

# GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1031887

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1994-01-26

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Goslings Playgroup provides good quality care and early years education for children aged 2 years to four years. We are Ofsted registered and provide flexible places between the hours of 8.45am and 3.00pm. We are based in a mobile building in the grounds of Whitehill Junior school in Hitchin which has its own fenced outdoor play area.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Hertfordshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£142,804	£131,825	-	-
2024-08-31	£159,165	£154,851	-	-
2023-08-31	£133,030	£124,862	-	-
2022-08-31	£111,818	£113,987	-	-
2021-08-31	£112,333	£112,906	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Kirsty Isabelle Fells</b>	Chair	2024-11-12
Catherine Lydia Leal-Bennett		2023-01-24
Charlotte Alice Sweeney		2025-09-30
Hannah Louise Morris		2025-09-30
Philip William Byford		2021-03-10

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# Accounts

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## **Goslings Playgroup**

**Registered Charity Number 1031887**

**Trustees Annual Report**

**Presented to the AGM on 4th November 2025**

### **Chair's report 2024/2025**

I am pleased to present the 2025 Annual Report for Goslings Playgroup. As always, Sarah and the team are dedicated to offering a happy, safe, and engaging learning environment for every child at Goslings. They carefully design a curriculum that blends child-led exploration with adult-initiated activities, drawing inspiration from the children's interests and seasonal themes such as Christmas, Diwali, fireworks, and free-choice crafts.

The team continually strives to spark curiosity and nurture development through a variety of rich experiences, including storytelling and outdoor play. All planning is guided by the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

We extend our sincere thanks to Gayle and Ruth, our deputy leaders, for their expertise and invaluable support to Sarah and the playgroup. We would also like to express our gratitude to the entire team for ensuring the playgroup runs smoothly each day while maintaining a warm and nurturing atmosphere.

This year, the playgroup has been able to update their technology, purchasing a replacement laptop and two tablets. Further purchases to improve the learning environment were a toddler sofa and a new bookshelf to create a cosy book corner for the children.

### **Policies**

Documents were reviewed and amended as required, then signed off by the Chairperson – this is next due in June 2026.

## **Staffing and staff development**

The team continue to promote training and leadership with first aid training and Early Years training being carried out. It is also ensured that everyone is up to date with safeguarding training which is now due every two years – Sarah P, Sarah H and Sonia have recently completed theirs with further staff booked in.

We would like to welcome Lauren back from maternity leave – it is great to have her back! Thank you to the staff for accommodating cover throughout the period of leave.

Congratulations to Angela on the successful completion of her Early Years qualification. Your commitment and hard work are greatly appreciated. Well done on achieving your certificate!

Gayle and Tas completed their paediatric First Aid training. Sarah P has completed her prevent duty training, with other staff members due to carry this out too. Sarah P will be carrying out her designated safeguarding Lead.

## **Finances**

There was an overall surplus for the year of £10.9k, partly due to some one-off grants/funding and a great year of fundraising. Staffing levels were carefully matched with the demand for sessions throughout the year - thank you to Gayle for her amazing scheduling work that made this possible.

Sessions are almost full in the morning and busy in the afternoon meaning there is full staffing the mornings and some afternoons and as usual we are thankful to the staff for being willing to accommodate a more flexible staffing model.

Staff rates of pay have increased by 6%.

## **Fundraising**

We have had another successful year of fundraising and would like to extend a big thank you to the hard-working team who continue to give their time and effort to support Goslings.

This year, there has been a Christmas raffle (£720.00 raised), scavenger hunt (£504.00 raised), a summer fair including a summer raffle (£1,523.00 raised) and continued promotion of the 'Easy Fundraising' platform.

The Employer Match Scheme raised £1,124.00 - thank you to those that participated in this.

The Summer Fair funds were used to purchase materials for the book corner – a toddler sofa and bookshelf plus wall stickers, new coat pegs and toys for the children such as dust pans and brushes and tills.

I would like to thank Phil and the entire Committee for their continued support, dedication, and hard work behind the scenes, all of which is greatly appreciated.

