

BENGER BEARS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1029641

Details

Other names BENGER BEARS PLAYGROUP, BENGER BEARS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-12-02

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Benger Bears Pre-School is set in the rural village community of Sutton Benger. At Benger Bears Pre-school we aim to provide high quality, affordable and accessible childcare to children aged two and a half to five, in a safe and supportive environment, and to work in partnership with parents in the provision of this childcare.

Classification

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

Geography

- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£73,678	£66,346	-	-
2023-08-31	£48,278	£65,280	-	-
2022-08-31	£73,174	£70,338	-	-
2021-08-31	£44,524	£57,748	-	-
2020-08-31	£56,455	£53,653	-	-

Trustees

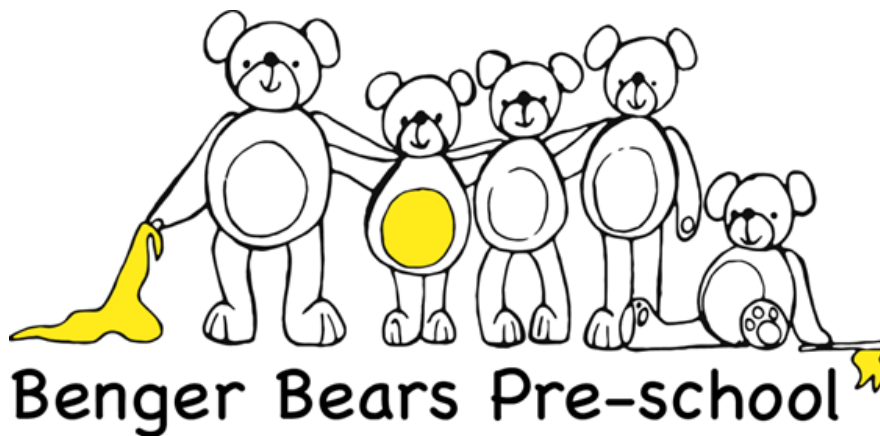
Name	Role	Appointed
Jemma Garland	Chair	2021-11-18
Alison Flynn		2026-05-05
Anna Parkinson		2015-10-06
Katy Spencer		2022-11-03
Kaylie Oliver-Branton		2025-10-05

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The Committee have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake during the year.

Achievements and Performance

Child numbers

During the previous financial year, the pre-school struggled with a drop in numbers of children attending the setting due to a reduction in the birth rate locally, but in 2024 numbers increased and bounced back from the drop in 2023 which led to the setting recovering some of the deficit experienced in the previous year. Numbers since the end of the year are steady.

Financial

During the Financial year, the Pre-school has made a net surplus of £7,332 (2023 deficit: £17,002). This was due to an increase in child numbers for 2024 which impacted revenue received.

Fee income receipts totalled £72,949 (2023: £47,640). The increase is due to increased number of children attending the setting. The Committee and staff increased fundraising efforts during the year and there was £381 (2023: £475) raised through fundraising activities this year.

Total costs have remained consistent with the prior year, being £66,346 (2023: £65,280).

Designated funds

The Pre-school holds reserves, which are classified as designated funds to cover potential future costs of closure, to support the pre-school where we incur a short-term fall in child numbers, and to cover any other unforeseen costs. The largest component of this is redundancy payments. The policy includes a detailed calculation for redundancy costs to support the monetary value of reserves held. During the year, our review of reserves has indicated that it would be prudent to increase reserve levels to £20,000 from £19,000 in the prior year. The pre-school reserves are ring fenced in the CAF Reserves bank account at the end of the year.

The committee is confident that the pre-school has sufficient funds to meet its obligations for the foreseeable future.

