

# CROFT PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1028686

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1993-11-23

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

## Contact

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**Address** Croft Playgroup  
Marlborough Lane  
Swindon  
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**Email** [admin@croftplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:admin@croftplaygroup.co.uk)

**Website** [www.croftplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.croftplaygroup.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL ARE TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY:(A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;(B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS;(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

**Activities:** We are a playgroup providing care and education for pre-school aged children

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Swindon
- Wiltshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£345,614	£345,130	-	-
2024-08-31	£291,773	£288,291	-	-
2023-08-31	£262,240	£258,258	-	-
2022-08-31	£208,816	£205,485	-	-
2021-08-31	£203,073	£192,093	-	-
2020-08-31	£194,735	£169,489	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Jason Adams</b>	Chair	2022-09-21
Jasmine Laura-Rose Stringer		2026-04-16
Jessica Rosie Dipierro		2026-03-13
Jessica Wheeler		2022-09-21
Mia O'Hara		2023-09-21
Sianne Donovan		2024-12-19

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	09	2023		31	08	2024

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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)

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Full name(s)

Jason Adams	Mia O'Hara
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

11/06/2025
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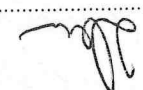
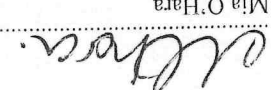
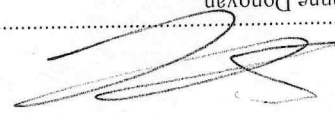


**THE CROFT PLAYGROUP**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	31.8.25	31.8.24			
	£	£	£	£	
<b>Income</b>	345,614	345,614	291,773	218,019	
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Wages and pensions	220,866		3,466	7,638	
Events and activities	821		1,876	1,444	
Telephone	682		2,065	318	
Post & stationery	35,146		33,306	2,094	
Equipment for children	12,230		12,230	13,169	
Repairs & renewals	554		980	1,766	
Protective clothing	2,332		97	4,882	
Training courses	980		225	85	
Food and drink supplies	1,424		2,804	1,766	
Subscriptions	4,432		23,700	1,206	
Gifts	225		26	-	
Accountancy	2,804		2,591	-	
Professional fees	23,700		23,700	-	
Service charge	4,432		149	-	
Insurance	149		169	-	
<b>Finance costs:</b>			3,651	-	
Bank charges	484		169	-	
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<u>£335</u>	<u>£335</u>	<u>£3,482</u>	<u>288,122</u>	

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account and confirm we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Jason Adams  
  
 Mia O'Hara  
  
 Stianne Donovan  


Date: 28/04/2026



# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name  
CROFT PLAY GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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Set out on pages

1-3. (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed

MARTIN BUTLER

Date

13/3/2026

Name

MARTIN BUTLER

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

F.M.A.A.T

Address

1 CRICKLADE COURT OLD TOWN  
SWINDON  
SA1 3EY

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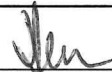
## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Jason Adams

Mia O'Hara

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

11/06/2025

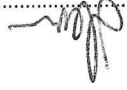


**THE CROFT PLAYGROUP**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

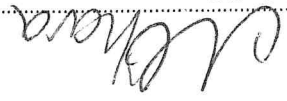
	31.8.24	31.8.23	
	£	£	
<b>Income</b>	291,773	262,240	
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Wages and pensions	218,019	183,556	
Events and activities	7,638	6,222	
Telephone	1,876	1,078	
Post & stationery	1,444	478	
Advertising	318	270	
Equipment for children	9,308	11,525	
Repairs & renewals	2,094	2,079	
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Jason Adams



Mia O'Hara



Sianne Donovan



Date:

21/3/25



Section A

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Charity Name CROFT PLAY GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2024 Charity no (if any) 1028686

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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 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:

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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.

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Signed:

Martin Butler

Date:

14/3/2025

Name:

MARTIN BUTLER

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

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Address:

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In May 2023 we had our Ofsted inspection and were very pleased to receive a 'Good' rating, with our Leadership and Management area reaching the 'Outstanding' standard.

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Our apprentice keyworker successfully completed their course and became a fully qualified member of our team.

We were thrilled to receive a grant from Nationwide Building Society. This paid for the whole team to undertake Forest School training, to help us understand how we can use our amazing garden and nearby local wood to further engage with the children and extend their play.

