	WENDY LEAH HILL	7.11.2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SPARROWS PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST AUGUST 2025	Charity no (if any)	1026963
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Set out on pages

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

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

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SPARROWS PLAYGROUP

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Accounts



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3	Sophie Hosni			
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6	Heather King		01/9/23 – 16/1/24	
7	Nicola Stephenson		1/9/23 – 9/1/24	
8	Alice Barrett		1/9/23 – 9/1/24	
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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The playgroup had a stall during Mersea Lights Up in December. A raffle, guess the weight of the Christmas Cake and guess how many sweets in a jar. Parents donated raffle prizes, cakes and sweets. They also helped to run the stall.

We were given a slot to collect car parking fees at the local car boot as original slot was rained off. Sparrows had a stall for 3 different dates at the Car Boot with donations of goods to sell and manned the stall.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Sparrows Playgroup started the new year on 11th September after all staff had undertaken First Aid Training. A staff member has started SEND training and several new children were welcomed.

The children's first theme was All About Myself and they painted self-portraits. Many books were enjoyed by the children.

During Harvest Festival the children donated items to the local food bank.

In October the children who were starting school in September 2024 had a tour around the local primary school. Halloween and bonfire night were also covered.

The weeks leading up to Christmas, the children made cards and gifts for the residents of a nearby pensioners housing complex. The children performed a Christmas concert and sang for the residents, they gave out the cards and gifts and the day was enjoyed by everyone. The children's Christmas party was held on the last Thursday session and all children were involved. Entertainment was provided by Timmy the Elf and then Father Christmas visited with a present for each child which Sparrows had provided so all children had a lovely time.

Sparrows started back on Monday 8th January and later in the month a member of staff started her maternity leave. A different craft was covered each week including the Chinese New Year and Valentines. Level 3 safeguarding training was completed. After the half term break the children made Mother's Day gifts. They covered favourite books and stories leading up to World Book Day and dressed up as their favourite characters on the day. Sparrows finished the term making crafts and taking part in Easter activities.

Sparrows started the summer term taking on new members of staff to cover maternity leave.

The theme to start the term was Knowledge and Understanding of the World. The children explore space through books, toys, crafts and music. They also learned about animals and sea creatures, and where in the world they can be found.

On returning after half term Father's Day gifts were made. Sparrows had a morning at a Beach Hut loaned out from a member of staff. They collected shells to be used for crafts.

Sports day was held at Mersea Island Primary School, all the children attended with their parents for the morning.

Teachers from both Mersea Island and Langenhoe Primary schools visited to introduce themselves to the children who would be leaving Sparrows to start school in September.

The children were joined by their parents at the local reservoir an nature reserve. They took part in pond dipping and a mini beast hunt and had one of the Rangers share lots of information of what can be found. They had a picnic to round off the visit.

A leavers party was held on the last day of term, the children received a book and a party bag.

Sparrows purchased another i-pad from a previous years donation which enable the setting to start using Tapestry, which allows Sparrows to share photos and observations of children with their parents.

Early Years food vouchers of £75 were claimed for eligible children from the ECC. These vouchers printed and distributed in time for the summer holidays.

SENIF funding was applied for and received to support a child with SEN, enabling them to be actively involved in each session attended with the support of appropriate resources purchased to enable his continued learning and development.

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Keary Hill</i>	<i>R E Kemp</i>
Full name(s)	<i>Keary Hill</i>	<i>RITA ENID KEMP</i>
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<i>Chair</i>	<i>TREASURER</i>
Date	<i>28.3.2025</i>	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sparrows Playgroup

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

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A1 Receipts					
FEES	7,253	-	-	7,253	13,248
GRANT FEES	49,495	-	-	49,495	52,060
DONATIONS	60	-	-	60	594
FUND RAISING	378	-	-	378	877
SAVINGS ACCOUNT INTEREST	242	-	-	242	28
HMRC Refund	1,362	-	-	1,362	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for A/R)	58,790	-	-	58,790	66,767
A2 Asset and investment sales (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	58,790	-	-	58,790	66,767
A3 Payments					
STAFF COSTS	64,760	-	-	64,760	56,562
ADMINISTRATION	387	-	-	387	117
PLAYGROUP ACTIVITIES & SUPPLIES	1,589	-	-	1,589	1,981
INSURANCE	558	-	-	558	534
OFSTED FEE	35	-	-	35	35
CHURCH HALL	4,788	-	-	4,788	4,788
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	72,117	-	-	72,117	64,017
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72,117	-	-	72,117	64,017
A5 Transfers between funds					
	13,327	-	-	13,327	2,750
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end					
	59,837	-	-	59,837	57,087
Cash funds this year end	46,510	-	-	46,510	59,837

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of
all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
R. E. Kemp	RITA KEMP	28.3.2025
<i>Rita Kemp</i>	Keary Hill	28.3.2025



