

RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP (LOUTH)

England & Wales · Charity number 1030937

Details

Other names	RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1994-01-15
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: Riverside playgroup provides good quality sessional, pre-school education for children in Louth and surrounding villages.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£156,694	£140,439	-	-
2023-12-31	£133,596	£136,949	-	-
2022-12-31	£125,358	£128,500	-	-
2021-12-31	£106,519	£117,898	-	-
2020-12-31	£116,054	£113,187	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAUL MARK GUTHERSON	Chair	

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UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Trustees and Management Committee

Trustees
Paul Gutherson (Chairperson)

Management Committee
Rachel Gutherson (Secretary)
Tricia Reeson (Treasurer)
Jane Lewis
Samantha Wherry

Charity Registered Number

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Principal Office

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Independent Examiner

Steve Gladwin
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TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of Riverside Playgroup (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the Charities SORP (FRS102)

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is constituted under a Constitution dated 1993 and is a registered charity.

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The strategic management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

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The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Playgroup management team, who report to the management committee.

Risk Management

The management committee has undertaken a risk assessment of all activities organised by the Playgroup in furtherance of its objectives and of the Playgroup facilities, and this is reviewed on an annual basis.

Objectives and Activities

Policies and objectives

The charity is constituted under a Constitution dated 1993 and is a registered charity no 1030937.

The playgroup aims to provide a service for the local community by providing a happy and relaxed environment for children of any culture and/or ability to learn through play. Children are encouraged by example and teaching to care for and respect not only themselves but also others and their environment.

The playgroup aims to:

- Increase personal confidence and self-esteem;
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The playgroup actively promotes creativity and imaginative play and equality of opportunity for everyone. Children are encouraged to feel part of their community by having visitors and visits to local facilities and places of interest in the town.

The playgroup maintains a working partnership with parents as this is recognised as being of major value and importance in the education of children. We also encourage each individual child to progress towards the Early Learning Goals as set out by the DfE.

The Trustees, voluntary management committee and parents, together with the staff, undertake fundraising activities as required.

Achievements and performance

The playgroup is fully subscribed, however, we continue to see challenges in relation to children's development and also in irregular attendance of registered children.

We continue with our trips, utilising local amenities including hiring beach huts at Mablethorpe, to Tattershall Farm and to Rand Farm to see Santa. We also took part in community events like the Christmas Tree Festival at St James Church, as well as smaller trips into town, using public transport. We also work in partnership with a number of Residential Care Homes, visiting regularly. We believe these are valuable experiences for the children.

The management team continues to work well together and has implemented a number of changes to the setting. The playgroup has fulfilled its aims and expectations in providing high quality care and education for pre-school children from the local area.

We did not carry out fundraising events given the continued cost of living pressures on our families this year. As usual we sent out summer activity bags, Christmas presents to all our children and at the beginning of Autumn we sent out road safety packs including reflective snapbands and zipper tags.

We believe it is important to involve family members in activities and have continued with 'stay and play' sessions, parents' evenings and Graduation events.

We have purchased new learning resources/equipment and we continue to provide a high quality experience for the families using our services. We regularly review our fee level, aiming to be the lowest in the area – ensuring that affordable, high-quality provision is available to families in Louth.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is designed to set aside designated funds to ensure that we can properly mitigate specific risks, namely, the legal liability to return the site to its original condition at the end of our lease term (£20,000), one term's operating costs if funding was removed (£35,000) and to ensure that we could meet any financial responsibilities should we be forced to close and make staff redundant (£20,000).

Even with these designated funds we remain in a healthy financial position even though the Local Authority began charging us rent, including back dated rent.