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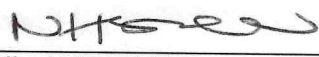
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<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Jason Adams	Nicola Hambidge
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer

Date 22/5/2024

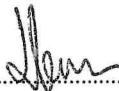
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023  
FOR  
CROFT PLAYGROUP

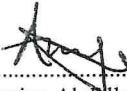
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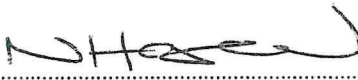
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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Protective clothing	95		1,158	
Training courses	5,808		2,908	
Food and drink supplies	5,481		3,639	
Subscriptions	85		85	
Gifts	850		470	
Accountancy	1,741		1,603	
Professional fees	2,274		413	
Service charge	24,000		20,100	
Insurance	<u>2,431</u>		<u>1,304</u>	
		<u>258,258</u>		<u>205,485</u>
		3,982		3,331
<b>Finance costs:</b>				
Bank charges		<u>183</u>		<u>176</u>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>		<u>£3,799</u>		<u>£3,155</u>

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account and confirm we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

  
.....  
Jason Adams

  
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Amina Abdallah

  
.....  
Nicola Hambidge

Date: 5/4/2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name CROFT PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2023 Charity no (if any) 1028686

Set out on pages

1-3 (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'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: [Signature] Date: 06.03.24

Name: EKINS & CO

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body F.M.A.A.T

(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.

**CROFT PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1028686

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	09	2021	To	31	08	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

### 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 any)
1	Katherine Chan	Chair	09/2022	
2	Nicola Hambidge	Treasurer	09/2022	
3	Natasha Woolf	Secretary	09/2022	
4	Karen Baker			
5	Rosie Timbrell		09/2022	
6	Jason Adams		09/2022	
7	Jessica Wheeler		09/2022	
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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

**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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at AGM

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

The provision of pre-school education.
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As above

**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)**

Croft Playgroup is a charity-run playgroup and relies on family members/volunteers to become charity trustees and to help manage fundraising events.

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**

This year was very busy and fulfilling, across many different areas of pre-school education.

We arranged a bespoke training day for all our staff with Tamsin Grimmer, author of a Loving Pedagogy. The aim and outcome was to develop our loving pedagogy and help implement it through practice building the foundation to our curriculum.

We also undertook 'In The Moment Planning' training for our new employees to demonstrate and explain the philosophy behind how playgroup is run and to understand why we choose to work in this way.

It was a busy year for fundraising; events we arranged included a Sponsored Read, Sponsored Walk, Cake Sales and a Fundraising Stall at the local primary school fetes. These events all raised money to continue to refresh and buy new resources for the children.

We have actively supported children to re-adapt to life after Covid. We recognised that children's speech and language skills were not quite at expected levels so the playgroup invested in improvements to the library room, to help foster a love of reading. The library is open all day with parents being able to access it both before and after their children's sessions.

We introduced a new focus for the children called People Who Inspire Us. This activity helps connect our community to people around the world who have done inspiration things. We talk to the children about what or who inspires them and on occasions introduce them to people from around the world. This incorporates religion, culture, aspirations and often demonstrates how people have overcome obstacles in their lives to achieve great things.

We invited Zoo Lab into our setting who visited with some exotic animals that the children were able to touch and explore. The children became knowledgeable in these animals which extended their learning further.

We continued our weekly Forest School sessions to utilise our garden space and provide techniques which support children's emotional well-being outdoors. It also ensured that we had a male role model amongst our children.

Towards the end of the academic year we helped prepare children for their transitions into school encouraging their independence for them to be 'school ready'.

Finally, we celebrated Croft Playgroup's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday (1972-2022). We held a fun-day where families and colleagues both past, present and future could visit playgroup and talk about the memories they shared. We played games, ate cake and celebrated this amazing achievement together!

## Section E

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Croft Playgroup has a Reserves fund and policy

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.

Croft Playgroup's principal source of funding is via Swindon Borough Council.

We rely heavily on fundraising to enable us to purchase all the equipment and resources we need to support the children's needs and requirements.

Any profit made during any academic year is invested back into playgroup to enhance the children's experience with us.

## Section F

## Other optional information

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## 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>Katherine Chan</i>	
Full name(s)	KATHERINE CHAN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	10/5/23	

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022  
FOR  
CROFT PLAYGROUP

GENERAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

**ADDRESS:**

Croft Children's Center  
Marlborough Road  
Swindon  
SN3 1RA

**ACCOUNTANTS:**

Ekins & Co (Swindon)  
Accountants and Tax Advisors  
1 Cricklade Court  
Cricklade Street  
Old Town  
SWINDON  
Wiltshire  
SN1 3EY

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO

CROFT PLAYGROUP (CHARITY NUMBER: 1028686)

We have prepared the attached Income and Expenditure Account in accordance with approved accounting standards. In our opinion, the accounts, give a true and fair view of the playgroups affairs at the 31 August 2022.