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Signed: [Signature] Date: 18/2/2025

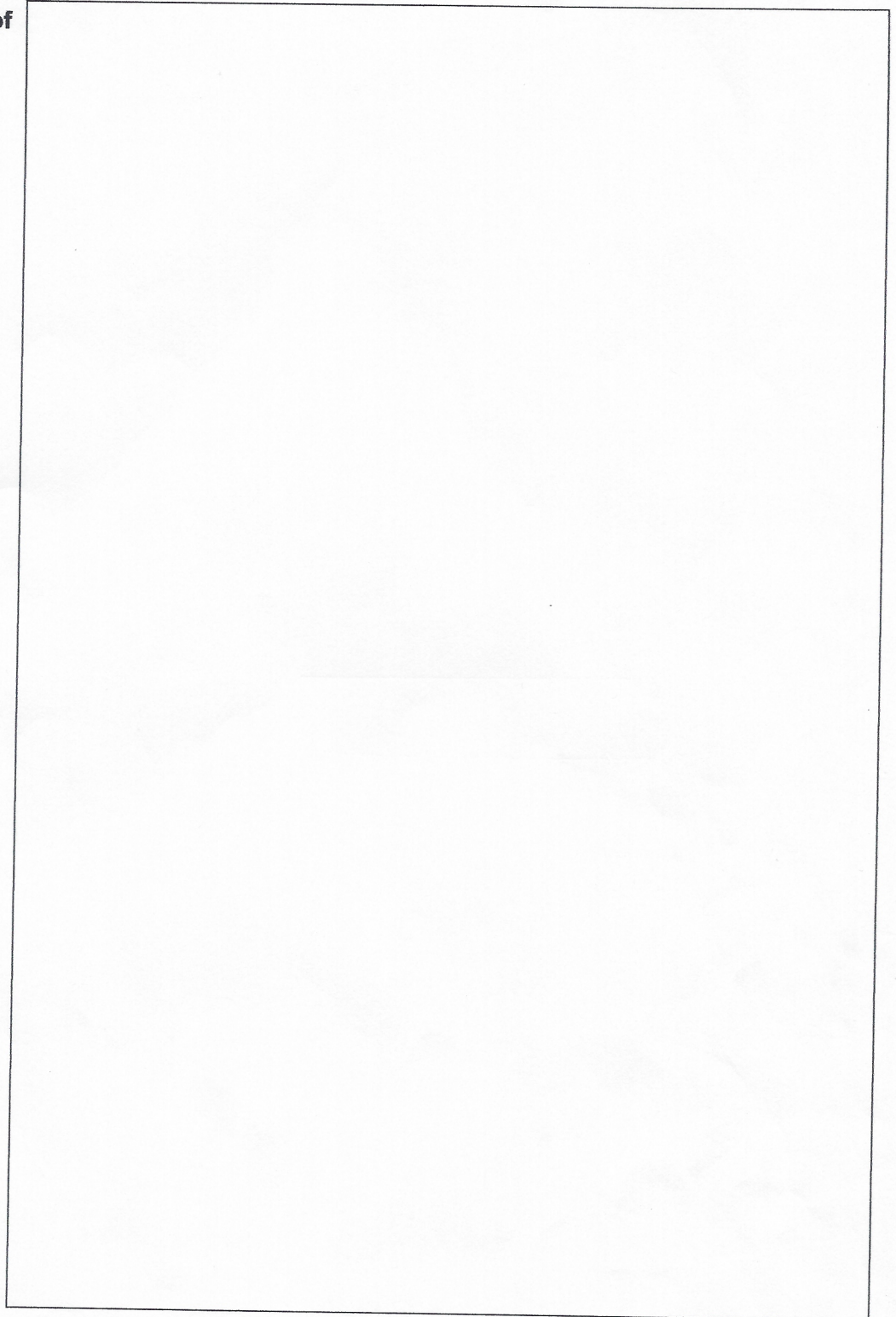
Name: ANN JOAN HURLING

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

Address: 22 Estuary Park Road West Mersea, Colchester Essex CO5 8BZ

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The playgroup had a stall at Mersea Lights up in December 2022 with a Lucky Dip for children, a raffle and goods made by parents. Items in the raffle were supplied by parents. A quiz was held at a local pub in March for the playgroup which was well attended. Unfortunately, our car boot car parking fund raiser was cancelled due to the wet weather but we eun a stall another Sunday. Parents donated items for the stall. A parent sourced and produced a Sparrows Uniform and bags which parents could order direct from her before end of August and they would be ready for the start of the new school year.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Sparrows Playgroup started the new school year on the 5th September with over 20 children. Two new members of staff started as our manager reduced her hours and another staff member left. Sparrows agreed to provide the children with a selection of fruit again at snack time along with biscuits. The children worked on seasonal crafts and enjoyed both indoor and outdoor learning.