Future developments

Continuing to provide high quality support for children and families remains our priority and we are closely monitoring demand and potential for future development, as well as dealing with challenges faced by Early Years provision nationally. We need to recruit additional Trustees and have started the process of changing to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in the coming year.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP (FRS102). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or

deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP (FRS102). They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

Paul Gutherson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members for the year ended 31st December 2024 on the accounts set out on pages 6 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 next statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed:

Dated:

Steve Gladwin
14 Andrews Close
Louth
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

		Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES Note					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Grants and funding	1	19,913	124,938	144,851	125,914
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2		11,113	11,113	7,682
Activities for generating funds (fund raising)			730	730	-
			-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		19,913	136,781	156,694	133,596
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Cost of fund-raising			-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	18,777	121,662	140,439	136,949
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		18,777	121,662	140,439	136,949
NET INCOME (DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR	4	1,136	15,119	16,255	(3,353)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		1,136	15,119	16,255	(3,353)
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JAN 2024		10,134	76,850	86,984	90,338
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DEC 2024		11,270	91,969	103,239	86,984

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year
The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		103,776	87,453
Debtors	6	-	-
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - PAYE	7	537	469
		_____	_____
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		103,239	86,984
CHARITY FUNDS			
	8	_____	_____
Unrestricted funds		91,969	76,850
Restricted Funds		11,270	10,134
		_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS		103,239	86,984
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These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on
on their behalf by

and signed

Paul Gutherson

Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS102.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an income & expenditure basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets, or groupings of assets, costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment - 25% straight line.

1 - Grants & Funding	2025	2023
	£	£
2 Yr Old Funding	51,594	24,094
Early Years Funding	73,344	83,384
	_____	_____
Unrestricted Funding	124,938	107,478
Pupil Premium	10,445	8,348
Deprivation Supplement	9,468	6,144
Specific Child Funding	-	3,944
	_____	_____
Restricted Funding	19,913	18,436
	_____	_____
Total	144,851	125,914
	_____	_____

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

2 – Incoming resources from charitable activities		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees Received	11,113	7,682
Fund Raising	730	-
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	11,843	7,682
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3 – Charitable Activities		
Unrestricted Funds		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages & Personnel Costs	91,569	97,956
Social Security Costs	-	-
Workplace Pension Costs	2,161	1,991
Rent & Rates	10,360	369
Equipment, Stationery & Consumables	4,448	3,076
Premises costs, Health & Safety	10,069	13,751
Trips & Xmas	10	192
Legal & Professional	1,610	0
Independent Examination Fee	300	300
Insurance	1,135	1,081
Depreciation of Equipment	-	-
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	121,662	118,716
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Restricted Funds		
Pupil Premium Expenditure	8,975	7,327
Deprivation Expenditure	9,802	6,962
Specific Child Expenditure	-	3,944
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	18,777	18,233
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Total Charitable Activities	140,439	136,949
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Average staff headcount	7	8

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

4 – Net Income for the Year

This is stated after charging

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
Owned by the charity	-	-
	-	-

5 – Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost at 31st December 2023	30,032
Additions for year	-
Depreciation at 1st January 2024	30,032
Charge for year	-
	-
At 31st December 2024	-
Net Book Value	
At 31st December 2023	-
	-
At 31st December 2024	-

6 - Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due from HMRC	-	-

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7 - Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year	537	469
Amounts falling due after one year	-	-

8 – Summary Of Funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
General Fund Brought Forward	10,134	76,850	86,984
Incoming Resources	19,913	136,781	156,694
Resources Expended	18,777	121,662	140,439
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Achievements and performance

The playgroup is fully subscribed; however, we continue to see challenges in relation to children's development and also in irregular attendance of registered children that we believe to be related to the difficulties of the Covid years.

We continue with our trips, utilising local amenities including hiring beach huts at Mablethorpe and to Tattershall Farm. We also took part in community events like the Christmas Tree Festival at St James Church. We believe these are valuable experiences for the children and their parents.

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Even with these designated funds we remain in a healthy financial position but have yet again benefited from peppercorn rent. We continue to plan for this arrangement to end.

Future developments

Continuing to provide high quality support for children and families remains our priority and we are closely monitoring demand and potential for future development. We urgently need to recruit additional Trustees and to review our legal structure.