**Kirsty Fells**

**Chairperson, Goslings Management Committee**

# GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP

## Receipts & Payments Account For The Year Ended 31st August 2025

		2024/25		2023/24	
		RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Fees & Funding		132,542.51		129,800.41	
Fundraising		3,608.93	851.73	3,194.98	952.45
Grants		2,442.90		21,197.80	
Donations		1,132.27		-	
Interest (Online Saver a/c)		1,602.66		347.42	
HMRC advance for SMP		1,474.32		4,624.29	
Staff costs:-	Salaries		110,013.75		113,967.65
	Training		1,260.96		431.76
	Uniforms		315.60		108.60
	Staff Xmas meal		420.00		330.00
Premises:-	Rent		8,595.00		8,595.00
	Maintenance		533.74		22,643.28
Catering			185.12		176.32
Insurance			931.31		1,035.13
Consumables			2,762.09		2,718.45
Equipment			2,512.99		687.58
Administration			3,268.56		2,954.81
Ofsted registration fee			50.00		50.00
Membership subs: EYA			124.00		115.91
Other payments:-	DBS checks		-		45.80
	Leaving gift		-		£37.99
		<u>£142,803.59</u>	<u>£131,824.85</u>	<u>£159,164.90</u>	<u>£154,850.73</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year			£10,978.74		£4,314.17
Surplus for the year 2024/25		£10,978.74			
Reserves B/F from 2023/24		£41,476.92			
Reserves C/F to 2025/26		<u>£52,455.66</u>			

### **BANK RECONCILIATION**

#### Closing Balances at 31st August 2025

Current Account	£3,505.58
Deposit Account	£0.00
Online Saver Account	£48,950.08
	<u>£52,455.66</u>



Phil Byford  
(Treasurer)  
30/09/2025



Michael Fisher  
(Independent Examiner)  
30/09/2025



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Goslings Playgroup

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1031887

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

30/09/2025

**Name:**

MICHAEL GRAHAM FISHER

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

**Address:**

HULCOTE COTTAGE

55 LONDON ROAD

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

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**GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP**

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# Accounts

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## **Goslings Playgroup**

**Registered Charity Number 1031887**

**Trustees' Annual Report**

**Presented to the AGM on 12th November 2024**

### **Chair's report 2023/2024**

I am happy to present you with the 2024 annual report for Goslings Playgroup. Week in, week out, Sarah and the team remain committed to providing a safe and fun learning environment for all the children at Goslings. They do so by carefully planning a curriculum of child-led and adult-initiated activities based on the children's interests and themes such as Christmas, Diwali, fireworks and free craft.

The team work hard to capture the children's imagination and support their learning and curiosity through various channels, such as story reading and outdoor play. This year, the playgroup welcomed tadpoles and caterpillars, with a grand finale of releasing the frogs and butterflies.

All planning follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. We thank Gayle and Ruth, our deputy leaders who continue to support Sarah and the playgroup brilliantly with their years of expertise, and would like to extend thanks to the whole team who ensure the smooth running and nurturing environment of the playgroup each and every day.

This year, new lighting has been installed and improvements have been made to the outdoor area with new resource racks and a cosy quiet area. There has been a wall replaced and new heating installed, both of which have been a success.

### **Policies**

Documents were reviewed and amended as required.

A proposed change to the admissions policy was agreed from September 2024, children who are attending the playgroup all day will be given priority to attend the lunch time places. Goslings will hold the right to withdraw any lunches which accommodate a half-day session.

## **Staffing and staff development**

The team continue to promote training and leadership with first aid training and Early Years training being carried out. It is also ensured that everyone is up to date with safeguarding training.

We would like to congratulate both Lauren and Charlotte for completing their Early Years qualification, well done for your hard work and dedication to gain your certificates. Angela continues to complete her qualification (Level 3 in Childcare and Education). Mami and Ruth completed their First Aid training.

Goslings staff accommodate cover for Lauren's maternity leave through increased hours, Lauren is due to return in February 2025.

Newer members of staff now have their own key children.

## **Finances**

As always, the finances remain a careful balancing act. Goslings made a £4.3k surplus last academic year, largely due to having a really busy summer term, thank you to Gayle for her amazing scheduling work. We also had to contribute less for building repairs than expected.

There has been a 15% reduction in sessions (for the term beginning September 2024) compared to this time last year and so a loss is to be expected in the first new term. Staff numbers are low due to the low numbers of children, which is helpful as salaries are the main cost for the playgroup, and as usual, we are thankful to the staff for being willing to accommodate a more flexible staffing model.

