

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1031308

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-01-11

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

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Activities

Objects: The aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:(a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;(b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;(c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Activities: We offer preschool activities and education for children aged 2 to 5 years. We are open 8.30-1 (breakfast club 8.30-9, preschool session 9-12 and lunch club 12-1) Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri and 8.30-4 Thurs. We also open Friday afternoons 1.30-3 for a family fun drop in session. For further information, please ring 01723 363179, email wheatcroftpreschool@hotmail.com or visit wheatcroftplaygroup.com.

Classification

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

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£126,454	£119,149	-	-
2024-08-31	£99,234	£113,502	-	-
2023-08-31	£131,870	£104,345	-	-
2022-08-31	£113,359	£90,404	-	-
2021-08-31	£92,176	£78,336	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Drury-Bradey	Chair	2024-11-15
Amanda Campbell		2016-02-03
Charlotte Smith		2024-03-13
Elizabeth Hepworth		2024-11-15
Emily Douglas		2025-11-19
Laura Ward		2025-11-19
Lauren Collins		2018-10-18
Sarah Dennis		2018-10-18

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**GENERAL INFORMATION
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

I report on the accounts of Wheatcroft Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Charity Trustees who served during the year

Elected by parents/carers

Paul Drury-Bradey	Chair Person, Safeguarding Officer on committee
Amanda Campbell	Manager, SENCO, Safeguarding and committee member
Sarah Dennis	Treasurer
Claire Brining	Secretary (stood down March 2025)
Jade Robinson	Committee member (stood down October 2025)
Louise Baron	Committee member
Lauren Collins	Committee member
Charlotte Smith	Committee member
Elizabeth Hepworth	Committee member (Elected October 2024)

Type of structure

Wheatcroft Playgroup is a charity constituted as a trust. The transfer of information relative to the trust from outgoing to new trustees is done so under the guidance of the preschool manager; where necessary, additional training is provided to enable the trustees to fulfil their duties.

Objectives and activities

Wheatcroft Playgroup aims to enhance and develop the education of children from the term they turn 2 years to statutory school age. The setting uses the Early Years Foundation Stage as the guidance for which to do so and has regard to other documents such as Birth to 5 Matters, Development Matters and OPAL to support children in their learning and development.

The trustees meet regularly to discuss and plan the operational activities of the charity; they also have a closed Facebook messenger group to discuss plans for preschool more informally in-between meetings. In planning our activities for the year, we have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. We work closely with parents/carers and the local community to maximise the educational benefit for the children in our care.

The trustees work on an entirely voluntary basis except the manager. The manager takes a role on the committee so that they can co-ordinate committee roles and changeovers each AGM and as the Nominated Person for Ofsted. The manager and other staff members do not have any input or vote in any major decision making, such as wages, and understand why.

Achievements and performance

Preschool achievements: -

Numbers at preschool at the beginning of September 2024 were even lower than previous years. Staffing was higher than usual between September and February due to one staff member waiting for an operation and the setting not being able to go down to 3 staff for safety. Higher than usual staffing ratios also meant we were able to continue to go out, but due to staffing only on a Thursday afternoon. From questionnaires this was welcomed by all families. The rest of the results from the questionnaires in July 2025 provided evidence that families were happy with the services, activities and resources available. Popular things, again, were messy play, the Facebook page, gardening, visits from Whitby falconry, outdoor kitchens and all the food activities. The parents also commented on how supportive, friendly and welcoming the staff are.

Christmas Fundraising wasn't carried out again due to the rising cost of living, but we did raise money through the Mini Me card company, Easy fundraising and we continued to have 3 x clothing collections. This year we used fundraising money and EYPP money for a Thursday session of football per week in the Summer Term as well as a session with Whitby Falconry in the summer term. Football was attended by almost all those going to school as well as many of the younger children.

One huge achievement of the preschool was our Ofsted inspection on 6th February 2025. The inspection was quite intense, and staff felt the speed and level of questions whilst being with the children quite hard going. At all time, the inspector checked in on staff and made sure Amanda felt the staff were supported and that she was also given extra time to return to questions asked through the learning walk. The setting received a good across all areas and the inspector commented that if the new proposed score card system was in place we would have scored a strong good. The only things to look further at was the consistency of teaching across the board.

In the second half of spring term, we were down to 4 staff and all remaining staff stepped up to cover, working extra hours regularly. Everyone shared 1 day off per week, and this continued through to May.

Environmental health visited in March 2025, and we scored 5.

We continued to work with families regarding lunches and providing children with a healthy balanced lunch and the closed preschool Facebook page continues to be incredibly helpful to most parents to share ideas on lunches and new guidelines coming out. We continued to post what we had been doing through the week and ideas for each holiday. Some parents, staff and committee members continued to post things they had seen too. The only thing parents commented was that they would like to see more.

Families continue to recommend preschool to their families and friends and our Facebook pages seem to be the most popular means of advertising. We held a couple of open afternoons and advertised these on Facebook, Mumbler and various other places. In September 2024 we did a weekend open morning, but this was not successful as only the families we had already booked in for future sessions came, even though we had posted leaflets and flyers and paid to advertise.

We opened for an afternoon stay and play for those going to school so they could chat to their key person and other parents about school related worries and again this was really popular.

Staff continued to update their continuous professional development and attended courses such as Healthy Early Years Award, Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding courses, Inclusion Courses by Dingley's Promise, Courses by North Yorkshire Council - Leadership and SENCO meetings, the majority of which were free. Wages went up in April as usual but due to the predicted financial loss it was felt that a more conservative 3% increase would be more manageable.