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Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES Note					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Grants and funding	1	18,436	107,478	125,914	114,862
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2		7,682	7,682	10,496
Activities for generating funds (fund raising)				-	-
				-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		18,436	115,160	133,596	125,358
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Cost of fund-raising			-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	18,233	118,716	136,949	128,500
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		18,233	118,716	136,949	128,500
NET INCOME (DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR	4	203	(3,556)	(3,353)	(3,142)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		203	(3,556)	(3,353)	(3,142)
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JAN 2023		9,931	80,406	90,337	93,479
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DEC 2023		10,134	76,850	86,984	90,337

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year
The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		87,453	90,718
Debtors	6	-	-
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - PAYE	7	469	381
		86,984	90,337
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
CHARITY FUNDS			
	8	76,850	80,406
Unrestricted funds			
Restricted Funds		10,134	9,931
TOTAL FUNDS		86,984	90,337

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on
on their behalf by

and signed

Paul Gutherson

Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS102.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an income & expenditure basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets, or groupings of assets, costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment - 25% straight line.

1 - Grants & Funding	2023	2022
	£	£
2 Yr Old Funding	24,094	49,265
Early Years Funding	83,384	46,782
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Unrestricted Funding	107,478	96,047
Pupil Premium	8,348	10,957
Deprivation Supplement	6,144	4,798
Specific Child Funding	3,944	3,060
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Restricted Funding	18,436	18,815
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Total	125,914	114,862
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

2 – Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees Received	7,682	10,496
Charitable Donations	-	-
	7,682	10,496

3 – Charitable Activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		
Wages & Personnel Costs	97,956	94,040
Social Security Costs	-	-
Workplace Pension Costs	1,991	1,746
Rent & Rates	369	645
Equipment, Stationery & Consumables	3,076	4,620
Premises costs, Health & Safety	13,751	7,913
Trips & Xmas	192	372
Legal & Professional	0	60
Independent Examination Fee	300	300
Insurance	1,081	979
Depreciation of Equipment	-	-
	118,716	110,675
Restricted Funds		
Pupil Premium Expenditure	7,327	10,395
Deprivation Expenditure	6,962	5,163
Specific Child Expenditure	3,944	2,267
	18,233	17,825
Total Charitable Activities	136,949	128,500
Average staff headcount	8	8

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4 – Net Income for the Year

This is stated after charging

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: Owned by the charity	-	-
	-	-

5 – Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost at 31st December 2022	30,032
Additions for year	-
Depreciation at 1st January 2023	30,032
Charge for year	-
	-
At 31st December 2023	-
	-
Net Book Value	
At 31st December 2022	-
	-
At 31st December 2023	-
	-

6 - Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due from HMRC	-	-

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

7 - Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year	469	381
Amounts falling due after one year	-	-

8 – Summary Of Funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
General Fund Brought Forward	9,931	80,406	90,337
Incoming Resources	18,436	115,160	133,596
Resources Expended	18,233	118,716	136,949
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Carried Forward	10,134	76,850	86,984
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

Trustees and Management Committee

Trustees

Paul Gutherson (Chairperson)

Jon Guilliat

Management Committee

Rachel Gutherson (Secretary)

Tricia Reeson (Treasurer)

Jane Lewis

Kerry Daff

Samantha Mountain

Samantha Wherry

Charity Registered Number

1030937

Principal Office

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Independent Examiner

Steve Gladwin

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of Riverside Playgroup (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2022. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the Charities SORP (FRS102)

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is constituted under a Constitution dated 1993 and is a registered charity.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The strategic management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of Trust deed.

Organisational Structure and decision making

The day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Playgroup management team, who report to the management committee comprising the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Risk Management

The management committee has undertaken a risk assessment of all activities organised by the Playgroup in furtherance of its objectives and of the Playgroup facilities and this is reviewed on an annual basis.

Objectives and Activities

Policies and objectives

The charity is constituted under a Constitution dated 1993 and is a registered charity no 1030937.

The playgroup aims to provide a service for the local community by providing a happy and relaxed environment for children of any culture and/or ability to learn through play. Children are encouraged by example and teaching to care for and respect not only themselves but also others and their environment.

The playgroup aims to:

- Increase personal confidence and self-esteem;
- Develop the concentration, communication and listening skills of the children;
- Broaden their range of experiences and deepen their levels of understanding;
- Develop their physical abilities.