Advisors

Bank	CAF Bank	25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Janette Collier-Marsh FCA	Collier-Marsh Accountancy Old Coach House Seagry Road Sutton Benger Wiltshire SN15 4RX

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Benger Bears Pre-school

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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:

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26 August 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts		
Revenue	72,949	47,640
Fundraising	381	475
Interest/Investment income	<u>348</u>	<u>163</u>
Total Receipts	<u>73,678</u>	<u>48,278</u>
Payments		
Advertising	132	146
Bank charges	60	60
Children's Activities	1,080	870
Consumables	131	780
DBS Checks	78	65
Equipment	25	72
Fundraising costs	55	95
Insurance	877	837
Office Costs	599	758
Professional Fees	576	853
Registration Fees	98	219
Rent	9,041	9,135
Salaries	52,813	49,866
Software	511	936
Welfare and training	<u>270</u>	<u>588</u>
Total Payments	<u>66,346</u>	<u>65,280</u>
Net gain/(loss)	<u>7,332</u>	<u>(17,002)</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2023 £
Bank and Cash Accounts				
CAF Current	14,529	-	14,529	9,960
CAF Reserves	15,103	-	15,103	12,372
Total Bank and Cash	29,632	-	29,632	22,332
Other Monetary Assets				
Prepayments/Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Total Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-	-
Other Monetary Liabilities				
Fees received in advance	-	-	-	730
Accruals	1,642	-	1,642	968
Total Monetary Liabilities	1,642	-	1,642	1,696

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

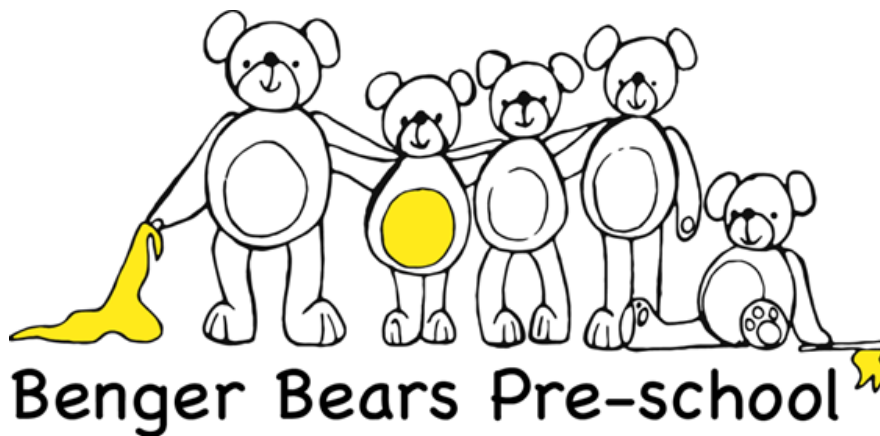
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Financial

During the Financial year, the Pre-school has made a net deficit of £17,002 (2022 surplus: £2,836). This was due to a drop in child numbers for 2023 which impacted revenue received. Spend was reduced accordingly, but in order to maintain levels of service in the setting, it was necessary to use previously accrued reserves.

Fee income receipts totalled £47,640 (2022: £72,161). The decrease is due to increased number of children attending the setting. The Committee and staff increased fundraising efforts during the year and there was £475 (2022: £1,003) raised through fundraising activities this year. In the previous financial year, a £999 grant was received and paid to the village hall for repairs to the fence.

Total costs have decreased from the prior year, being £65,281 (2022: £71,338). This is due mainly to the reduction in salary costs representing the reduction in the number of children attending the setting.

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19th May 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

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Receipts		
Revenue	47,640	72,161
Grants	-	999
Fundraising	475	1,003
Interest/Investment income	<u>163</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Receipts	<u>48,278</u>	<u>74,173</u>
Payments		
Advertising	146	465
Bank charges	60	98
Children's Activities	870	1,425
Consumables	780	1,089
DBS Checks	65	52
Equipment	72	173
Fundraising costs	95	343
Gifts/Charitable expense	-	245
Insurance	837	813
Office Costs	758	2,066
Professional Fees	853	923
Registration Fees	219	138
Rent	9,135	8,459
Repairs and Maintenance	-	999
Salaries	49,866	52,713
Software	936	627
Welfare and training	<u>588</u>	<u>709</u>
Total Payments	<u>65,280</u>	<u>71,337</u>
Net gain/(loss)	<u>(17,002)</u>	<u>2,836</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2022 £
Bank and Cash Accounts				
CAF Current	9,960	-	9,960	27,085
CAF Reserves	12,372	-	12,372	12,250
Total Bank and Cash	22,332	-	22,332	39,335
Other Monetary Assets				
Prepayments/Other debtors	-	-	-	886
Total Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-	886
Other Monetary Liabilities				
Fees received in advance	730	-	730	729
Accruals	968	-	968	1,356
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Achievements and Performance

Child numbers

During the previous financial year, the pre-school felt the impact of the COVID pandemic and saw a decrease in child numbers as well as a reduction in hours of attendance from those children this has improved for the current financial year which saw a greater number of children attending the setting. The Pre-school has benefited from the building of new housing in the village over the last few years and child numbers as well as the numbers of sessions attended, increased for the current year.