## **Fundraising**

We have been successful with our fundraising this year thanks to a great team who continue to give their time and effort. This year, there has been a photographer (£52.00 raised), scavenger hunt (£1,052.00 raised), a summer fair including a summer raffle (£1,135.00 raised) and continued promotion of the 'Easy Fundraising' platform.

The Summer Fair funds were used to replace the lighting in the building, and other funds raised were put towards equipment and materials.

I would like to thank Phil and all the Committee for their continued support, commitment and hard work behind the scenes which is very much appreciated.

## **Kirsty Fells**

**Acting Chair, Goslings Management Committee**

# GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP

## Receipts & Payments Account For The Year Ended 31st August 2024

		2023/24		2022/23	
		RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Fees		129,800.41		130,563.75	
Fundraising		3,194.98	952.45	2,157.09	569.29
Grants		21,197.80		-	
Donations		-		141.00	
Interest (E-Saver a/c)		347.42		167.93	
HMRC advance for SMP		4,624.29		-	
Staff costs:-	Salaries		113,967.65		100,872.30
	Training		431.76		1,094.40
	Uniforms		108.60		314.16
	Staff Xmas meal		330.00		390.00
Premises:-	Rent		8,595.00		8,595.00
	Maintenance		22,643.28		3,293.49
Catering			176.32		304.05
Insurance			1,035.13		915.70
Consumables			2,718.45		3,244.87
Equipment			687.58		2,332.51
Administration			2,954.81		2,636.55
Ofsted registration fee			50.00		50.00
Membership subs: EYA			115.91		112.11
Other payments:-	DBS checks		45.80		£137.40
	Leaving gift		£37.99		-
		<u>£159,164.90</u>	<u>£154,850.73</u>	<u>£133,029.77</u>	<u>£124,861.83</u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>			<b>£4,314.17</b>		<b>£8,167.94</b>
<b>Surplus for the year 2023/24</b>		<b>£4,314.17</b>			
<b>Reserves B/F from 2022/23</b>		<b>£37,162.75</b>			
<b>Reserves C/F to 2024/25</b>		<b>£41,476.92</b>			

### **BANK RECONCILIATION**

#### **Closing Balances at 31st August 2024**

Current Account	£2,603.82
Deposit Account	£0.00
E-Saver Account	£40,347.42
LESS HMRC SMP advance for Sept/Oct	-1,474.32
	<u>£41,476.92</u>



Phil Byford  
(Treasurer)  
11/11/2024



Michael Fisher  
(Independent Examiner)  
11/11/2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Goslings Playgroup

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1031887

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

11/11/2024

**Name:**

MICHAEL GRAHAM FISHER

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

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

	Report to the trustees members of
	On accounts for the year ended
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I report to the trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2018. I have examined the accounts and the trustees' report and I have concluded that the accounts are true and fair and that the trustees' report is consistent with the accounts. I have also examined the charity's financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2018 and I have concluded that they are true and fair. I have also examined the charity's annual report and I have concluded that it is consistent with the accounts and the trustees' report.	Responsibility as set basis of report
I have completed my examination. I have concluded that the accounts are true and fair and that the trustees' report is consistent with the accounts. I have also examined the charity's financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2018 and I have concluded that they are true and fair. I have also examined the charity's annual report and I have concluded that it is consistent with the accounts and the trustees' report.	Independent examiner's statement
I have no concerns and have signed and dated this report in connection with the examination to which section 40 of the Act applies. I have also signed and dated this report in connection with the examination to which section 41 of the Act applies.	
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I have no concerns and have signed and dated this report in connection with the examination to which section 40 of the Act applies. I have also signed and dated this report in connection with the examination to which section 41 of the Act applies.	Name Relevant professional institution (if any) (if any)
I have no concerns and have signed and dated this report in connection with the examination to which section 40 of the Act applies. I have also signed and dated this report in connection with the examination to which section 41 of the Act applies.	Address

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England & Wales - Charity number 1031887

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# Accounts

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Goslings Playgroup  
Registered Charity Number 1031887  
Trustees Annual Report  
Presented to the AGM on 22nd November 2023

### **Chair's report 2022/2023**

I am happy to present you with the 2023 annual report for Goslings Playgroup. Week on week the Goslings team, headed up by Sarah, consistently plan a curriculum which is a blend of child-led and adult-initiated activities that aim to cover all seven areas of learning. The staff use their knowledge of child development to plan activities based on the children's interests and next steps as well as using relevant themes such as Oral hygiene, fireworks night, Diwali and many many others. All planning follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. We also thank Gayle and Ruth, our deputy leaders who continue in supporting Sarah and the playgroup brilliantly with their years of expertise. In other news, we have brought in our old climbing frame which has been in storage for around 5 years. This is really helping the children's confidence with climbing, coordination and balance. We also had an Ofsted inspection in December 2022 which went well and we have maintained our 'Good' rating from this.