Committee achievements:-

The committee has worked hard to ensure the smooth running of the charity and has supported the staff in the provision of childcare and education in the local community. This has been especially so through decisions we have needed to make and times where we have had to have meetings at very short notice – such as rent negotiations. Although the rent negotiations have still not been sorted out yet we managed to pay 2023-2024 bills and through the year became hopeful there would be an end, but we finish this financial year without a rent agreement. This has been 3 years now and it is imperative for the group that an agreement is put in place soon. The committee continue to meet face to face as well as through the staff/committee messenger group.

The final committee meeting of the academic year took place on a Wednesday afternoon and children were looked after by Mrs Brewer and Miss Campbell which was a welcome change for some committee members. The committee undertake basic safeguarding training and an understanding of what it means to be on a committee through an Educare document, on starting their role.

Financial review

The charity has no specific policy on reserves. However, it is a non-profit-making organisation with a financial reserve allocated to redundancy (if required) or to support the setting in keeping open when numbers are very low. As September 2024-February 2025 proved, a reserve is necessary for circumstances where we are over staffed and have fewer children. This year an extremely large loss was predicted but January to May saw that loss start to disappear and we ended the year positively. A large sum is still being kept aside as there are areas which will need some repair work carrying out over the next few years, decorating inside and outside, the flooring inside and outside and also some areas outdoors need upgrading. The group have been hesitant to spend large quantities of money over the previous years due to the past financial situation, the pandemic and now due to the ongoing rent negotiations, which is now coming into the 4th year. The setting has been in negotiation with the Church committee for over 3 years now regarding rent and bills.

This year, the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) money has been used for Football sessions for all school leavers as well as some of the younger children for one session per week. The EYPP and SEN funding has also supported 1:1 for one full time child, some resources and SENCO meetings. Assessments at the end of the year highlighted the success of all of the above and all children made good progress from their starting points.

The principal sources of funding are income from parental fees and NYCC for children aged 20 months (in certain circumstances) to 3 & 4 year old universal and extended funding. Children aged 9 months became eligible for 15 hours from September 2024 and Preschool changed the age range to accommodate this. Although this has had its challenges, it's been a positive decision and will ensure that children can start preschool earlier than they would normally do.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees: -

Paul Drury-Bradey
Chairperson

Amanda Campbell
Manager and Committee member

Date

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Parental fee income	7,763		15,025	
NYCC funding	117,906		83,100	
Fundraising				
Mini Me Gifts	52		-	
Clothing recycling	24		72	
Miscellaneous fundraising	-		28	
Other income				
Miscellaneous income	-		54	
Uniforms	213		251	
Deposit account interest	<u>496</u>		<u>704</u>	
		126,454		99,234
Expenditure				
Rent	2,250		1,920	
Water charges	469		380	
Electricity	5,816		-	
PLA membership and insurance	915		797	
Wages	93,640		94,281	
Staff pension costs	1,830		1,784	
Training	465		250	
Telephone	1,114		908	
Stationery and office expenses	348		257	
Advertising	30		30	
Activities classes	336		350	
Snacks etc	211		339	
Repairs and renewals	1,836		1,581	
Toys, equipment and materials	577		1,391	
Cleaning	350		297	
Uniforms	272		309	
Miscellaneous expenses	501		496	
Accountancy	5,791		5,426	
Bank charges	56		62	
Interest	28		-	
Depreciation on office equipment	<u>2,314</u>		<u>2,644</u>	
		119,149		113,502
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u><u>7,305</u></u>		<u><u>(14,268)</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET
31 August 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	2		814		2,737
CURRENT ASSETS					
Charitable current account		94,267		92,217	
Money Manager account		40,158		36,148	
Sundry debtors		<u>53</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>134,478</u>		<u>128,365</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry creditors and accruals		<u>1,613</u>		<u>4,728</u>	
		<u>1,613</u>		<u>4,728</u>	
			<u>132,865</u>		<u>123,637</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>133,679</u>		<u>126,374</u>
FINANCED BY					
Unrestricted funds	3		<u>133,679</u>		<u>126,374</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
COST	
At 1 September 2024	13,884
Additions	<u>391</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>14,275</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2024	11,147
Charge for year	<u>2,314</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>13,461</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2025	<u>814</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>2,737</u>

3. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	126,374		140,642	
Add				
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>7,305</u>		<u>(14,268)</u>	
		<u>133,679</u>		<u>126,374</u>
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Amanda Campbell
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Robert D Thorpe
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Date:

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Charity Trustees who served during the year

Elected by parents/carers

Jade Robinson	Chair Person, Safeguarding Officer on committee
Amanda Campbell	Manager, SENCO, Safeguarding and committee member
Sarah Dennis	Treasurer
Louise Baron	Secretary
Rhona Marshall	Staff member and committee member (Stood down September 2023)
Lauren Temple	Committee member
Lianne Koekemoer	Committee member (Stood down October 2023)
Charlotte Smith	Committee Member (Elected October 2023)
Claire Brinning	Committee member (Elected October 2023)

Type of structure

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Objectives and activities

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The trustees work on an entirely voluntary basis except the manager. The manager takes a role on the committee so that they can co-ordinate committee roles and changeovers each AGM and as the Nominated Person for Ofsted. The manager and other staff members do not have any input or vote in any major decision making, such as wages, and understand why.

Achievements and performance

Preschool achievements:-

Numbers of families at preschool plateaued this year after losing so many to school in September 2023. The results from the questionnaires in July 2024 provided evidence that families were happy with the services, activities and resources available and some commented reasons why. Popular things, again, were messy play, the facebook page, Zumba, Yoga, gardening, visits from Whitby falconry, outdoor kitchens and all the food activities. The parents also commented on how supportive, friendly and welcoming the staff are.