The playgroup actively promotes creativity and imaginative play and equality of opportunity for everyone. Children are encouraged to feel part of their community by having visitors and visits to local facilities and places of interest in the town.

The playgroup maintains a working partnership with parents as this is recognised as being of major value and importance in the education of children. We also encourage each individual child to progress towards the Early Learning Goals as set out by the DfE.

Achievements and performance

The playgroup has been fully open again post Covid. However, we are still seeing challenges in relation to children's development and also in attendance of registered children that we believe to be related to the difficulties of the Covid years.

We resumed our trips, utilising local amenities including the Seal Sanctuary at Skegness and to Tattershall Farm. We believe these are valuable experiences for the children and their parents.

The management team has settled well and begun to implement changes to the setting. The management and staff are still needing to consider additional support and resources. Despite the challenges the playgroup has fulfilled its aims and expectations in providing high quality care and education for pre-school children from the local area.

We did not carry out fundraising events given the financial pressures on our families this year. As usual we sent out Christmas presents to all our children and at the beginning of Autumn we sent out road safety packs including reflective snapbands and zipper tags.

We have been able to reinstate our usual activities that involve family members such as 'stay and play' sessions, parents' evenings and Graduation events.

We have purchased new learning resources/equipment and we continue to provide a high quality experience for the families using our services. We regularly review our fee level, aiming to be the lowest in the area – ensuring that affordable, high quality provision is available to families in Louth.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is designed to set aside designated funds to ensure that we can properly mitigate specific risks, namely, the legal liability to return the site to its original condition at the end of our lease term (£10,000), one term's operating costs if funding was removed (£30,000) and to ensure that we could meet any financial responsibilities should we be forced to close and make staff redundant (£20,000).

Even with these designated funds we remain in a healthy financial position but have yet again benefited from peppercorn rent. We continue to plan for this arrangement to end.

Our strong financial position gave us confidence throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Future developments

Continuing to provide high quality support for children and families remains our priority and we are closely monitoring demand and potential for future development. We will look into the recruitment of additional Trustees.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP (FRS102). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP (FRS102). They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

Paul Gutherson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members for the year ended 31st December 2022 on the accounts set out on pages 6 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 next statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed:

Dated:

Steve Gladwin
14 Andrews Close
Louth
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		Restricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
	Note				
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Grants and funding	1	18,815	96,047	114,862	101,577
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2		10,496	10,496	4,942
Activities for generating funds (fund raising)			-	-	-
		18,815	106,543	125,358	106,519
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Cost of fund-raising			-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	17,825	110,675	128,500	117,898
		17,825	110,675	128,500	117,898
NET INCOME (DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR					
	4	990	(4,132)	(3,142)	(11,379)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR					
		990	(4,132)	(3,142)	(11,379)
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JAN 2022					
		8,941	84,538	93,479	104,858
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DEC 2022					
		9,931	80,406	90,337	93,479

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year
The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		90,718	93,479
Debtors	6	-	-
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - PAYE	7	381	-
		90,337	93,479
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
CHARITY FUNDS			
	8	80,406	84,538
Unrestricted funds			
Restricted Funds			
		9,931	8,941
		90,337	93,479
TOTAL FUNDS			

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on
on their behalf by

and signed

Paul Gutherson
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS102.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an income & expenditure basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets, or groupings of assets, costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment - 25% straight line.

1 - Grants & Funding	2022	2021
	£	£
2 Yr Old Funding	49,265	33,938
Early Years Funding	46,782	53,857
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Unrestricted Funding	96,047	87,795
Pupil Premium	10,957	7,904
Deprivation Supplement	4,798	5,878
Specific Child Funding	3,060	-
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Restricted Funding	18,815	13,782
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Total	114,862	101,577
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 – Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees Received	10,496	4,942
Charitable Donations	-	-
	10,496	4,942