### **Policies**

Policy documents were reviewed and amended as required in the summer term with policies for respiratory infections added where necessary.

### **Staffing and staff development**

The team continue to promote training and leadership with first aid training and Early Years training all being carried out. It is also ensured that everyone is up to date with safeguarding training.

Lauren is continuing to complete her qualification in Early Years and there are now two further members of staff, Angela and Charlotte, who have also started their Level 3 qualifications.

### **Finances**

Our finances remain a careful balancing act. There is still much discussion and consideration over fees to charge in careful balance with wages (taking into account the Daily Living Wage and inflation) and current and potential future Government funding. We have continued to use the more flexible staffing model and are thankful to the staff for helping with this. All this has meant a more positive end to the last financial year than previous years with a small surplus which will be used to boost reserves.

We had a Summer Fair this year which was very successful. It both raised funds and was a great social opportunity for children and their parents. It may also have helped to reach parents of future users of Goslings and advertise the facilities available to them. The funds raised from this were put towards the upkeep of the outside play area.

Every committee meeting we work hard to ensure every pound of our parents' money as well as government monies count as there is ever increasing pressures on every pound.

## **Fundraising**

We have been successful with our fundraising this year mainly thanks to a great team who continue to give a lot of time and effort to it. We have managed a Summer Fair, a scavenger hunt and a photographer.

I would like to thank Phil and all the committee for their help, commitment and hard work behind the scenes which is continued and unwavering. It has been a pleasure to be involved with such a well-loved pre-school which always comes so very highly recommended by past parents, myself included and I look forward to an even more successful year to come.

Catherine Leal-Bennett

Chairperson, Goslings Management Committee

# GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP

## Receipts & Payments Account For The Year Ended 31st August 2023

	2022/23		2021/22	
	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Fees	130,563.75		107,450.21	
Fundraising	2,157.09	569.29	1,949.27	594.00
Grants	-		2,000.00	
Donations	141.00		411.00	
Interest (Deposit a/c)	167.93		7.88	
Staff costs:-		100,872.30		94,830.39
Salaries				
Training		1,094.40		2,551.60
Uniforms		314.16		255.00
Staff Xmas meal		390.00		300.40
Premises:-		8,595.00		5,983.00
Rent				
Maintenance		3,293.49		234.00
Catering		304.05		252.78
Insurance		915.70		888.78
Consumables		3,244.87		2,321.12
Equipment		2,332.51		2,919.95
Administration		2,636.55		2,610.60
Ofsted registration fee		50.00		50.00
Membership subs: EYA		112.11		109.28
Other payments:-		137.40		£45.80
DBS checks				£40.00
Leaving gift		-		
	<u>£133,029.77</u>	<u>£124,861.83</u>	<u>£111,818.36</u>	<u>£113,986.70</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year		£8,167.94		-£2,168.34
Profit for the year 2022/23	£8,167.94			
Surplus B/F from 2021/22	£28,994.81			
Surplus C/F to 2023/24	<u>£37,162.75</u>			

### BANK RECONCILIATION

#### Closing Balances at 31st August 2023

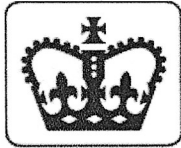
Current Account	£10,233.68
Deposit Account	£0.00
E-Saver Account	£30,000.00
LESS O/S payment for activity wall panel	-£70.93
LESS O/S payment for repairs to play area	-£3,000.00
	<u>£37,162.75</u>



Phil Byford  
(Treasurer)  
08/11/2023



Michael Fisher  
(Independent Examiner)  
08/11/2023



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** Goslings Playgroup

**On accounts for the year  
ended** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 **Charity no  
(if any)** 1031887