Numbers at preschool at the beginning of September 2023 were lower than previous years and staffing was higher than usual September to February before Miss Hartley left. Higher than usual staffing ratios also meant we were able to start going out on a walk on a regular basis. Thursday afternoons became our adventure days and gradually more and more children were able to join us as they built up stamina and were able to walk further.

The closed preschool facebook page continues to be incredibly helpful to most parents and we continued to post what we had been doing through the week and ideas for each holiday. Some parents, staff and committee members continued to post things they had seen too.

Families continue to recommend preschool to their families and friends and our facebook pages seem to be the most popular means of advertising. We held a couple of open afternoons and advertised these on facebook, mumblor and various other places.

We opened up for an afternoon stay and play for those going to school so they could chat to their key person and other parents about school related worries. On returning in September 2024 we held an open session for new families to be able to come and play ready for the new term ahead.

Christmas Fundraising wasn't carried out again due to the rising cost of living but we did raise money through the mini me card company, Easyfundraising and we continued to have 3 x clothing collections. This year we used fundraising money and EYPP money for a Thursday session of Zumba per week in the Summer Term as well as a session with Whitby Falconry in the summer term. Zumba was attended by almost all those going to school as well as many of the younger children.

In the spring term we were awarded the Gold Healthy Early Years Award for healthy eating. We continued to try no bake, no sugar recipes and the children enjoyed smoothies and homemade lollies in the summer term as we purchased a smoothie maker. Most families welcomed their children trying new foods and this also led to new foods in lunch boxes.

Staff continued to update their continuous professional development and attended courses such as Healthy Early Years Award, Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding courses, Inclusion Courses by Dingley's Promise, Courses by the Early Excellence and Leadership and SENCo meetings, the majority of which were free. Vicky Brewer finished her SENCO Course.

Committee achievements:-

The committee has worked hard to ensure the smooth running of the charity and has supported the staff in the provision of childcare and education in the local community. This has been especially so through decisions we have needed to make and times where we have had to have meetings at very short notice – such as rent negotiations. Although the rent negotiations have not been sorted out yet Jade has been trying to get it sorted and we now have the necessary information to pay the last years bills and can begin to move forward with negotiations. The committee continue to meet together face to face as well as through the staff/committee messenger group.

The committee undertake basic safeguarding training and an understanding of what it means to be on a committee through an Educare document, on starting their role.

Financial review

The charity has no specific policy on reserves. However, it is a non-profit-making organisation with a financial reserve allocated to redundancy (if required) or to support the setting in keeping open when numbers are very low. Some may be needed in the coming months as numbers for the Autumn term 2024 are lower than usual and combined with the higher staffing levels. A large sum is currently being kept aside as there are areas which will need some repair work carrying out over the next few years, decorating inside and outside, the flooring inside and outside and also some areas outdoors need upgrading. The group have been hesitant to spend large quantities of money over the previous years due to the past financial situation, the pandemic and now due to the ongoing rent negotiations. The setting has been in negotiation with the Church committee for over 2 years now regarding rent and bills.

This year, the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) money has been used for Zumba sessions for all school leavers as well as some of the younger children for 2 sessions per week. The EYPP and SEN funding has also supported 1:1 for a couple of children, additional sessions/hours for 1 child and SENCO meetings. Assessments at the end of the year highlighted the success of all of the above and all children made good progress from their starting points.

The principal sources of funding are income from parental fees and NYCC for 2 year olds (in certain circumstances) as well as 3 & 4 year old universal and extended funding.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-

Jade Robinson
Chairperson

Amanda Campbell
Manager and Committee member

Date

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
For the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	2024	£	2023	£
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Parental fee income	15,025		13,464	
NYCC funding	83,100		115,696	
Registration fees	-		25	
Fundraising				
Christmas fair	-		-	
Clothing recycling	72		75	
Miscellaneous fundraising	28		-	
Commission				
Photographs	-		-	
Other income				
Government grants and incentives	-		1,478	
Miscellaneous income	54		336	
Uniforms	251		416	
Deposit account interest	<u>704</u>		<u>380</u>	
		99,234		131,870
Expenditure				
Rent	1,920		1,930	
Water charges	380		192	
PLA membership and insurance	797		760	
Wages	94,281		82,322	
Staff pension costs	1,784		2,022	
Training	250		942	
Telephone	908		801	
Post and stationery	257		197	
Advertising	30		-	
Zumba classes	350		995	
Snacks etc	339		499	
Repairs and renewals	1,581		1,972	
Toys, equipment and materials	1,391		2,270	
Cleaning	297		535	
Uniforms	309		634	
Miscellaneous expenses	496		311	
Sponsorship	-		999	
Accountancy	5,426		2,815	
Professional fees	-		1,670	
Bank charges	62		70	
Depreciation on office equipment	<u>2,644</u>		<u>2,409</u>	
		113,502		104,345
Surplus for the year		<u>(14,268)</u>		<u>27,525</u>

**WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308**

**BALANCE SHEET
31 August 2024**

	Notes	2024	2023	
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	1		2,737	5,021
CURRENT ASSETS				
Current account		92,217		101,317
Money Manager account		<u>36,148</u>		<u>35,444</u>
		<u>128,365</u>		<u>136,761</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry creditors and accruals		<u>4,728</u>		<u>1,140</u>
		<u>4,728</u>		<u>1,140</u>
			<u>123,637</u>	<u>135,621</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>126,374</u>	<u>140,642</u>
FINANCED BY				
Unrestricted funds	2		<u>126,374</u>	<u>140,642</u>

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
COST	
At 1 September 2023	13,524
Additions	<u>360</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>13,884</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2023	8,503
Charge for year	<u>2,644</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>11,147</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2024	<u>2,737</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>5,021</u>

2. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	140,642		113,117	
Add				
Net (loss) profit	<u>(14,268)</u>		<u>27,525</u>	
		<u>126,374</u>		<u>140,642</u>
		<u>126,374</u>		<u>140,642</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-

Jade Robinson
 Chairperson

Amanda Campbell
 Manager and Committee member

Date

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1031308

Accounts

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
FOR
WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308**

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308

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**WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308**

**GENERAL INFORMATION
For the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

CHAIRPERSON:

Jade Robinson

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP**

I report on the accounts of Wheatcroft Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Robert D Thorpe
5&6 Manor Court
Manor Garth
Scarborough
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Date:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Charity Trustees who served during the year

Elected by parents/carers

Jade Robinson	Chair Person, Safeguarding Officer on committee
Amanda Campbell	Manager, SENCO, Safeguarding and committee member
Sarah Dennis	Treasurer
Louise Baron	Committee member
Stacey Silby	Committee member (Stood down November 2022)
Rhona Marshall	Staff member and committee member
Kris Parker	Committee member (Stood down November 2022)
Samantha Hartley	Staff member from May 2022 (Stood down November 2022)
Lauren Temple	Committee member
Ellen Mann	Committee member (Stood down July 2023)
Lianne Koekemoer	Committee member

Type of structure

Wheatcroft Playgroup is a charity constituted as a trust. The transfer of information relative to the trust from outgoing to new trustees is done so under the guidance of the preschool manager; where necessary, additional training is provided to enable the trustees to fulfil their duties.

Objectives and activities

Wheatcroft Playgroup aims to enhance and develop the education of children from 2 years to statutory school age. The setting uses the Early Years Foundation Stage as the guidance for which to do so and has regard to other documents such as Birth to 5 Matters, Development Matters and OPAL to support children in their learning and development.

The trustees meet regularly to discuss and plan the operational activities of the charity; they also have a closed Facebook messenger group to discuss plans for preschool more informally in-between meetings. In planning our activities for the year, we have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. We work closely with parents/carers and the local community to maximise the educational benefit for the children in our care.

The trustees work on an entirely voluntary basis except the manager and one staff member. The manager takes a role on the committee so that they can co-ordinate committee roles and changeovers each AGM and as the Nominated Person for Ofsted. The manager and other staff members do not have any input or vote in any major decision making such as wages, and understand the reasons why.

Achievements and performance

Preschool achievements:-

Numbers of families at preschool continued to rise to higher than usual levels. The results from the questionnaires in June 2023 provided evidence that families were happy with the services, activities and resources available and some commented reasons why. Popular things were messy play, the Facebook page, Zumba, Yoga, gardening, visits from Fire services, outdoor mud kitchen and all the food activities. The parents also commented on how supportive, friendly and welcoming the staff were.

Numbers at preschool at the beginning of September 2022 were extremely encouraging and by the end of Autumn 2022, preschool sessions were almost full for the coming year. Staffing remained stable through the year and throughout the Summer Term, Miss Campbell returned to carry out some staying in touch days and to help cover transitions to school. The level of support needed by some children with SEN for transition to school as well as the additional paperwork for SEN was incredibly large.

After the pandemic, the closed preschool Facebook page was incredibly helpful so we continued to post what we had been doing through the week and also posted ideas for each holiday. Some parents and committee members started to post things they had seen too.

Families continue to recommend preschool to their families and friends and our Facebook pages seem to be the most popular means of advertising. With Jade's help, we managed to set up a new website as it was clear that September 2023 was going to be much quieter numbers wise than the last few years.

We opened up for an afternoon stay and play for those going to school so they could chat to their key person and other parents about school related worries. On returning in September 2023, we held an open session for new families to be able to come and play ready for the new term ahead.

Fundraising wasn't as successful as previous years and we decided as a team that due to the cost of living we couldn't expect families to help out at Christmas so didn't fundraise. We did however raise money through the mini me card company, Amazon Smile, Easy fundraising and we continued to have 3 x clothing collections. One of our families also had a charity tub in their shop and raised money for us from this too. This year, we put EYPP money and fundraising towards 2 sessions of Zumba per week in the Summer Term as well as additional resources for certain children. Zumba was attended by every child going to school, as well as many of the younger children.

In the summer term we were awarded the Bronze Healthy Early Years Award for healthy Eating. As part of this, we held some no lunch box days where we used the EYPP to purchase the food for lunch and all children who wanted to could help prepare. This was positively received by families and many children tried new foods, this also led to new foods in lunch boxes.

Staff continued to update their continuous professional development and attended courses such as Healthy Early Years Award, Paediatric First Aid, Safe-guarding courses, Inclusion Courses by Dingleys Promise, Courses by the Early Excellence and Leadership and SENCo meetings, the majority of which were free. Vicky Brewer undertook a SENCO Course equivalent to level 3 which we used some of the SEND funding for.

Committee achievements:-

The committee has worked hard to ensure the smooth running of the charity and has supported the staff in the provision of childcare and education in the local community. This has been especially tough and there have been decisions we have needed to make and times where we have had to have meetings at very short notice – such as rent negotiations. The committee organised a new sign for the side of the building to replace the original one which was damaged and Ellen managed to organise most of the work from various companies to be done for free. Lianne and Louise organised it putting up. Jade and Kris also helped get the new website up and running and the whole committee and staff team helped in leaflet distribution. The committee have continued to meet together face to face as well as through our messenger group.

The committee undertake basic safeguarding training and an understanding of what it means to be on a committee through Educare on starting their role.