The children made Christmas cards and gifts for the residents of a nearby pensioner's housing complex. They were given to the Warden when the children performed an outdoor Christmas song concert for them. Sparrows entered a Christmas tree at the annual Christmas Tree Festival with a theme of Santa's Little Helpers. They won first prize in their category. The children's Christmas Party was held on the last Thursday session and all the children were invited. Entertainment was provided by Timmy the Elf, Father Christmas visited a with a present for each child (provided by Sparrows).

Level 3 DSL safeguarding training was completed by one member of staff in December with a further 3 members of staff completing their Level 2 by February half term.

Sparrows started back on Monday 9th January, with all COVID restrictions lifted. Parents were once again able to bring their children into the hall instead of being met at the garden gate and a one way system was put into place to make pickup time easier for everyone.

A different craft was covered each week including the Chinese New Year, the Gruffalo, Going on a Bear Hunt and Valentines.

Different professions were covered after Half Term together with World Book Day and Mother's Day. Easter related crafts were created over the last 2 weeks of the Spring Term and an Easter Egg Hunt was held on the last Thursday Session.

The summer term started with 40 children.

They explored different colours of the rainbow and learned how rainbows are created.

The children experienced a variety of different genres of music and explored how music could be made with the instruments and leading up the King's coronation the children made crowns, carriages and bunting to celebrate.

The children met and talked to local Police Officers and learnt about the RLNI, which plays a very important part in Island life. There was opportunities to role play the Emergency Services including hospitals and the fire service. Within this theme we looked at our bodies and how to keep healthy and strong.

A photographer came for photo day and we then covered the topic All about Me. We celebrated Father's Day and there was plenty of outdoor play and a trip to a beach hut.

Sports Day was successfully held at the local primary school at the end of June.

A leavers party was arranged for the children moving on to school in September and they were each presented with a small gift from Sparrows.

The Summer outing was rained off, and relocated to the local community hall where there was entertainment and fun activities for all the children.

Food vouchers claimed for families in need of extra support during the Christmas, Easter and Summer School Holidays. This covered at least half of the children who were attending throughout the year.

Fees were kept low for another year.

Fund raising from August 2022 provided Sparrows with the resources to provide a free Sparrows T-shirt for each child to start the new year in.

An I-pad was purchased in March for use in the setting which has been beneficial to staff and children.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves to cover costs of staff redundancies and any other costs if playgroup was to close for any other reason.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Keary Hill	RE Kemp
Full name(s)	Keary Hill	Rita Kemp
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 22/3/2024.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sparrows Playgroup

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
1.9.22	1.9.22		31.8.23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
FEES	13,248	-	-	13,248	11,512
GRANT FEES	52,060	-	-	52,060	42,012
DONATIONS	554	-	-	554	-
FUND RAISING	877	-	-	877	874
SAVINGS ACCOUNT INTEREST	28	-	-	28	4
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	66,767	-	-	66,767	54,402
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	66,767	-	-	66,767	54,402
A3 Payments					
STAFF COSTS	56,562	-	-	56,562	44,990
ADMINISTRATION	117	-	-	117	88
PLAYGROUP ACTIVITIES & SUPPLIES	1,981	-	-	1,981	1,151
INSURANCE	534	-	-	534	519
OFSTED FEE	35	-	-	35	35
CHURCH HALL	4,788	-	-	4,788	4,788
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	64,017	-	-	64,017	51,571
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	64,017	-	-	64,017	51,571
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,831
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	57,087	-	-	57,087	54,256
Cash funds this year end	59,837	-	-	59,837	57,087

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
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		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>REKemp</i>	Rita Kemp	22/3/24
<i>Keary Hill</i>	Keary Hill	22/3/24



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name SPARROWS PLAYGROUND

On accounts for the year ended

31st AUGUST 2023 Charity no (if any) 1026963

Set out on pages

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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: [Signature]

Date: 31/1/2024

Name: ANN JOAN HURLING

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

[Empty box]

Address:

22 Estuary Park Road
West Mersea, Colchester, Essex
CO5 8B2

SPARROWS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1026963

Accounts

Trustees

	From	Perio	To	Perio	Day	Month	Year	
		Day	Month	Year				
		01	09	2021	31	08	2022	
Charity name	SPARROWS PLAYGROU P							
Other names charity is known by								
Registered	1026963							
Charity's principal address	17 GARDEN FARM							
	WEST MERSEA							
	COLCHESTER							
	Postcode	CO5 8DU						
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity								

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if					
1	Rebecca Wright		1.9.2021 TO 18.3.2022						
2	Keary Hill	VARIA							
3	Rachael Alcharbaji		1.9.2021 TO 18.3.2022						
4	Rita Kemp	Treasurer							
5	Laura Green								
6	Heather King								
7	Rachel Mansell								
8	Vanda Hockley								
9	Sarah Spurgeon								
10	Claire Sewell		1.9.2021 TO 18.3.2022						
11	Sophie Hosni		18.3.2022 TO 31.8.2022						
12	Nicola Stephenson		18.3.2022 TO 31.8.2022						
13	Alice Barrett		18.3.2022 TO 31.8.2022						
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	Names of								

Name	Date s acte d if not for who le year								

**Names and
addresses of advisers
(Optional information)**

Type of adviser

Name

Address

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief
executive or names of
senior staff members
(Optional information)**

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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote an atmosphere in which children under statutory school age can develop their learning and social skills. Encouraging the parents to become involved in the activities of the group. Ensuring the opportunities provided are for all children no matter their race culture religion means or ability.