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 08/11/2023

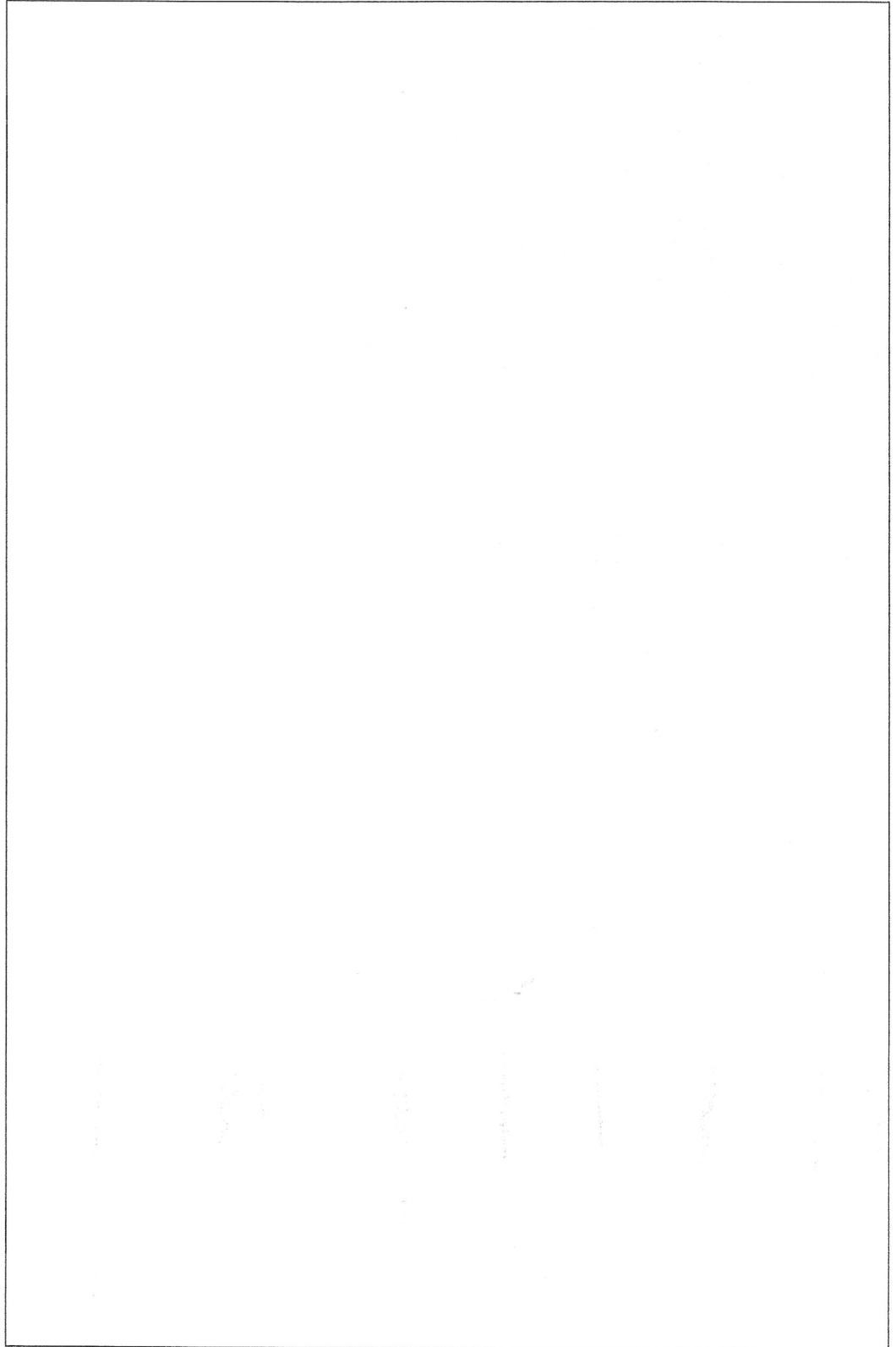
**Name:** MICHAEL GRAHAM FISHER

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
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# Accounts

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**Goslings Playgroup**  
**Registered Charity Number 1031887**  
**Trustees Annual Report**  
**Presented to the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Chair's report 2021/2022**

Well here we are again, another year's growth in our small people and our team here at Goslings flourishing with new ideas and planning for all those small fingers and feet to keep busy. Week on week our Goslings team, headed up by Sarah consistently plan a balanced curriculum which not only draws on the children's varied and changing interests but also our seasons and relevant themes such as Autumn, firework's night and Diwali amongst others. All planning follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. They plan for gross and fine skills (big and small movements!) outside play, kinaesthetic learners, themed stories and much, much more. We also thank Gayle and Ruth, our deputy leaders who have moved seamlessly into their new roles and are supporting Sarah and the playgroup brilliantly with their years of expertise.