Financial review

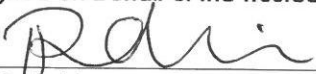
The charity has no specific policy on reserves. However, it is a non-profit-making organisation with a financial reserve allocated to redundancy (if required) or to support the setting in keeping open when numbers are very low. This may be needed in the coming months as numbers for the Autumn term 2023 are much lower than usual and with Miss Campbell returning from Maternity we have decided to keep higher than usual staffing at the moment. A large sum is currently being kept aside as there are areas which will need some repair work carrying out over the next few years, decorating inside and outside, the flooring inside and outside and also some areas outdoors need upgrading. The group have been hesitant to spend large quantities of money over the previous years due to the past financial situation, more recently the pandemic and now due to the ongoing rent negotiations. The church committee are employing someone to set up a proper agreement as one was never put on paper so we are unsure as to how much back pay we will have to pay and then whose responsibility upkeep will be. The setting has been in negotiation with the Church committee for over a year now regarding rent and the electric bills and although they asked for this in October 2022, we are still no further forwards despite Amanda emailing David and Lesley regularly. Consequently, a large sum of money may also be needed to pay the last year's electric bill.

Our preschool next-door neighbour, a county councillor, organised for some funds towards the outdoor flooring putting down and again this also is currently in the bank awaiting the go ahead. We cannot continue with any plans until we have the rent situation sorted out.

This year, the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) money has been used for Zumba sessions for all school leavers, as well as some of the younger children for 2 sessions per week. The EYPP and SEN funding has also supported 1:1 for several children, additional sessions/hours for 2 children and SENCO training. More individualised support has been necessary for a lot of children in this academic and financial year. Assessments at the end of the year highlighted the success of all of the above and we hope the experience gained and new qualifications of staff continue to support and encourage the next cohort of children to make good progress from their starting points.

The principal sources of funding are income from parental fees and NYCC for 2 year olds (in certain circumstances) as well as 3 and 4 year old universal and extended funding.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-


Jade Robinson
Chairperson


Amanda Campbell
Manager and Committee member

14-11-2023
Date

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Parental fee income	13,464		13,291	
NYCC funding	115,696		97,652	
Registration fees	25		50	
Fundraising				
Christmas fair	-		414	
Clothing recycling	75		167	
Miscellaneous fundraising			111	
Commission				
Photographs	-		88	
Other income				
Government grants and incentives	1,478		1,000	
Miscellaneous income	336		-	
Uniforms	416		582	
Deposit account interest	<u>380</u>		<u>4</u>	
		131,870		113,359
Expenditure				
Rent	1,930		2,076	
Water charges	192		192	
PLA membership and insurance	760		739	
Wages	82,322		73,785	
Staff pension costs	2,022		1,251	
Training	942		401	
Telephone	801		705	
Post and stationery	197		183	
Zumba classes	995		665	
Snacks etc	499		364	
Repairs and renewals	1,972		595	
Toys, equipment and materials	2,270		1,175	
Cleaning	535		365	
Uniforms	634		829	
Miscellaneous expenses	311		160	
Sponsorship	999		-	
Accountancy	2,815		1,817	
Professional fees	1,670		2,565	
Bank charges	70		48	
Interest on late taxation	-		34	
Depreciation on office equipment	<u>2,409</u>		<u>2,455</u>	
		104,345		90,404
Surplus for the year		<u><u>27,525</u></u>		<u><u>22,955</u></u>

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308

BALANCE SHEET
31 August 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	1		5,021		6,509
CURRENT ASSETS					
Current account		101,317		87,828	
Money Manager account		<u>35,444</u>		<u>20,065</u>	
		<u>136,761</u>		<u>107,893</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry creditors and accruals		<u>1,140</u>		<u>1,285</u>	
		<u>1,140</u>		<u>1,285</u>	
			<u>135,621</u>		<u>106,608</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>140,642</u>		<u>113,117</u>
FINANCED BY					
Unrestricted funds	2		<u>140,642</u>		<u>113,117</u>

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031308

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
COST	
At 1 September 2022	12,603
Additions	<u>921</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>13,524</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2022	6,094
Charge for year	<u>2,409</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>8,503</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2023	<u>5,021</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>6,509</u>

2. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	113,117		90,162	
Add				
Net profit	<u>27,525</u>		<u>22,955</u>	
		<u>140,642</u>		<u>113,117</u>
		<u>140,642</u>		<u>113,117</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-


 Jade Robinson
 Chairperson


 Amanda Campbell
 Manager and Committee member

14.11.2023
 Date

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1031308

Accounts

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
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WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
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For The Year Ended 31 August 2022

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31 August 2022

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I report on the accounts of Wheatcroft Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on paged 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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9 November 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31 August 2022

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Charity Trustees who served during the year

Elected by parents / carers

Karl Ward	Chairperson and Safeguarding Officer (stood down June 2022)
Jade Robinson	Chairperson and Safeguarding Officer (elected June 2022)
Amanda Campbell	Manager, SENCO, Safeguarding Officer and Committee member
Lauren Temple	Secretary
Sarah Dennis	Treasurer
Stacey Silby	Committee member
Rhona Marshall	Staff member and Committee member
Kris Parker	Committee member
Samantha Hartley	Committee member and staff member from May 2022
Ellen Mann	Committee member (elected November 2021)
Louise Baron	Committee member (elected November 2021)
Lianne Koekemoer	Committee member (elected November 2021)

Type of structure

Wheatcroft Playgroup is a charity constituted as a trust. The transfer of information relative to the trust from outgoing to new trustees is done under the guidance of the preschool manager; where necessary, additional training is provided to enable trustees to fulfil their duties.

Objectives and activities

Wheatcroft Playgroup aims to enhance and develop the education of children from 2 years to statutory school age. The setting uses the Early Years Foundation stage as the curriculum basis for which to do so and has regard to other documents such as Birth to 5 Matters, Development Matters and OPAL to support children in their learning and development.