Children develop their learning through playing painting reading and craft activities.
Children learn and develop social skills at snack and lunch times also at parties outings and sports day.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

After a year of being unable to fund raise due to Coronavirus the playgroup has been able to have a bucket collection and stall at local car boot in September 2021 and again in August 2022. Parents donated items to sell on the stall and sold the items as well as doing the bucket collection for car parking. Playgroup had a stall at the Mersea lights up December 2021 which again sold donated items by parents who again ran the stall.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

policy on grantmaking;

policy programme related investment;
contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Playgroup started school year in September with only 13 children. Due to the on going Coronavirus, playgroup followed all their previous safety measures that had been put in place. The children spent most of the time outside playing as the weather was so good which they enjoyed. Two members of staff renewed their Designated Person Safeguarding Level 3 training done remotely via teams. As weather got colder the children started working on crafts inside relating to Bonfire Night and Remembrance. In December the children worked on making Christmas cards and decorations for the elderly residents of a nearby housing complex. Children also decorated a Christmas Tree which was entered into the local Christmas Tree Festival, naming the tree The Brightest Star which was dedicated to a former employee. Christmas presents were purchased from fund raising and a Christmas party was held on the last Thursday afternoon session with each child receiving a present from Father Christmas and entertainment by Timmy the Elf which was enjoyed by all. Government shopping vouchers were applied for printed out and given out to 2 year funded, extra premium 3 year olds and other families that need help.

The new term started in January with more children mostly two year olds who were funded bringing numbers up to 29 children. The French doors were kept open with regular hand washing by staff and children. Staff continued to wear masks. A different craft each week relating to the season covering Chinese New Year and Friendship Week. Bird feeders and simple bird watch laminated charts was made which encouraged the children to use their senses, mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding of the world. Mothering Sunday gifts were made and an Easter Egg hunt was held before breaking up. The children all enjoyed looking and finding the chocolate eggs to take home.

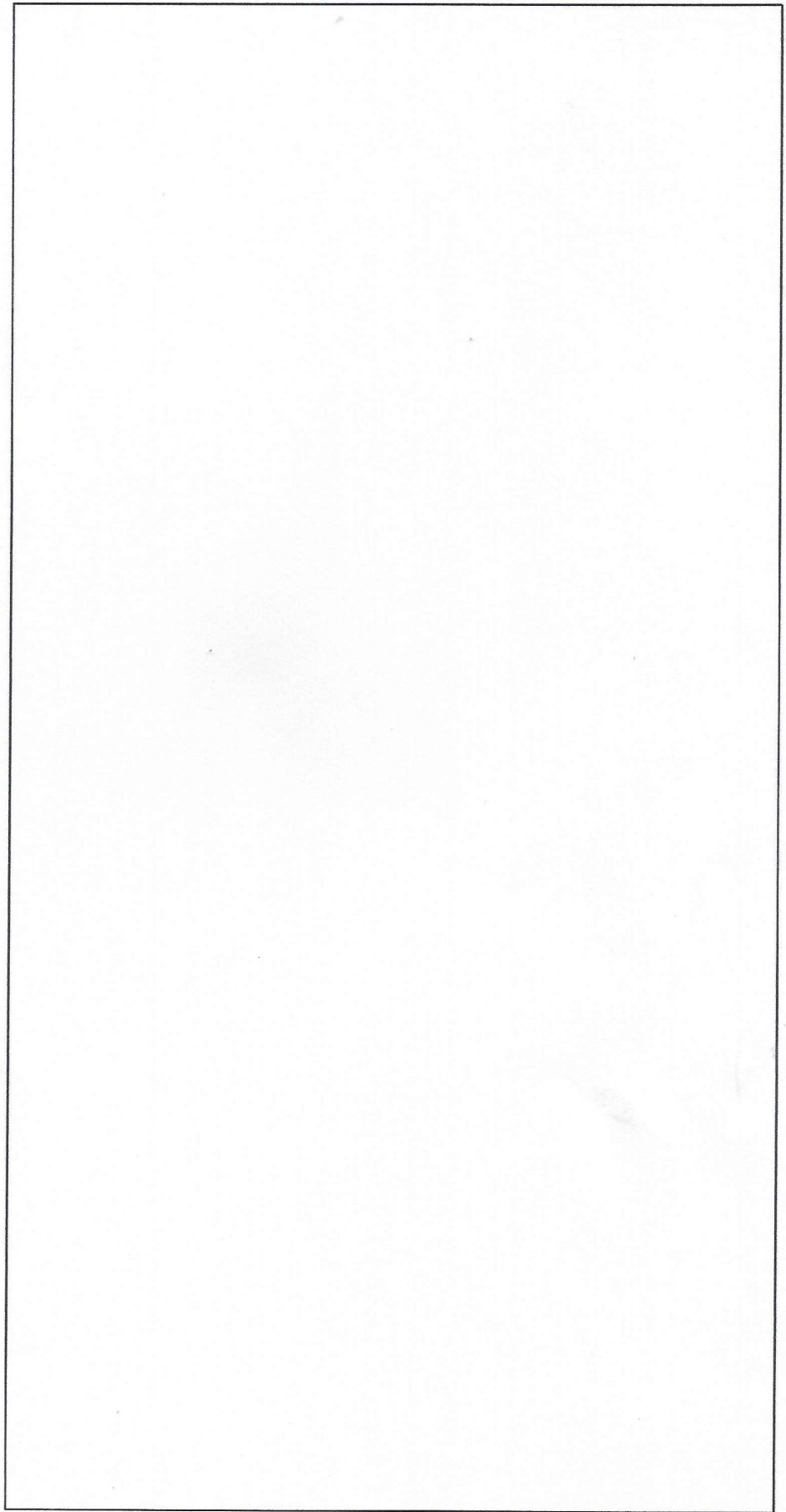
Our manager had been working with the area SEND team to obtain an EHCP for one of our children and after months of hard work, at the end of February the playgroup were informed that the child had a EHCP in place. They also had a place at a local special school from September 2022.