Ekins & Co (Swindon)  
Accountants and Tax Advisors  
1 Cricklade Court  
Cricklade Street  
Old Town  
SWINDON  
Wiltshire  
SN1 3EY

Date: 25/4/2023

**THE CROFT PLAYGROUP**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	31.8.22		31.8.21	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>		208,816		203,073
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Wages and pensions	147,325		134,777	
Events and activities	3,652		1,703	
Telephone	1,071		991	
Post & stationery	2,419		4,296	
Advertising	831		1,080	
Travelling	20		-	
Equipment for children	8,086		11,675	
Repairs & renewals	1,491		1,017	
Cleaning	8,910		10,378	
Protective clothing	1,158		281	
Training courses	2,908		242	
Food and drink supplies	3,639		2,399	
Subscriptions	85		50	
Gifts	470		64	
Accountancy	1,603		1,170	
Professional fees	413		834	
Service charge	20,100		19,890	
Insurance	1,304		1,246	
		<u>205,485</u>		<u>192,093</u>
		3,331		10,980
<b>Finance costs:</b>				
Bank charges		<u>176</u>		<u>135</u>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>		<u>£3,155</u>		<u>£10,845</u>

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account and confirm we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

*Katherine Chan*  
Katherine Chan

*Natasha Woolf*  
Natasha Woolf

*Nicola Hambidge*  
Nicola Hambidge

Date: *21/04/23*



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

CROFT PLAY GROUP.

On accounts for the year ended

31st AUGUST 2022	Charity no (if any)	1028686.
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Set out on pages

1-3.

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'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: [Signature]

Date: 25/4/2023

Name: Ekins & Co (Sunderland)

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

F.M.A.A.T

(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.

**CROFT PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1028686

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From (start date)  to (end date)

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address   
  
  
 Postcode

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 any)
1	SARAH BRYANT	CHAIR		
2	HOLLIE ORSI	TREASURER		
3	KIMBERLEY SUMBLER	SECRETARY		
4	KAREN BAKER			
5	CLAIRE GORDON			
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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

**Section A****Reference and administration details (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

**Section B****Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg trust deed, constitution)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted  
(eg trust, association, company)

UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

Trustee selection methods  
(eg appointed by, elected by)

ELECTED AT AGM

Additional governance issues (optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
  - relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

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

THE PROVISION OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION.

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)

AS ABOVE

Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)

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

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

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year we have continued to provide quality early-years education whilst balancing the restrictions and challenges which continued due to Covid-19.

We successfully secured Education Health and Care plans for two children in time for them to start school with the support they needed. We worked closely with local schools to ensure all children were 'school ready' by the time they left us.

We raised over £1,600 through fundraising activities including a sponsored read.

We promoted the importance of sharing stories with our families by giving away books to our children. We also created a library within the setting.

**Section E**

**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity continues to ensure there are sufficient funds in place to safeguard against any redundancy situation, should it arise.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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)

*Bryant*

Full name(s)

SARAH BRYANT

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

Date

070522

ADDRESS:

Croft Children's Center  
Marlborough Road  
Swindon  
SN3 1RA

ACCOUNTANTS:

Ekms & Co (Swindon)  
Accountants and Tax Advisors  
1 Cricklade Court  
Cricklade Street  
Old Town  
SWINDON  
Wiltshire  
SN1 3EY

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO**

**CROFT PLAYGROUP (CHARITY NUMBER: 1028686)**

We have prepared the attached Income and Expenditure Account in accordance with approved accounting standards. In our opinion, the accounts, give a true and fair view of the playgroups affairs at the 31 August 2021.



Ekins & Co (Swindon)  
Accountants and Tax Advisors  
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SN1 3EY

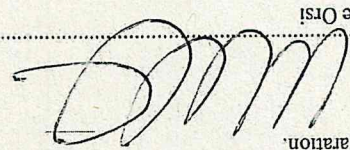
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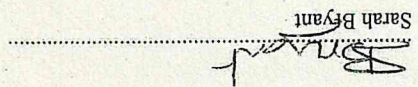
**THE CROFT PLAYGROUP**