The trustees meet regularly to discuss and plan the operational activities of the charity. They also have a closed Facebook Messenger group to discuss plans for preschool more informally in-between meetings. In planning our activities for the year, we have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. We work closely with parents / carers and the local community to maximise the educational benefit for the children in our care.

The trustees work on an entirely voluntary basis except for the manager and two staff members. The manager takes a role on the committee so that they can co-ordinate committee roles and changeovers each AGM and as the Nominated Person for Ofsted. The manager and other staff members do not have any input or vote in any major decision-making, such as wages, and understand the reasons why.

Achievements and performance

Preschool achievements

As we came out of the pandemic numbers continued to rise to higher than usual levels. The results from the questionnaires in June 2021 and 2022 provided evidence that families were happy with the services, activities and resources available and some commented reasons why the Facebook page, Zumba, gardening, visits from Police and Fire Services, outdoor and messy activities were especially popular. The parents also commented on how supportive, friendly and welcoming the staff were.

Numbers of preschool at the beginning of September 2021 were encouraging, especially considering the pandemic and by Spring 2022 preschool sessions were almost full. Staffing changed in Summer 2022 when Miss Campbell announced her pregnancy and we took on maternity cover. Samantha Hartley (Committee member) was interviewed and appointed and started in May. She worked every morning to enable us to have an additional staff member for the last half term as well as prepare her for the role from September. This worked well as the level of support needed by some children and additional paperwork for SEN was incredibly large.

Through the pandemic the preschool Facebook page was incredibly helpful so we continued to post what we had been doing throughout the week and also posted an idea for an activity for each holiday.

Families continue to recommend preschool to their families and friends and our Facebook page seems to be the most popular means of advertising. We discovered at the end of the academic year that Moonfruit was no longer so we no longer have a website, so Facebook continues to be our only means of advertising. We opened up 2 afternoon sessions for stay and play for those going to school so that they could chat to their key person about school related worries. On returning in September 2022 we held an open session for new families to be able to come and play ready for the new term ahead.

Wednesday's Family Fun is still on hold for the moment and continues to be for the foreseeable future. Numbers are good so we no longer use Family Fun as a means of advertising and also there is a Mums and Toddler group in the church hall on a Tuesday morning.

Fundraising was very successful, we raised money through the Mini Me card company £38.00 and the Christmas fundraiser £389.00. We raised a small amount through Amazon Smile £5.00, £27.17 from Easy Fundraising and £286.00 through 3 clothing collections and banked the photo commission money in September 2021 of £87.20. This year we put EYPP money and fundraising towards 2 terms of Zumba, once per week on a Thursday morning. This was attended by every child going to school as well as some of the younger children.

Staff continued to update their continuous professional development and attended courses such as Helicopter Training, Healthy Early Years Award, Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding courses and SENCO related. These courses have been mainly free, however some were paid for and funded by preschool or using the Early Years Pupil Premium money and Element 2 send funding – such as SENCO.

Committee achievements

The committee has worked hard to ensure the smooth running of the charity and has supported the staff in the provision of childcare and education in the local community. This has been especially so through decisions we have needed to make at short notice – such as to close and deep clean after a large percentage of children and almost all staff went down with a sickness bug in Autumn 2021. The committee is supportive in our fundraising efforts – asking local businesses and collecting prizes from around town for the Christmas raffle in 2021. The committee have also supported preschool staff with a dispute with a neighbour over boundaries and a fence and proactive in offering comments and suggestions towards our upcoming rent discussions. The committee continued to use Zoom for part of the year for meetings but were delighted to be back together at preschool or a committee members' house for face to face again towards the end of the academic year.

The committee undertake basic safeguarding training and an understanding of what it means to be on a committee through Educare, on starting their role. Karl Ward also supports preschool by testing the fire equipment and completing the PAT testing each year. Ellen Mann has also managed to organise us a new sign and Lauren Temple, Lianne Koekemoer and Louise Baron have offered their husbands' services for DIY jobs over the last year!

Financial review

The charity has no specific policy on reserves. However, it is a non-profit making organisation with a financial reserve allocated to redundancy (if required) or to support the setting in keeping open when numbers are very low. A large sum is currently being kept aside as there are areas which will need some repair work carrying out over the next few years such as decorating inside and outside, the flooring inside and outside and also some areas outdoors. The group have been hesitant to spend large quantities of money over the previous years due to the 2014-16 financial situation and more recently the pandemic.

This year, the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) money has been used for Zumba sessions for all school leavers as well as some of the younger children for 2 terms. The EYPP and SEN funding has also supported 1:1 for several children, additional sessions / hours for 2 children and SENCO training. More individualised support has been necessary for a lot of children and these needs will continue through the next year. Assessments at the end of the year highlighted the success of all of the above and we hope they also encourage the next cohort of children to make good progress from their starting points.

The principal sources of funding are income from parental fees and NYCC for 2 year olds (in certain circumstances) as well as 3 and 4 year old universal and expended funding.