As weather was so nice Summer term was spent outdoors as much as possible. Playgroup requested all children to have sun cream applied and to wear sunhats. Children planted strawberries and edible flowers in outdoor planters which they took turns to water. The children learnt about healthy eating and exercise. A week was spent exploring mini beasts outside. To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee the children made large crown to go into the Church's Flower Festival display. During June and July the children created lots of lovely crafts and made cards and gifts for Father's Day. Children enjoyed a Monday morning session at a staff member's Beach Hut. On the last day of term the playgroup had a fish and chip lunch provided free by the local Fish Bar. Playgroup said goodbye to 9 children who will be starting school in September with a story book and party bag each.

This term playgroup had lots of visits from Health workers conducting Two Year Old checks on the funded children with their parents present. More Government shopping vouchers applied for and given out to 2 year funded, extra premium 3 year olds and other families that need help.

As a 2 year olds family was struggling playgroup provided 2 free sessions a week for the year as family unable to claim the free funding.

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves to cover costs of staff redundancies and any other costs if playgroup was to close for any other any reason.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; investment policy and

Section F

Other optional information

The trustees declare that

Signature(s)

Keary Hill

RE Kemp

Full name(s)

Keary Hill

Rita Kemp

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

17.3.2023

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date
	01/09/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts		
FEES	11,512	0
GRANT FEES	42,012	0
HMRC JRS		0
FUND RAISING	874	0
SAVINGS ACCOUNT INTEREST	4	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	54,402	0
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).		
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Total receipts	54,402	0
A3 Payments		
STAFF COSTS	44,990	0
ADMINISTRATION	88	0
PLAYGROUP ACTIVITIES & SUPPLIES	1,151	0
INSURANCE	519	0
OFSTED FEE	35	0
CHURCH HALL	4,788	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total	51,571	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)		
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Total payments	51,571	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,831	0
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,256	0
Cash funds this year end	57,087	0

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities a

Categories

Details

B1 Cash funds
CURRENT ACCOUNT
SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Total cash funds

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

B3 Investment assets

Details

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

B5 Liabilities

Details

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Keany Hill
R. Kemp

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To 31/08/2022	P	



Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
0	11,512	4,924
0	42,012	37,861
0		2,230
0	874	33
0	4	139
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	54,402	45,187

0	0	
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	54,402	45,187

0	44,990	46,288
0	88	82
0	1,151	695
0	519	512
0	35	70
0	4,788	4,788
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	51,571	52,435

0	0	
0	0	
0	0	0
0	51,571	52,435

0	2,831	-7,248
0	0	0
0	54,256	61,504
0	57,087	54,256

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
435	0	0
26,791	0	0
29,861	0	0
57,087	0	0
OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0

Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	0	0
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	0	0
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Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Print Name		Date of approval
KEASY	HILL	17.3.2023
RITA EWING	KEMP	17.3.2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SPARROWS PLAY GROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31st AUGUST 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1026963