Financial

During the Financial year, the Pre-school has made a net surplus of £2,836 (2021 deficit: £13,224). In the previous year, there were significant restrictions in activities due to COVID and in the current year, there was an increase in the number of children and also in the activities provided.

Fee income receipts totalled £72,161 (2021: £44,305). The increase is due to increased number of children attending the setting. The Committee and staff increased fundraising efforts during the year and there was £1,003 (2021: £218) raised through fundraising activities this year. A £999 grant was received and paid to the village hall for repairs to the fence.

Total costs have increased from the prior year, being £71,338 (2021: £57,748). This is due mainly to the increase in underlying costs of rent, salaries and activities.

Designated funds

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23 October 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
Receipts			
Revenue	72,161	-	44,305
Grants	-	999	-
Fundraising	1,003	-	218
Interest/Investment income	10	-	1
Total Receipts	<u>73,174</u>	<u>999</u>	<u>44,524</u>
Payments			
Advertising	465	-	58
Bank charges	98	-	84
Children's Activities	1,425	-	555
Consumables	1,089	-	472
DBS Checks	52	-	129
Equipment	173	-	91
Fundraising costs	343	-	123
Gifts/Charitable expense	245	-	98
Insurance	813	-	798
Office Costs	2,066	-	857
Professional Fees	923	-	590
Registration Fees	138	-	130
Rent	8,459	-	7,714
Repairs and Maintenance	-	999	-
Salaries	52,713	-	45,340
Software	627	-	625
Welfare and training	709	-	84
Total Payments	<u>70,338</u>	<u>999</u>	<u>57,748</u>
Net gain/(loss)	<u>2,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,224)</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2021 £
Bank and Cash Accounts				
CAF Current	27,085	-	27,085	22,676
CAF Reserves	12,250	-	12,250	12,242
Cash	-	-	-	204
Total Bank and Cash	39,335	-	39,335	35,122
Other Monetary Assets				
Prepayments/Other debtors	886	-	886	312
Total Other Monetary Assets	886	-	886	312
Other Monetary Liabilities				
Fees received in advance	729	-	729	200
Accruals	1,356	-	1,356	521
Total Monetary Liabilities	2,085	-	2,085	721

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Anna Parkinson
(Treasurer)

October 2024

BENGER BEARS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1029641

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Trustees Report

Charity Name	Benger Bears Pre-School
Registered Charity Number	1029641
Principal Address	The Village Hall Sutton Benger Chippenham Wiltshire SN15 4RP

Management Committee

The Pre-School is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission and is managed by an elected management committee governed by a constitution adopted from the Pre-School Learning Alliance. Members are elected annually.

Trustees of the Committee during the period 1 September 2020 until the date of signing the report were:

Jesika Hegley	(Chairperson)	Appointed 3 rd October 2017
Nicola Foster	(Secretary)	Resigned 11 th November 2021
Anna Parkinson	(Treasurer)	Appointed 30 th September 2014
Laura Hunter		Resigned 11 th November 2021
Anna Strawson		Resigned 11 th November 2021
Russell Cooper		Resigned 11 th November 2021
Husna Grimes		Resigned 11 th November 2021
Bridget Meadows		Appointed 18 th November 2021
Gemma Garland	(Secretary)	Appointed 18 th November 2021
Nina Abel		Appointed 18 th November 2021
Katy Spencer		Appointed 18 th November 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

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The overall management and control of the Pre-school rests with the individual members of the Committee. As well as being responsible for the management of the Pre-school the Committee members are also the charity trustees of the Preschool. The minimum number of Committee members shall be 5 and the maximum shall be 12, together with up to a further 3 co-opted members.