Jade Robinson
Chairperson

Amanda Campbell
Manager and Committee member

9 November 2022

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
For The Year Ended 31 August 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Parental fee income	13,291		7,784	
NYCC funding	97,652		83,105	
Family fun	-		5	
Registration fees	50		50	
Fundraising				
Christmas fair	414		383	
Clothing recycling	167		50	
Miscellaneous fundraising	111		23	
Commission				
Photographs	88		-	
Other income				
Government grants and incentives	1,000		155	
Sale of items	-		97	
Uniforms	582		522	
Deposit account interest	<u>4</u>		<u>2</u>	
Total income for the year		113,359		92,176
Expenditure				
Rent	2,076		1,920	
Water charges	192		192	
PLA membership and insurance	739		725	
Wages	73,785		63,533	
Staff pension costs	1,251		956	
Training	401		314	
Telephone	705		623	
Post and stationery	183		201	
Zumba classes	665		665	
Snacks etc	364		197	
Repairs and renewals	594		335	
Toys, equipment and materials	1,175		1,495	
Cleaning	365		554	
Uniforms	829		508	
Miscellaneous expenses	161		205	
Accountancy	1,817		1,740	
Professional fees	2,565		1,695	
Bank charges	48		-	
Interest on late taxation	34		-	
Depreciation on office equipment	<u>2,455</u>		<u>2,478</u>	
		<u>90,404</u>		<u>78,336</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>22,955</u>		<u>13,840</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
31 August 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	1		6,509		8,955
CURRENT ASSETS					
Community account		87,828		65,538	
Money Manager account		<u>20,065</u>		<u>20,061</u>	
		<u>107,893</u>		<u>85,599</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry creditors and accruals		<u>1,285</u>		<u>4,392</u>	
			<u>106,608</u>		<u>81,207</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>113,117</u>		<u>90,162</u>
FINANCED BY					
Unrestricted funds	2		<u>113,117</u>		<u>90,162</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
COST	
At 1 September 2021	12,594
Additions	249
Disposals	<u>(240)</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>12,603</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2021	3,639
Charge for year	<u>2,455</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>6,094</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2022	<u>6,509</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>8,955</u>

2. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	90,162		76,322	
Add				
Surplus for the year	<u>22,955</u>		<u>13,840</u>	
		<u>113,117</u>		<u>90,162</u>
		<u>113,117</u>		<u>90,162</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-

Jade Robinson
Chairperson

Amanda Campbell
Manager and Committee member

9 November 2022

WHEATCROFT PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1031308

Accounts

Wheatcroft Playgroup

**Unaudited Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

Registered charity number 1031308

**Fortus North Limited
Business Advisors and Accountants
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Wheatcroft Playgroup

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Wheatcroft Playgroup

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wheatcroft Playgroup on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021

I report on the accounts of Wheatcroft Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 5 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,;

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Robert D Thorpe
Fortus North Limited
Business Advisors and Accountants
5 & 6 Manor Court
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YO11 3TU**

22 November 2021

Wheatcroft Playgroup

Trustees report for the year ended 31 August 2021

Registered charity number 1031308

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Charity Trustees who served during the year

Elected by parents/carers

Karl Ward	Chairperson and Safeguarding Officer
Lauren Temple	Secretary
Sarah Dennis	Treasurer
Stacey Silby	Committee member
Amanda Campbell	Manager and Committee member
Rhona Marshall	Staff member
Stacey Newbold	Committee member (stood down September 2021)
Meriem Ouchtati	Committee member (stood down September 2021)
Kris and Samantha Parker	Committee members (appointed 25th November 2020)

Type of structure

Wheatcroft Playgroup is a charity constituted as a trust. The transfer of information relative to the trust from outgoing to new trustees is done so under the guidance of the preschool manager. Where necessary, additional training is provided to enable the trustees to fulfil their duties.

Objectives and activities

Wheatcroft Playgroup aims to enhance and develop the education of children from 2 years to statutory school age. The setting uses the Early Years Foundation Stage as the curriculum basis for which to do so and has regard to other documents such as Birth to 5 Matters, Development Matters and OPAL to support children in their learning and development.

The trustees meet regularly to discuss and plan the operational activities of the charity. They also have a closed Facebook Messenger group to discuss plans for preschool more informally in-between meetings. In planning our activities for the year, we have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. We work closely with parents/carers and the local community to maximise the educational benefit for the children in our care.

The trustees work on an entirely voluntary basis except for the manager and one staff member. The manager takes a role on the committee so that they can co-ordinate committee roles and changeovers each AGM and as the Nominated Person for Ofsted. The manager and other staff member do not have any input or vote in any major decision-making, such as wages, and understand the reasons why.

Achievements and performance

Preschool achievements:-

This year continues to be challenging due to the Pandemic. The results from the questionnaires in June 2020 provided evidence that families were happy with the services, activities and resources available and some commented reasons why - the Facebook page, zumba, stick insects and outdoor / messy activities were especially popular. The parents also commented on how supportive, friendly and welcoming the staff were.

Numbers at preschool at the beginning of September 2020 were encouraging. especially considering the pandemic and by Spring 2021 had built to a good level - meaning staffing hours could be increased and Miss Campbell took on more hours. However, due to the pandemic physical numbers in Preschool through January and February were lower due to parents choosing to keep children at home with their siblings through the lockdown. The lower numbers through these months meant a staff member could work from home 1 day per week providing activities, ideas and support through the preschool Facebook page for those families staying at home. Moving forward into the next academic year, we kept staffing the same to continue our COVID friendly regimes and this has paid off with 7 new starters for September 2021 and more for January and April and already in November we can see most sessions are almost full for the remainder of this academic year.

Families continue to recommend preschool to their families and friends and our Facebook pages seem to be the most popular means of advertising. As we could not do an open day, we opened up 3 afternoon sessions for stay and play. June was for those going to school so they could chat to their key person about school related worries. July was for the children new to preschool that were starting in September and August was for all those returning to preschool. All 3 sessions were welcomed and the majority of the families invited attended.

Wednesday's Family Fun is still on hold for the moment.