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

AJ Hurling

Date:

13/2/2023

Name:

ANN JOAN HURLING

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

Address:

22 ESTUARY PARK ROAD

WEST MERSEA

COLCHESTER ESSEX CO5 8BZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

SPARROWS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1026963

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name SPARROWS PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31st AUGUST 2021 Charity no (if any) 1026963

Set out on pages

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signed: [Signature] Date: 6/2/22

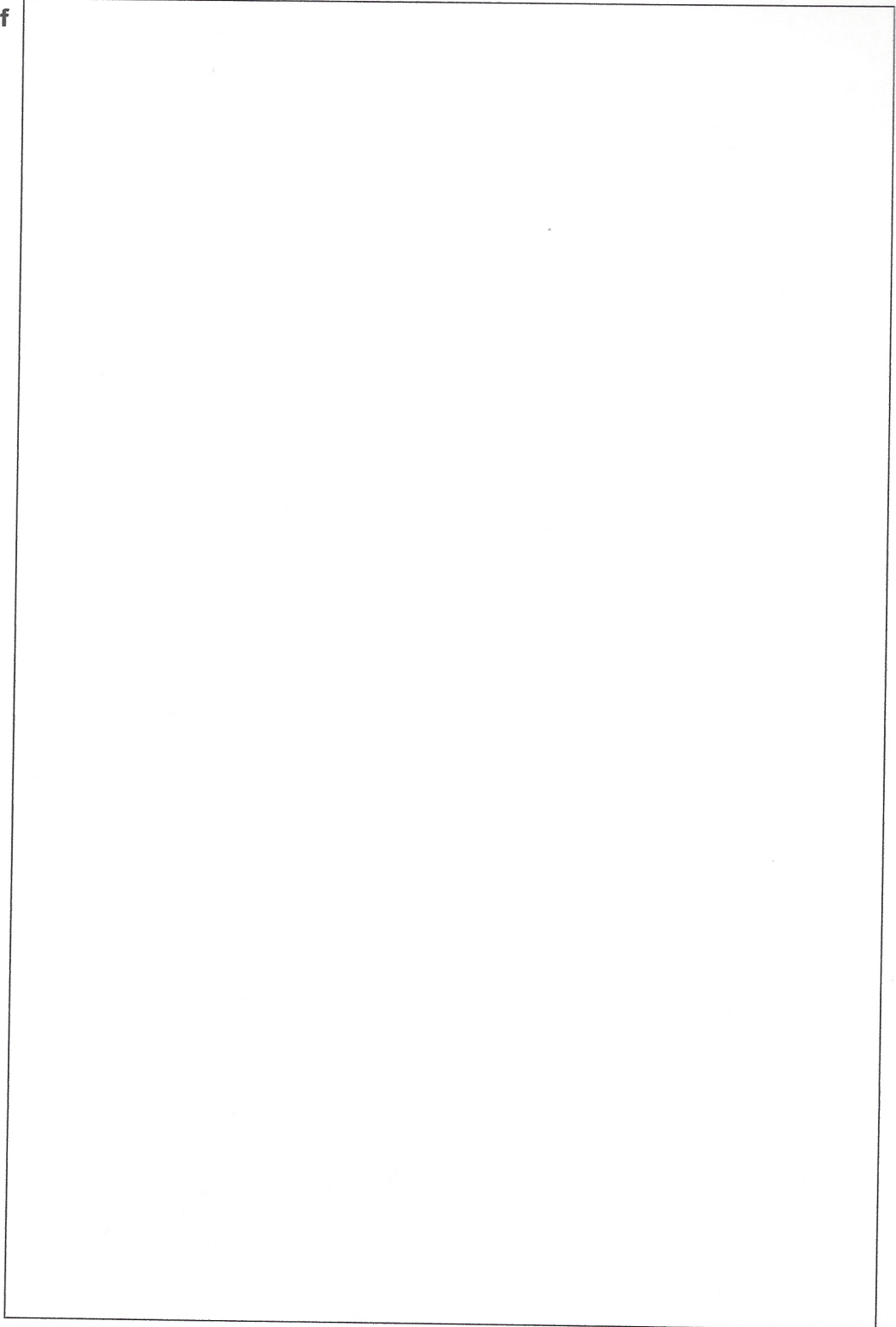
Name: ANN JOAN HURLING

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

Address: 22 ESTUARY PARK ROAD WEST MERSEA COS 8B2

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date
	01/09/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts		
FEES	4,924	0
GRANT FEES	37,861	0
HMRC JRS	2,230	0
FUND RAISING	33	0
SAVINGS ACCOUNT INTEREST	139	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	45,187	0
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).		
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Total receipts	45,187	0
A3 Payments		
STAFF COSTS	46,288	0
ADMINISTRATION	82	0
PLAYGROUP ACTIVITIES & SUPPLIES	695	0
INSURANCE	512	0
OFSTED FEE	70	0
CHURCH HALL	4,788	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total	52,435	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)		
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Total payments	52,435	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	-7,248	0
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,504	0
Cash funds this year end	54,256	0