3 – Charitable Activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		
Wages & Personnel Costs	94,040	88,878
Social Security Costs	-	-
Workplace Pension Costs	1,746	1,331
Rent & Rates	645	165
Equipment, Stationery & Consumables	4,620	6,501
Premises costs, Health & Safety	7,913	7,125
Trips & Xmas	372	345
Legal & Professional	60	334
Independent Examination Fee	300	300
Insurance	979	618
Depreciation of Equipment	-	-
	110,675	105,597
Restricted Funds		
Pupil Premium Expenditure	10,395	6,809
Deprivation Expenditure	5,163	5,492
Specific Child Expenditure	2,267	-
	17,825	12,301
Total Charitable Activities	128,500	117,898
Average staff headcount	8	8

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

4 – Net Income for the Year

This is stated after charging

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: Owned by the charity	-	-
	-	-

5 – Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost at 31st December 2021	30,032
Additions for year	-
Depreciation at 1st January 2022	30,032
Charge for year	-
	-
At 31st December 2022	-
Net Book Value	
At 31st December 2021	-
	-
At 31st December 2022	-

6 - Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due from HMRC	-	-

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

7 - Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year	381	-
Amounts falling due after one year	-	-

8 – Summary Of Funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
General Fund Brought Forward	8,941	84,538	93,479
Incoming Resources	18,815	106,543	125,358
Resources Expended	17,825	110,675	128,500
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Carried Forward	9,931	80,406	90,337
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

Trustees and Management Committee

Trustees

Paul Gutherson (Chairperson)

Jon Guillatt

Nathan Michael (Resigned Jan 21)

Management Committee

Rachel Gutherson (Secretary)

Tricia Reeson (Treasurer)

Jane Lewis

Kylie McMahon

Samantha Mountain

Samantha Wherry

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RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of Riverside Playgroup (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2021. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the Charities SORP (FRS102)

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is constituted under a Constitution dated 1993 and is a registered charity.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The strategic management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of Trust deed.

Organisational Structure and decision making

The day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Playgroup management team, who report to the management committee comprising the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Risk Management

The management committee has undertaken a risk assessment of all activities organised by the Playgroup in furtherance of its objectives and of the Playgroup facilities and this is reviewed on an annual basis.

Objectives and Activities

Policies and objectives

The charity is constituted under a Constitution dated 1993 and is a registered charity no 1030937.

The playgroup aims to provide a service for the local community by providing a happy and relaxed environment for children of any culture and/or ability to learn through play. Children are encouraged by example and teaching to care for and respect not only themselves but also others and their environment.

The playgroup aims to:

- Increase personal confidence and self-esteem;
- Develop the concentration, communication and listening skills of the children;
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- Develop their physical abilities.

The playgroup actively promotes creativity and imaginative play and equality of opportunity for everyone. Children are encouraged to feel part of their community by having visitors and visits to local facilities and places of interest in the town.

The playgroup maintains a working partnership with parents as this is recognised as being of major value and importance in the education of children. We also encourage each individual child to progress towards the Early Learning Goals as set out by the DfE.

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The Trustees, voluntary management committee and parents, together with the staff, undertake fundraising activities as required.

Achievements and performance

This year has been challenging as we, like lots of other organisations, learnt to cope with operating through the Covid-19 pandemic. Staff continued to support families by posting activities on Facebook and distributing hardship financial packages. Covid-19 continued to affect the things we could do, for example, we could not continue with our visits to the Care Home.

Opening up again after Covid, going back in September as normal, has had its challenges for some families and it is clear that periods of lockdown have impacted the development of some of the children. This has required the management and staff to consider additional support and resources. Despite the challenges the playgroup has fulfilled its aims and expectations in providing high quality care and education for pre-school children from the local area.

We saw some significant staff changes in the year, with the Manager retiring and the Deputy Manager leaving a few months later. Finding suitable replacement staff was challenging, recruitment in the sector is challenging at the moment. Our initial appointment to the Manager position ended before the end of the probationary period. Fortunately we were able to find an excellent Manager, a former member of staff, who has taken to the role well and whose values match those of the playgroup. One of our Trustees also stood down in the year.