We extend a big thank you to the whole team for their continued dedication to Goslings.

**Policies**

Policy documents were reviewed and amended as required in the summer term with continued COVID protocol added where necessary.

**Staffing and staff development**

The team continue to promote training and leadership with first aid training and Early Years training all being carried out. Lauren is doing a qualification in Early Years. We ensure all are up to date with their safeguarding.

**Finances**

Our finances remain up and down. With careful discussion and consideration over fees to charge and in careful balance with wages (taking into account the Daily Living Wage and inflation) we have tried very hard to balance everything. We have adopted a more flexible staffing model having only the number of staff in that we need and different numbers in on different days depending on the numbers of children this has made a difference in terms of daily costs and we are thankful to have such a flexible staff.

We have had a few Saturday fundraising mornings based around Messy Play which have been really successful; not just in terms of fundraising but also socially for different groups of children and parents who are often dashing from drop off or pick up. Also great to create the mess and leave for someone else to tidy up!!! These have raised funds for specific items like the balance beam which have been really well received and we have had external people in like Next Page Books who have sponsored some books.

Every committee meeting we work hard to ensure every pound of our parents' money, government money and the grant money counts as there is increasing pressures on every pound.

## **Fundraising**

We have been trying super hard with our fundraising this year thanks to our great team who have thought really outside the box and have given a lot of time and effort to it. We have managed a scavenger hunt, a photographer, several messy play mornings and have a Christmas raffle coming up....

Goslings remains such a well-loved pre-school in Hitchin and comes very highly recommended by past parents. I have been so proud and happy to have been involved in such a community for the past 8 years and chair for the past 5 but now I am working a little more the pressure on my time with my other voluntary hats including, Beavers and Sunday School I must say goodbye and hand over to someone else

I thank Bethan and Phil and all the committee for all their help, exciting ideas, commitment and hard work behind the scenes every term and I would encourage anyone to get involved because we do have fun!

Gail Litterick

Chairperson, Goslings Management Committee

# GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP

## Receipts & Payments Account For The Year Ended 31st August 2022

	2021/22		2020/21	
	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Fees	107,450.21		94,405.62	
Fundraising	1,949.27	594.00	1,299.60	267.50
Grants	2,000.00		16,137.04	
Donations	411.00		488.00	
Interest (Deposit a/c)	7.88		2.58	
Staff costs:-				
Salaries		94,830.39		95,167.00
Training		2,551.60		552.70
Uniforms		255.00		28.80
Staff Xmas meal		300.40		275.00
Premises:-				
Rent		5,983.00		5,890.00
Maintenance		234.00		2,843.13
Catering		252.78		282.76
Insurance		888.78		827.85
Consumables		2,321.12		2,840.09
Equipment		2,919.95		891.21
Administration		2,610.60		2,703.91
Ofsted registration fee		50.00		50.00
Membership subs: EYA		109.28		115.00
Other payments:-				
DBS check		45.80		£143.70
Leaving gift		40.00		£27.00
	<u>£111,818.36</u>	<u>£113,986.70</u>	<u>£112,332.84</u>	<u>£112,905.65</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year		<b>-£2,168.34</b>		<b>-£572.81</b>
Deficit for the year 2021/22	<b>-£2,168.34</b>			
Surplus B/F from 2020/21	<u>£31,163.15</u>			
Surplus C/F to 2022/23	<u>£28,994.81</u>			

### BANK RECONCILIATION

#### Closing Balances at 31st August 2022

Current Account	£11,353.73
Deposit Account	£20,041.08
LESS O/S payment for play equipment	<b>-£2,400.00</b>
	<u>£28,994.81</u>