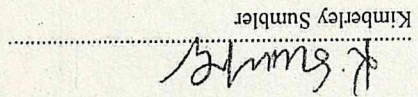
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Wages and pensions	134,777		
Events and activities	1,703		
Telephone	991		
Post & stationery	4,296		
Advertising	1,080		
Equipment for children	11,675		
Repairs & renewals	1,017		
Cleaning	10,378		
Protective clothing	281		
Training courses	242		
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Subscriptions	50		
Gifts	64		
Accountancy	1,170		
Professional fees	834		
Service charge	19,890		
Insurance	1,246		
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
122,764			
2,356			
1,337			
3,190			
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2,778			
3,959			
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1,223			
<b>169,489</b>			
<b>25,246</b>			
<b>123</b>			
<b>£25,123</b>			
		<b>203,073</b>	
		<b>192,093</b>	
		<b>10,980</b>	
		<b>135</b>	
		<b>£10,845</b>	
		<b>31,821</b>	
		<b>31,820</b>	
		<b>194,735</b>	

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account and confirm we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

  
Hollie Orsi

  
Sarah Bryant

  
K. Sumpter

Kimberley Sumbler

Date: 05/05/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: CROFT PLAY GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31st AUGUST 2021 Charity no (if any) 1028686

Set out on pages

1-3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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:

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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:

[Signature]

Name:

EMAS P (SIGNED)

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

F.M.A.A.T.

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

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see GC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Section B Disclosure**


Address:

(if any):

1 CENTRAL COURT OLD ROAD  
STAINED LISTS STREET

**CROFT PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1028686

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2019		31	08	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

### 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 any)
1	SARAH BRYANT	CHAIR		
2	HOLLIE ORSI	TREASURER		
3	KIMBERLEY SUMBLER	SECRETARY		
4	KAREN BAKER			
5	CLAIRE GORDON			
6	ALEXIS RAMSDEN			
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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

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

ELECTED AT AGM

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

THE PROVISION OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

AS ABOVE

**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)**

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

Our main achievements have been ensuring that we have continued to nurture and care for the children in our community throughout the difficulties and restrictions associated with Covid-19. We have been pleased to be able to ensure that children can play and learn in an environment, which we have adapted to address for the additional risks related to Covid, but which have not impacted on their experiences or access to resources in the environment. We are pleased to be full and that we are continuing to maintain good relationships with parents and that they continue to feel comfortable to send their children to us. We are delighted to see the children make good progress.

## Section E

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity continues to ensure there are sufficient funds in place to safeguard against any redundancy situation, should it arise.

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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 
Full name(s)	SARAH BRYANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOLLIE ORSJ
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TREASURER
Date	01/04/21	

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020  
FOR  
CROFT PLAYGROUP

GENERAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

**ADDRESS:** Croft Children's Center  
Marlborough Road  
Swindon  
SN3 1RA

**ACCOUNTANTS:** Ekins & Co (Swindon)  
Accountants and Tax Advisors  
1 Cricklade Court  
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Wiltshire  
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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO

CROFT PLAYGROUP (CHARITY NUMBER: 1028686)

We have prepared the attached Income and Expenditure Account in accordance with approved accounting standards. In our opinion, the accounts, give a true and fair view of the playgroups affairs at the 31 August 2020.



Ekins & Co (Swindon)  
Accountants and Tax Advisors  
1 Cricklade Court  
Cricklade Street  
Old Town  
SWINDON  
Wiltshire  
SN1 3EY


Date: ..... 8/3/2021 .....


**THE CROFT PLAYGROUP**


**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	<u>31.8.20</u>		<u>31.8.19</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>		194,735		150,137
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Wages and pensions	122,764		106,782	
Events and activities	2,356		5,271	
Telephone	1,337		1,426	
Post & stationery	3,190		3,117	
Advertising	-		60	
Equipment for children	2,778		4,246	
Repairs & renewals	3,959		162	
Cleaning	7,555		7,777	
Training courses	1,595		2,820	
Food and drink supplies	1,492		1,991	
Subscriptions	85		185	
Gifts	-		75	
Accountancy	1,318		1,255	
Professional fees	517		623	
Service charge	19,320		18,730	
Protective clothing	-		248	
Insurance	<u>1,223</u>		<u>1,205</u>	
		<u>169,489</u>		<u>155,973</u>
		25,246		(5,836)
<b>Finance costs:</b>				
Bank charges		<u>123</u>		<u>162</u>
<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>		<u><u>£25,123</u></u>		<u><u>£(5,998)</u></u>

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account and confirm we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

  
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Hollie Orsi

  
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Sarah Bryant

  
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Kimberley Sumbler

Date: 5/3/2021



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name  
CROFT PLAY GROUP.

On accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2020 Charity no (if any)  
1028686.

Set out on pages 1-3. (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'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:  Date: 8/3/2021.

Name: Ekinic & Co (Swindon)

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body F.M.A.A.T.

(if any):

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**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.

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