Using deprivation funding we took all the children to the Cinema for their Christmas party and every child received a present. We also had a trip to the Garden Centre, where all the children had a meal and a range of activities and got to have taxi ride. Children also get to experience regular bus rides in to town.

Covid-19 prevented any fundraising events happening again this year, and given the financial pressures on our families this year it would not have been appropriate. We have been unable to hold usual activities that involve family members such as 'stay and play' sessions, parents evenings and Graduation events however we spoke with all parents on the phone to talk about their children's progress. Despite not being able to hold an event and disco to celebrate the children's achievements all children moving on to school received a mug and graduation photo.

We have purchased new learning resources/equipment and we continue to provide a high quality experience for the families using our services. We regularly review our fee level, aiming to be the lowest in the area – ensuring that affordable, high quality provision is available to families in Louth.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is designed to set aside designated funds to ensure that we can properly mitigate specific risks, namely, the legal liability to return the site to its original condition at the end of our lease term (£10,000), one term's operating costs if funding was removed (£30,000) and to ensure that we could meet any financial responsibilities should we be forced to close and make staff redundant (£20,000).

RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP

Even with these designated funds we remain in a healthy financial position but have yet again benefited from peppercorn rent. We continue to plan for this arrangement to end.

Our strong financial position gave us confidence throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Future developments

Continuing to provide high quality support for children and families remains our priority and we are closely monitoring demand and potential for future development. We will look into the recruitment of additional Trustees.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP (FRS102). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP (FRS102). They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

Paul Gutherson

RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members for the year ended 31st December 2021 on the accounts set out on pages 6 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 next statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 act;
and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed:

Dated:

Steve Gladwin MICB
14 Andrews Close
Louth
Lincs LN11 0BP

RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

		Restricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	Note				
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Grants and funding	1	13,782	87,795	101,577	109,585
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2		4,942	4,942	6,443
Activities for generating funds (fund raising)			-	-	26
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		13,782	92,737	106,519	116,054
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds			-	-	-
Cost of fund-raising					
Charitable activities	3	12,301	105,597	117,898	113,187
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		12,301	105,597	117,898	113,187
NET INCOME (DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR	4	1,481	(12,860)	(11,379)	2,867
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		1,481	(12,860)	(11,379)	2,867
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JAN 2021		7,460	97,398	104,858	101,991
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DEC 2021		8,941	84,538	93,479	104,858

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year
The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		93,479	104,460
Debtors	6	-	398
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - PAYE	7	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		93,479	104,858
CHARITY FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		84,538	97,398
Restricted Funds		8,941	7,460
TOTAL FUNDS		93,479	104,858

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on
on their behalf by

and signed

Paul Gutherson

Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS102.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an income & expenditure basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets, or groupings of assets, costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment - 25% straight line.

1 - Grants & Funding	2021	2020
	£	£
2 Yr Old Funding	33,938	37,141
Early Years Funding	53,857	62,651
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Unrestricted Funding	87,795	99,792
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Pupil Premium	7,904	3,232
Deprivation Supplement	5,878	6,561
Specific Child Funding	-	-
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Restricted Funding	13,782	9,793
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Total	101,577	109,585
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 – Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees Received	4,942	6,443
Charitable Donations	-	-
	4,942	6,443

3 – Charitable Activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		
Wages & Personnel Costs	88,878	88,605
Social Security Costs	-	216
Workplace Pension Costs	1,331	1,707
Rent & Rates	165	0
Equipment, Stationery & Consumables	6,501	6,643
Premises costs, Health & Safety	7,125	7,962
Trips & Xmas	345	234
Legal & Professional	334	2,380
Independent Examination Fee	300	300
Insurance	618	453
Depreciation of Equipment	-	-
	105,597	108,500
Restricted Funds		
Pupil Premium Expenditure	6,809	1,079
Deprivation Expenditure	5,492	3,608
Specific Child Expenditure	-	-
	12,301	4,687
Total Charitable Activities	117,898	113,187
Average staff headcount	8	8