Phil Byford  
(Treasurer)  
19/10/2022



Michael Fisher  
(Independent Examiner)  
19/10/2022



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Goslings Playgroup

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1031887

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

20/10/2022

**Name:**

MICHAEL GRAHAM FISHER

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
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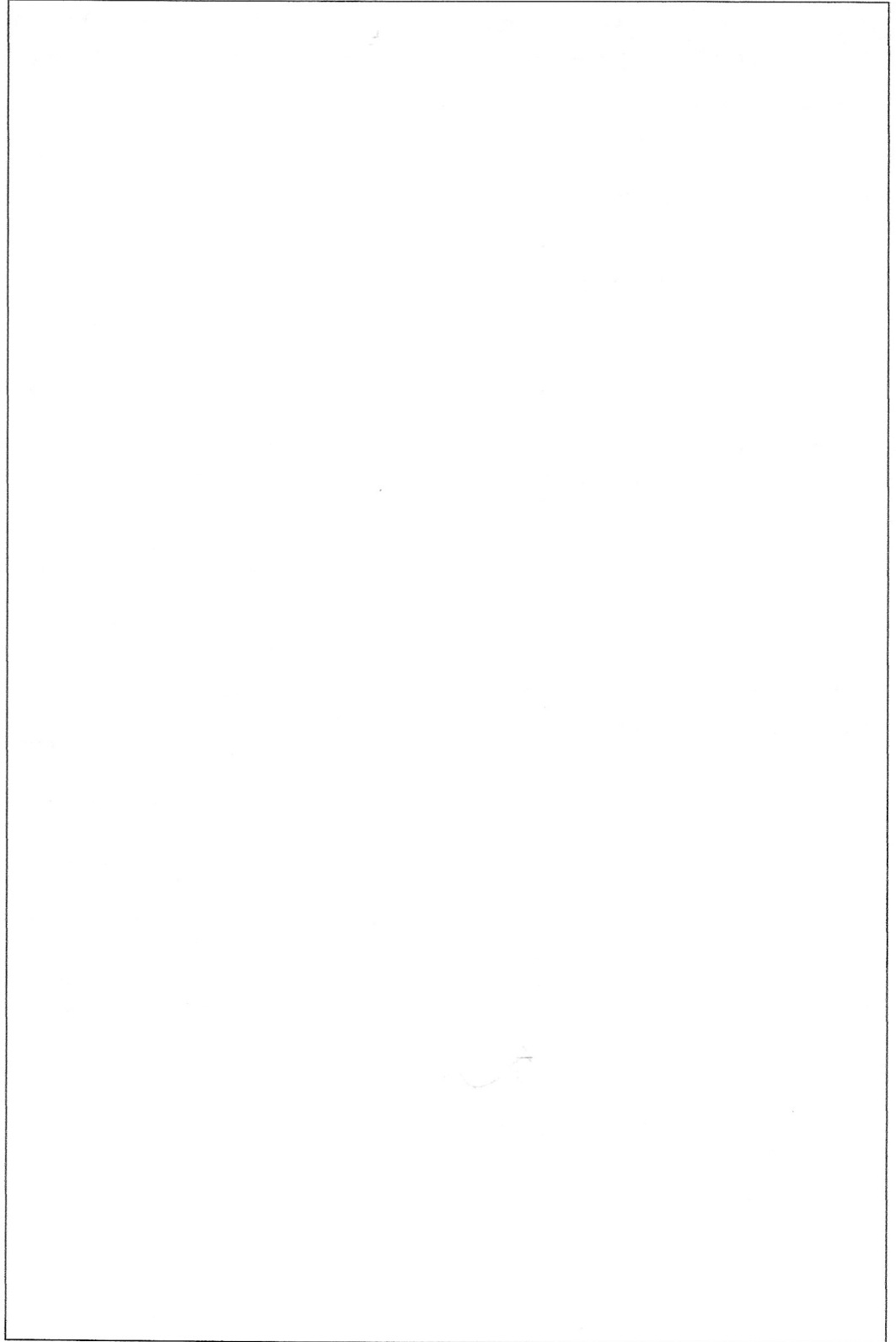
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**GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1031887

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# Accounts

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**Goslings Playgroup**  
**Registered Charity Number 1031887**  
**Trustees Annual Report**  
**Presented to the AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Chair's report 2020/2021**

My word what another year for all of us. Another year where some of us have not been able to rely on a routine, human contact, security, company which are all such important gifts to thrive both as adults and children. It is up to us as adults to ensure our children have these things and that can be emotionally and physically draining. At Goslings our staff have ensured this has been in place as much as they can and we thank them for this.