The Committee members shall be elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Committee members are eligible for re-election unless they have already served on the Committee in any capacity for ten consecutive years. All Committee members will have one vote each at Committee meetings. In the event of a tie the Chair of the Committee has a second or casting vote. A quorum for Committee meetings is not less than half the Committee, including any two of the Officers.

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The Constitution states, that the Committee shall hold at least 2 Committee meetings each year unless the Committee shall decide by simple majority to hold a further meeting or meetings. The Committee aims to meet more regularly than this, usually between 6 and 8 weeks.

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Objectives and Activities

The aims of the Pre-school are 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, and by:

- offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the pre-school, ensuring that we offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;
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The Pre-School is set in the rural village community of Sutton Benger. It is located in the village hall and the children make use of both the inside and outside space as well as using the local woods for

forest school. The village hall is next to the primary school and links with the school are positive; with the majority of those attending the pre-school transitioning to this school. The Pre-School is well regarded in the community many of whom are alumni parents.

The Pre-School is open from 9am to 3pm four days of the week, offering flexible sessions to enable people to use their Nursery Education Grant. One day of the week has been reserved for 'Polar Bears' (children starting school the following academic year). The pre-school has a total daily capacity of 24 children on current statutory guidance.

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The Committee have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake during the year.

Achievements and Performance

Child numbers

During the financial year, the Pre-school felt the impact of the COVID pandemic and saw a decrease in child numbers as well as a reduction in hours of attendance from those children. The Pre-school has benefited from the building of new housing in the village over the last few years and an influx of families to the area and numbers for 21/22 are looking to be good.

Fundraising

Due to COVID restrictions, the Committee and staff have not been able to carry out the same level of fundraising efforts as in previous years, but the significant fundraising carried out in previous years has enabled the pre-school to weather the reduction in funding and fundraising during the pandemic.

Financial

During the Financial year, the Pre-school has made a net deficit of £13,223 (2020: £2,800 surplus). This was in the face of significant restrictions in activities due to COVID for the majority of the year, including a short period of closure enforced by the pandemic.

Fee income receipts totalled £44,305 (2020: £56,309). The reduction is due to a short period of closure due to COVID restrictions and a reduction in the number of external activity providers that could be used due to COVID. During the year, the Committee and staff have had minimal opportunity to fundraise, due to COVID restrictions in place. There was £218 (2020: £259) raised through fundraising activities.

Total costs have increased from the prior year, being £57,747 (2020: £53,782). This is due mainly to the increase in underlying costs of rent and salaries.

Designated funds

The Pre-school holds reserves, which are classified as designated funds to cover potential future costs of closure, to support the pre-school where we incur a short-term fall in child numbers, and to cover

any other unforeseen costs. The largest component of this is redundancy payments. The policy includes a detailed calculation for redundancy costs to support the monetary value of reserves held. During the year, our review of reserves has indicated that it would be prudent to maintain reserve levels at £12,000, in line with the prior year. The Pre-school reserves are ring fenced in the CAF Reserves bank account at the end of the year.

The committee is confident that the pre-school has sufficient funds to meet its obligations for the foreseeable future.

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7th July 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Receipts		
Revenue	44,305	56,179
Fundraising	218	259
Interest/Investment income	1	17
Total Receipts	<u>44,524</u>	<u>56,455</u>
Payments		
Accounting and legal costs	590	385
Advertising	58	270
Bank charges	84	60
Children's Activities	555	1,297
Consumables	472	318
DBS Checks	129	78
Equipment	91	482
Fundraising costs	123	189
Gifts/Charitable expense	98	121
Insurance	798	797
Office Costs	857	1,026
Registration Fees	130	200
Rent	7,714	4,779
Salaries	45,340	42,284
Software	625	280
Welfare and training	84	1,087
Total Payments	<u>57,748</u>	<u>53,653</u>
Net (loss)/gain	<u>(13,224)</u>	<u>2,802</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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CAF Current	22,676	-	22,676	35,230
CAF Reserves	12,242	-	12,242	12,241
Cash float	-	-	-	300
Cash	204	-	204	204
Total Bank and Cash	35,122	-	35,122	47,975
Other Monetary Assets				
Outstanding Fees	-	-	-	13
Prepayments/Other debtors	312	-	312	277
Total Other Monetary Assets	312	-	312	290
Other Monetary Liabilities				
Fees received in advance	200	-	200	188
Accruals	521	-	521	150
Total Monetary Liabilities	721	-	721	338