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities a

Categories

Details

B1 Cash funds
CURRENT ACCOUNT
SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Total cash funds
 (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

B3 Investment assets

Details

B4 Assets retained for the charitable purposes

Details

B5 Liabilities

Details

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

<i>REKemp</i>
<i>Keayh Hill</i>

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To 31/08/2021	P	



Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
0	4,924	7,274
0	37,861	36,791
0	2,230	2,959
0	33	327
0	139	261
0	0	0
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0	0	0
0	45,187	47,612

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0	0	0
0	45,187	47,612

0	46,288	47,163
0	82	200
0	695	1,000
0	512	512
0	70	
0	4,788	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	52,435	48,875

0	0	
0	0	
0	0	0
0	52,435	48,875

0	-7,248	-1,263
0	0	0
0	61,504	62,767
0	54,256	61,504

at the end of the period

Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
418	0	0
13,981	0	0
39,857	0	0
54,256	0	0
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Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
0	0	0
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Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Print Name	Date of approval
RITA KEMP	18.3.2022
KEARY HILL	18.3.2022

Trustees

	From	To		Perio			
		Perio Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	
		01	09	2020	31	08	2021
Charity name	SPARROWS PLAYGROU P						
Other names charity is known by							
Registered	1026963						
Charity's principal address	17 GARDEN FARM						
	WEST MERSEA						
	COLCHESTER						
	Postcode	CO5 8DU					
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity							

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Date acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)					
1	Rebecca Wright	Chairperson							
2	Keary Hill	Secretary							
3	Rachael Alcharbaji	Treasurer							
4	Rita Kemp								
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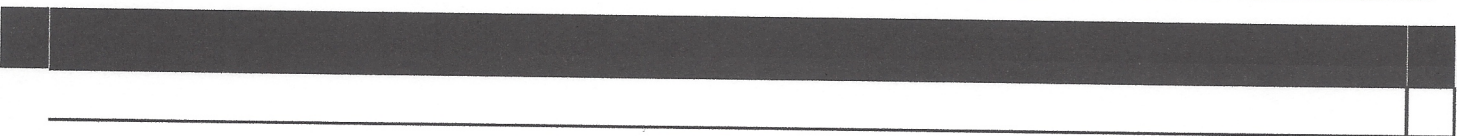
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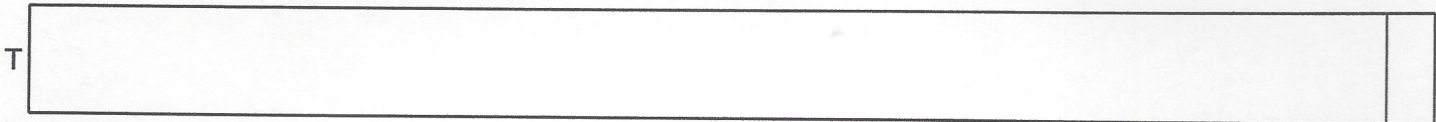
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To promote an atmosphere in which children under statutory school age can develop their learning and social skills. Encouraging the parents to become involved in the activities of the group. Ensuring the opportunities provided are for all children no matter their race culture religion means or ability.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Children develop their learning through playing painting reading and craft activities.
Children learn and develop social skills at snack and lunch times also at parties outings and sports day.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Due to the on going Coronavirus restrictions the playgroup has been unable to do any fund raising or go on outings. Mersea fish bar did very kindly donate fish and chips for the leavers party at end of the school year in July.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

policy on grantmaking;

policy programme related investment;
contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