Fundraising was very successful considering the pandemic and financial worries of families. We raised money through the Mini Me card company £17.96, the Christmas fundraiser £273.00, Miss Campbell made Christmas cards and sold for preschool raising £110.00. In April we cleared out the store room in the church hall and parents made donations for items no longer needed at preschool. This raised £27.00. We raised a small amount through Amazon Smile £5.00, £24.00 from Easy Fundraising and £49.80 through the clothing collection. We also has a £50.00 donation from one of the leaving children's parents. The fundraising money the previous year and this year was used to provide 2 sessions per week of Zumba in the summer term and purchase new long lasting outdoor resource from Community Playthings. Some of the funds raised were also used to purchase 2 new cameras and a new Samsung tablet.

Due to the pandemic much more learning and more training courses have been offered online. As part of the local opportunity area Scarborough Teaching Alliance also offers one free place to any session they run. Staff have been involved in numerous training opportunities over the year, Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding courses, SENCO. In the moment planning course, Early help, Mathematic development, Launchpad for Literacy and numerous courses for the new EYFS. These courses have been mainly free, however some were paid for and funded by preschool or using the Early Years Pupil Premium money.

The Facebook page which was created during the first lockdown continued to give families support and provided the children with the opportunity to keep in touch with their friends. Staff and eventually other parents continued to share activities and ideas and as stated through January and February staff had one day per week working from home to do so.

Committee achievements:-

The committee has worked hard to ensure the smooth running of the charity and has supported the staff in the provision of childcare and education in the local community. This has been especially so through the pandemic and the decisions we have needed to make and it was a joint decision to close early at Christmas due to unforeseen circumstances. The committee have also got to grips with Zoom and the need for this technology for meetings through the year. The committee is especially supportive in fundraising where they met in November and December 2019 to brainstorm ideas and allocate roles. The committee undertake basic safeguarding training and an understanding of what it means to be on a committee through Educare. On starting their role, Karl, as chair, also supports preschool by testing fire equipment and completing the PAT testing each year. Karl was also extremely valuable in helping Amanda with IT issues.

Financial review

The charity has no specific policy on reserves. However, it is a non-profit making organisation with a financial reserve allocated to redundancy (if required) or to support the setting in keeping open when numbers are very low. A large sum is currently being kept aside as there are areas which will need some repair work carrying out over the next few years, decorating inside, the flooring and also some areas outdoors.

This year, the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) money has been used to purchase ZUmba sessions for almost all children over 2 days a week in summer. Using the EYPP money we were also able to put some money to the Outlast resources - the blocks with shed and water cascading area. This provides more differentiated provision for the differing ages and abilities. The money has also supported more SENCO training as more individualised support has been necessary for some children and these needs will continue through the next year. Assessments at the end of the year highlighted the success of all of the above and we hope they also encourage the next cohort of children to make good progress from their starting points.

The principal sources of funding are income from parental fees and NYCC for 2 year olds (in certain circumstances) as well as 3 & 4 year old universal and extended funding.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-

Karl Ward
Chairperson

13 December 2021

Wheatcroft Playgroup

Income and expenditure statement for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Income				
Parental fee income	7,784	-	7,784	8,173
NYCC funding	83,105	-	83,105	68,046
Family Fun	5	-	5	44
Registration fees	50	-	50	250
Fundraising				
Christmas fair	383	-	383	368
Clothing recycling	50	-	50	68
Miscellaneous fundraising	23	-	23	45
Commission				
Photographs	-	-	-	42
Other income				
Sale of items	97	-	97	13
Supply cover	-	-	-	346
Uniforms	522	-	522	142
Government grants	155	-	155	-
Bank interest received	2	-	2	39
Total income carried forward	<u>92,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,176</u>	<u>77,576</u>

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**Income and expenditure statement (continued)
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Total income brought forward	92,176	-	92,176	77,576
Expenses				
Wages	63,533	-	63,533	55,616
Staff pension	956	-	956	763
Rent	1,920	-	1,920	1,374
Water charges	192	-	192	192
Snacks, etc	197	-	197	187
Toys, equipment and materials	1,495	-	1,495	1,184
PLA membership and insurance	725	-	725	725
Telephone	623	-	623	590
Printing, stationery and postage	201	-	201	82
Accountancy	1,740	-	1,740	1,920
Professional fees	1,695	-	1,695	1,752
Training	314	-	314	240
Cleaning materials	554	-	554	331
Uniforms	508	-	508	442
Repairs and renewals	335	-	335	403
Zumba classes	665	-	665	-
Miscellaneous expenses	205	-	205	243
Depreciation on office equipment	2,478	-	2,478	434
Total expenses	78,336	-	78,336	66,478
Funds				
Surplus for the year	13,840	-	13,840	11,098
Total funds brought forward	76,322	-	76,322	65,224
Total funds carried forward	90,162	-	90,162	76,322

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-

Karl Ward
Chairperson

Sarah Dennis
Treasurer

13 December 2021

Wheatcroft Playgroup

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Furniture and equipment at cost	2,452		2,452	
Additions at cost	10,142		-	
	<u>12,594</u>		<u>2,452</u>	
Depreciation to date	1,161		727	
	<u>11,433</u>		<u>1,725</u>	
Depreciation this year	2,478		434	
		<u>8,955</u>		<u>1,291</u>
Current assets				
Cash at community account	65,538		56,657	
Cash at money manager account	20,061		20,059	
	<u>85,599</u>		<u>76,716</u>	
Current liabilities				
Sundry creditors and accruals	4,392		1,685	
	<u></u>	<u>81,207</u>	<u></u>	<u>75,031</u>
Net current assets				
Net assets		<u>90,162</u>		<u>76,322</u>
Reserves				
Unrestricted funds		<u>90,162</u>		<u>76,322</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees:-

Karl Ward
Chairperson

Sarah Dennis
Treasurer

13 December 2021