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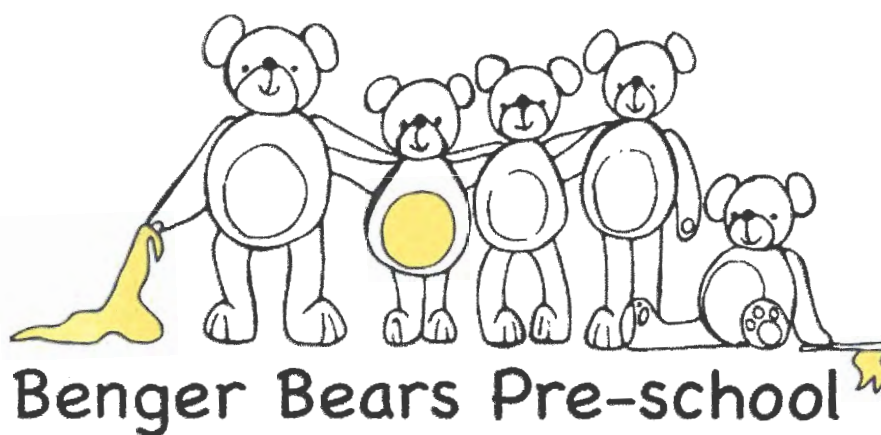
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Fundraising

The Committee and staff have continued to raise significant amounts through fundraising activities. This enables the Pre-school to purchase much needed equipment and to help meet its objects to enhance the development and education of children. During the year, the fundraising income was used to purchase new equipment and for activities such as dance and football (provided by external providers) for the children to enjoy. The committee has also invested in some new IT equipment, including laptops.

Financial

During the Financial year, the Pre-school has made a net surplus of £2,802 (2019: £11,291). This was in the face of significant restrictions in activities due to COVID for the latter part of the year.

The Pre-school has seen steady pupil numbers, with fee income receipts totalling £56,179 (2019: £76,223). During the year, the Committee and staff have had minimal opportunity to fundraise, due to COVID restrictions in place, for the latter half of the year. There was £259 (2019: £1,558) raised through fundraising activities.

Total costs have decreased from the prior year, being £53,652 (2019: £66,508). This is due to a short period of closure due to COVID restrictions and a reduction in the number of external activity providers that could be used due to COVID.

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7 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds £	2019 £
Receipts		
Revenue	56,179	76,223
Fundraising	259	1,558
Interest/Investment income	17	18
Total Receipts	<u>56,455</u>	<u>77,799</u>
Payments		
Accounting and legal costs	385	532
Advertising	270	170
Bank charges	60	65
Children's Activities	1,297	1,706
Consumables	318	918
DBS Checks	78	78
Equipment	482	2,536
Fundraising costs	189	486
Gifts/Charitable expense	121	61
Insurance	797	788
Office Costs	1,026	567
Registration Fees	200	137
Rent	4,779	6,210
Salaries	42,284	50,310
Software	280	556
Welfare and training	1,087	900
Total Payments	<u>53,653</u>	<u>66,020</u>
Net gain	<u>2,802</u>	<u>11,292</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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Bank and Cash Accounts				
CAF Current	35,230	-	35,230	30,844
CAF Reserves	12,241	-	12,241	12,224
Cash float	300	-	300	300
Cash	204	-	204	219
Total Bank and Cash	43,587	-	47,975	43,587
Other Monetary Assets				
Outstanding Fees	13	-	13	342
Prepayments/Other debtors	277	-	277	1,605
Total Other Monetary Assets	290	-	290	1,945
Other Monetary Liabilities				
Fees received in advance	188	-	188	250
Accruals	150	-	150	150
Total Monetary Liabilities	338	-	338	400

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Anna Parkinson
(Treasurer)

7 December 2021