With all the change and the unknown climate there has been a sense that people have been treading more cautiously. We have noticed fewer families enrolling with us and we have discussed this on several occasions whether it be because of our more restricted hours (not being able to offer as much as a private nursery) or, this 18 months parents not wanting to send their children into settings. We continuously discuss this and will try and make adjustments accordingly.

Week on week our Goslings team, headed up by Sarah, consistently plan a balanced curriculum which not only draws on the children's varied and changing interests but also our seasons and relevant themes such as Autumn, firework's night and Diwali amongst others. All planning follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. They plan for gross and fine skills (big and small movements!) outside play, kinaesthetic learners, themed stories and much, much more.

As the year post Christmas panned out and educational settings were shut Goslings shut for 2 weeks and then through discussion opened to a couple of key worker families who found the support, stability and routines for their children invaluable in such a turbulent time. We then managed to open after May half term for the final 7 weeks of term with all protocols, policies and cleaning in place. It was again due to the hard work of the staff with all the extra cleaning and safety measures in place that Goslings remained opened and the children thrived and, for most, got their last term there.

We extend a big thank you to the whole team for their continued dedication to Goslings.

In planning our activities for the year the committee members kept in mind the Charities Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Policies**

Policy documents were reviewed and amended as required in the summer term with Covid protocol added where necessary.

**Staffing and staff development**

The team at Goslings welcomed Charlotte Judge, Jo Branch, and Lauren Carroll and they have settled in really well.

## **Finances**

It is with great sadness that we said good bye to our long serving treasurer Caroline Swindells this year. She lost her battle with cancer and our thoughts were very much with Goslings and her family throughout. Her husband Phil took on the role as he knew the procedures and has kindly offered to be our treasurer for the foreseeable future. We thank him so much for his hard work and for being able to take on this really important role particularly at the moment where the finances have been so tricky with Covid.

Phil managed to secure a grant for us from Hertfordshire County Council which was for pre-schools who had struggled with fluctuating numbers, staff absences/ furloughing and thus finances. We are working hard to ensure every pound of our parents' money, government money and the grant money counts as there are increasing pressures on every pound.

## **Fundraising**

Fundraising this last year was again super tricky. We have managed a scavenger hunt, a photographer and a raisin fundraising idea.

Goslings remains such a well-loved pre-school in Hitchin and comes very highly recommended by past parents. I am really delighted to be involved in such a community but am very aware that I haven't been able to action quite as much as I would have liked in recent months due to my father in law dying and family situations.

I thank Bethan and Phil particularly for their commitment and hard work behind the scenes in such tricky times. Hopefully be back in person soon!

Gail Litterick

Chairperson, Goslings Management Committee

## GOSLINGS PLAYGROUP

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		2020/21		2019/20	
		RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Fees		94,405.62		89,830.57	
Fundraising		1,299.60	267.50	318.00	102.00
Grants		16,137.04		13,442.99	
Donations		488.00		2.50	
Interest (Deposit A/C)		2.58		179.47	
Staff costs:-	Salaries		95,167.00		92,699.32
	Training		552.70		756.00
	Uniforms		28.80		87.60
	Staff Xmas meal		275.00		250.00
Premises:-	Rent		5,890.00		5,983.00
	Maintenance		2,843.13		3,860.95
Catering			282.76		330.87
Insurance			827.85		742.95
Consumables			2,840.09		1,806.35
Equipment			891.21		1,008.47
Administration			2,703.91		2,846.41
Ofsted registration fee			50.00		50.00
Membership subs: EYA			115.00		115.00
Other payments:-	DBS check		143.70		-
	Leaving gift		27.00		-
	AGM expenses		-		38.25
		<u>£112,332.84</u>	<u>£112,905.65</u>	<u>£103,773.53</u>	<u>£110,677.17</u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>			<b>-£572.81</b>		<b>-£6,903.64</b>
<b>Deficit for the year 2020/21</b>		<b>-£572.81</b>			
<b>Surplus B/F from 2019/20</b>		<b>£31,735.96</b>			
<b>Surplus C/F to 2021/22</b>		<b>£31,163.15</b>			

#### BANK RECONCILIATION

##### Closing Balance at 31st August 2021

Current Account	£7,129.95
Deposit Account	£24,033.20
	<u>£31,163.15</u>



Phil Byford  
(Treasurer)  
19/10/2021



Michael Fisher  
(Independent Examiner)  
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**Signed:**

**Date:**

19/10/21

**Name:**

MICHAEL GRAHAM FISHER

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