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4 – Net Income for the Year

This is stated after charging

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: Owned by the charity	-	-
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5 – Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost at 31st December 2020	30,032
Additions for year	-
Depreciation at 1st January 2021	30,032
Charge for year	-
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At 31st December 2021	-
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Net Book Value	
At 31st December 2020	-
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At 31st December 2021	-
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6 - Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Due from HMRC	-	398

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

7 - Creditors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-
Amounts falling due after one year	-	-

8 – Summary Of Funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
General Fund Brought Forward	7,460	97,398	104,858
Incoming Resources	13,782	92,737	106,519
Resources Expended	12,301	105,597	117,898
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Carried Forward	8,941	84,538	93,479
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RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP (LOUTH)

England & Wales - Charity number 1030937

Accounts

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

Trustees and Management Committee

Trustees

Paul Gutherson (Chairperson)

Jon Guillatt

Nathan Michael

Management Committee

Rachel Gutherson (Secretary)

Tricia Reeson (Treasurer)

Jane Lewis

Kylie McMahon

Samantha Mountain

Samantha Wherry

Charity Registered Number

1030937

Principal Office

Louth Academy

North Holme Road

Louth

LN11 0HG

Independent Examiner

Steve Gladwin

14 Andrews Close

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Lincolnshire

LN11 0BP

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of Riverside Playgroup (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2020. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the Charities SORP (FRS102)

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is constituted under a Constitution dated 1993 and is a registered charity.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The strategic management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of Trust deed.

Organisational Structure and decision making

The day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Playgroup management team, who report to the management committee comprising the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Risk Management

The management committee has undertaken a risk assessment of all activities organised by the Playgroup in furtherance of its objectives and of the Playgroup facilities and this is reviewed on an annual basis.

Objectives and Activities

Policies and objectives

The charity is constituted under a Constitution dated 1993 and is a registered charity no 1030937.

The playgroup aims to provide a service for the local community by providing a happy and relaxed environment for children of any culture and/or ability to learn through play. Children are encouraged by example and teaching to care for and respect not only themselves but also others and their environment.

The playgroup aims to:

- Increase personal confidence and self-esteem;
- Develop the concentration, communication and listening skills of the children;
- Broaden their range of experiences and to deepen their levels of understanding;
- Develop their physical abilities.

The playgroup actively promotes creativity and imaginative play and equality of opportunity for everyone. Children are encouraged to feel part of their community by having visitors and visits to local facilities and places of interest in the town.

The playgroup maintains a working partnership with parents as it is recognised as being of major value and importance in the education of children. We also encourage each individual child to progress towards the Early Learning Goals as set out by the DfE.

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The Trustees, voluntary management committee and parents, together with the staff, undertake fundraising activities as required.

Achievements and performance

This year has been challenging as we, like lots of other organisations, learnt to cope with operating through the Covid-19 pandemic. Staff continued to support families even through periods of lockdown by posting activities on facebook, distributing activity packs – including colouring books, and food and hardship financial packages.

The Trustees supported staff by continuing to pay them in return for their commitment to support families online and for using their time for purposeful professional development.

Despite the challenges the playgroup has fulfilled its aims and expectations in providing high quality care and education for pre-school children from the local area.

We have maintained high numbers of children on our books and for the periods of the year when we were open we operated within Covid guidelines. We initially opened to accommodate the children of key workers, and children who were due to start school in September so that they would be school ready. Eventually we opened up to all children, in bubbles and staff adapted well to these new arrangements.

Covid-19 prevented any fundraising events happening this year, and given the financial pressures on our families this year it would not have been appropriate. Despite this we gave vouchers to every child and parent to go to a local farm ensuring that children still had access to at least one trip that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. This was co-funded through allocated funds (e.g. Deprivation fund) as well as being supported by playgroup funds.

We have been unable to hold usual activities that involve family members such as 'stay and play' sessions, parent's evenings and Graduation events. Despite not being able to hold an event and disco to celebrate the children's achievements all children moving on to school received a mug and graduation photo.