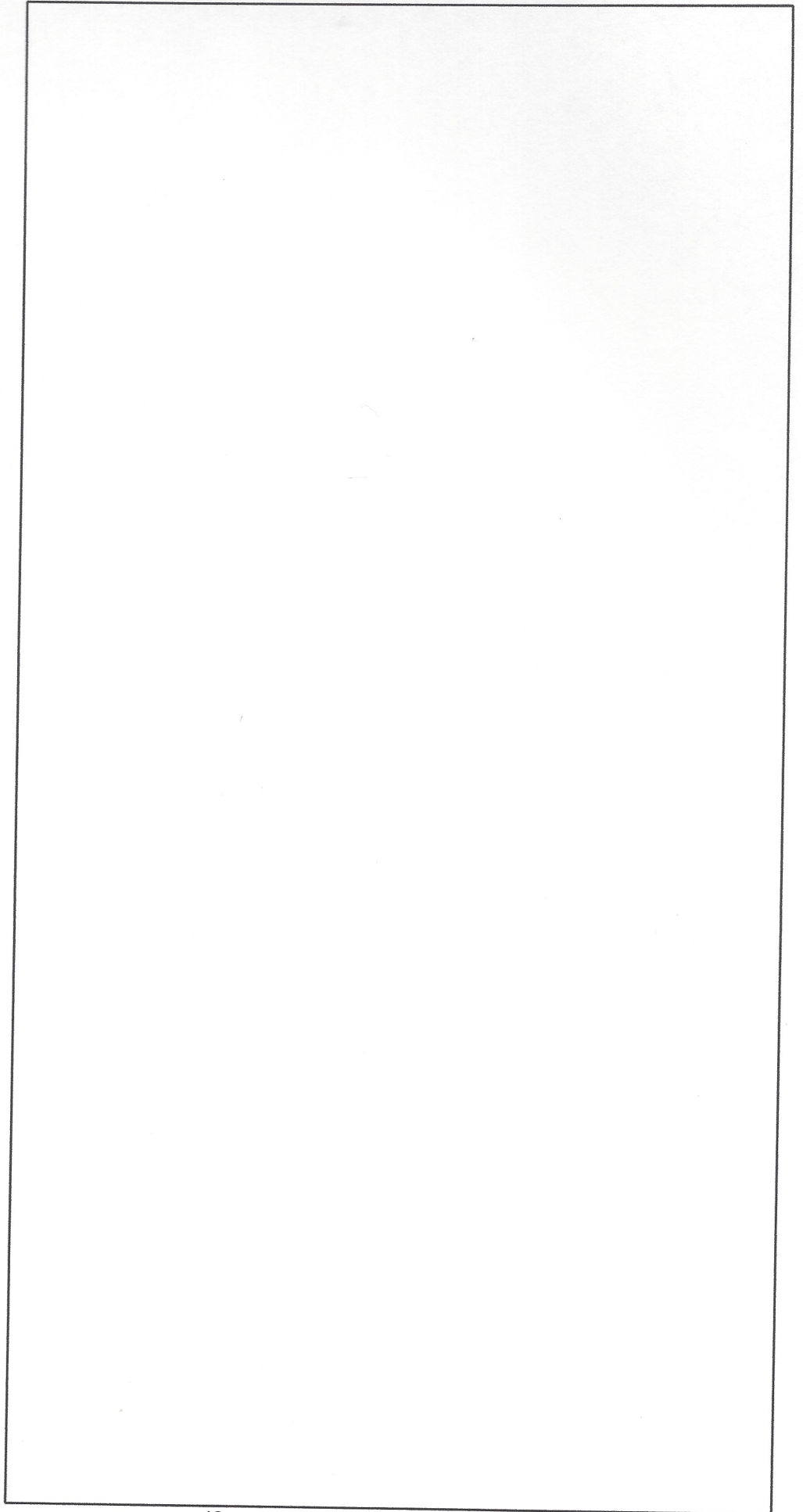
Playgroup started school year in September. Due to the on going Coronavirus Government guidance was followed and all safety measures were in place. All staff were back expect for one who was clinically vulnerable and needed to shield. The children spent as much time as the weather would allow outside which they enjoyed. Christmas presents were purchased from fund raising that was carried out in August 2020. A Christmas party was held on the last Thursday afternoon session with each child receiving a present from Mr and Mrs Christmas and entertainment by Timmy the Elf which was enjoyed by all.

Staff were supplied with new polo shirts and jackets in October which makes them easily recognizable to the children and their parents. All staff Paediatric First Aid Certificates were also renewed in October following a two day course run by a local lady.

Due to another lockdown being reintroduced from January we were down to 3 staff members . As the schools were off the playgroup did not have so many children return. Weather permitting children were outside but when in the hall the French doors were left open to circulate fresh air and staff wore masks. Unfortunately the staff member who was shielding passed away at the end of January which was very sad for the children. Children do did crafts for Valentines Day, Mothers Day and Easter. A staff members daughter kindly came in to help end of March making a bug house with the children outside which proved very popular and different. She also hid 100 foiled covered Easter Eggs in the garden for the children to hunt for and place them in the Easter baskets they had decorated.

Luckily the playgroup had all staff back for the summer term starting after the Easter holidays. All safety measures were kept in place so plenty of hand washing and cleaning of equipment every session. More children come to the sessions and were very happy to be back. Only craft work under taken was for Fathers Day. Due to the on going restrictions the playgroup was unable to take the children on any outings. We did manage to hold a Leavers Party during the last Thursday afternoon session where 17 children enjoyed Fish and Chips kindly donated by Mersea Island Fish Bar. Children received a story book and party book.

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves to cover costs of staff redundancies and any other costs if playgroup was to close for any other any reason.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; investment policy and

Section F

Other optional information

The trustees declare that

Signature(s)

RE Kemp

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Full name(s)

RITA ENID KEMP

KEARJ LEAH HILL

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

TRUSTEE	SECRETARY
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Date

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