
RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP



UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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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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Riverside Playgroup

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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.

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 the 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.

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.

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
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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	-
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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

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
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Unrestricted Funding	124,938	107,478
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Pupil Premium	10,445	8,348
Deprivation Supplement	9,468	6,144
Specific Child Funding	-	3,944
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Restricted Funding	19,913	18,436
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Total	144,851	125,914
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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	-
	11,843	7,682

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	-	-
	121,662	118,716
	121,662	118,716
Restricted Funds		
Pupil Premium Expenditure	8,975	7,327
Deprivation Expenditure	9,802	6,962
Specific Child Expenditure	-	3,944
	18,777	18,233
	18,777	18,233
Total Charitable Activities	140,439	136,949
	140,439	136,949
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	-	-
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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	-
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At 31st December 2024	-
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Net Book Value	
At 31st December 2023	-
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At 31st December 2024	-
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6 - Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due from HMRC	-	-

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

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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Carried Forward	11,270	91,969	103,239
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