We have purchased new learning resources/equipment and we continue to provide a high quality experience for the families using our services. We regularly review our fee level, aiming to be the lowest in the area – ensuring that affordable, high quality provision is available to families in Louth.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is designed to set aside designated funds to ensure that we can properly mitigate specific risks, namely, the legal liability to return the site to its original condition at the end of our lease term (£10,000), one term's operating costs if funding was removed (£30,000) and to ensure that we could meet any financial responsibilities should we be forced to close and make staff redundant (£20,000).

Even with these designated funds we remain in a healthy financial position but have yet again benefited from peppercorn rent. We continue to plan for this arrangement to end.

Our strong financial position gave us confidence throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Future developments

Issues regarding the lease have been resolved with rent being payable from April 2020. The Trustees are monitoring the situation closely and retain legal representation to mitigate any risk. Changes to childcare policy may also require changes to the playgroup. Trustees and Management continue to plan for these changes.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP (FRS102). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP (FRS102). They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

Paul Gutherson

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members for the year ended 31st December 2020 on the accounts set out on pages 6 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 next statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 act;
and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed:

Dated:

Steve Gladwin MICB
14 Andrews Close
Louth
Lincs LN11 0BP

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

		Restricted Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	Note				
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Grants and funding	1	9,793	99,792	109,585	102,053
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2		6,443	6,443	13,359
Activities for generating funds (fund raising)			26	26	1,637
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		9,793	106,261	116,054	117,049
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Cost of fund-raising			-	-	1,878
Charitable activities	3	4,687	108,500	113,187	108,832
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		4,687	108,500	113,187	110,710
NET INCOME (DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR	4	5,106	(2,239)	2,867	6,339
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		5,106	(2,239)	2,867	6,339
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JAN 2020		2,354	99,637	101,991	95,652
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DEC 2020		7,460	97,398	104,858	101,991

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year
The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		104,460	101,792
Debtors	6	398	199
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - PAYE	7	-	-
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		104,858	101,991
CHARITY FUNDS	8	<hr/>	<hr/>
Unrestricted funds		97,398	99,637
Restricted Funds		7,460	2,354
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TOTAL FUNDS		104,858	101,991
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These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on
on their behalf by

and signed

Paul Gutherson

Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS102.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an income & expenditure basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets, or groupings of assets, costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment - 25% straight line.

1 - Grants & Funding	2020	2019
	£	£
2 Yr Old Funding	37,141	31,168
Early Years Funding	62,651	63,968
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Unrestricted Funding	99,792	95,136
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Pupil Premium	3,232	3,120
Deprivation Supplement	6,561	3,797
Specific Child Funding	-	-
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Restricted Funding	9,793	6,917
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Total	109,585	102,053
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

2 – Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fees Received	6,443	13,359
Charitable Donations	-	-
	6,443	13,359

3 – Charitable Activities

	2019	2018
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		
Wages & Personnel Costs	88,605	84,353
Social Security Costs	216	850
Workplace Pension Costs	1,707	1,540
Rent & Rates	0	635
Equipment, Stationery & Consumables	6,643	5,429
Premises costs, Health & Safety	7,962	9,332
Trips & Xmas	234	142
Legal & Professional	2,380	-
Independent Examination Fee	300	300
Insurance	453	431
Depreciation of Equipment	-	-
	108,500	103,002
Restricted Funds		
Pupil Premium Expenditure	1,079	2,439
Deprivation Expenditure	3,608	3,391
Specific Child Expenditure	-	-
	4,687	5,830
	113,187	108,832
Total Charitable Activities		
	8	8
Average staff headcount		

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

4 – Net Income for the Year

This is stated after charging

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: Owned by the charity	-	-
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5 – Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost at 31st December 2019	30,032
Additions for year	-
Depreciation at 1st January 2020	30,032
Charge for year	-
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At 31st December 2020	-
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Net Book Value	
At 31st December 2019	-
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At 31st December 2020	-
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6 - Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Due from HMRC	398	199

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

7 - Creditors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-
Amounts falling due after one year	-	-

8 – Summary Of Funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
General Fund Brought Forward	2,354	99,637	101,991
Incoming Resources	9,793	106,261	116,054
Resources Expended	4,687	108,500	113,187
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Carried Forward	7,460	97,398	104,858
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