

BATLEY ROAD PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1034945

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-03-16

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

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Activities

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

Activities: We are a pre-school playgroup providing activities for children aged between 2years and 5 years . We serve the community in Alverthorpe Wakefield and are committee run and actively encourage volunteers to help out in all aspects of playgroup life We aim to provide a safe stimulating environment in which the children learn as they play.

Classification

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

Geography

- City Of Wakefield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£119,876	£127,262	-	-
2024-08-31	£123,829	£121,041	-	-
2023-08-31	£131,783	£110,576	-	-
2022-08-31	£86,160	£93,281	-	-
2021-08-31	£76,105	£70,971	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Tracey Hobbs	Chair	2021-09-16
Andrea Firth		2016-05-16
Ashleigh Cookson		2025-05-15
Gemma Stevenson		2025-09-26
Jaidie Green		2024-06-27
Kelly Brear		2025-07-08
Mariam Rehman		2025-05-13
Molly Stevenson		2025-09-26
Rachel Thompson		2025-04-22
Samantha Swift		2025-04-22

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Report for 24/25

Finances

Income		Expenditure	
Fees	£12395	Salaries/Pensions	£88895
Funding	£103630	Rent/Rates	£1380
Fundraising/Donations	£1460	Premises costs	£2685
Other	£2391	Equipment	£1951
		Consumables	£504
		Office costs	£3407
		HMRC	£17299
		Other	£11141
Total	£119876	Total	£127262

Deficit of £7387

Trustees Report for 2024 – 2025

This year has been a busy year. We have spent time and money on renovating and updating the building providing a safe environment for all children.

We have welcomed a new member of staff after one member left. She has worked as our relief for several years and has settled in well in her new role.

Batley Road Pre-School Annual Charity Commission Return 3 What does the future hold?

Batley Road pre-school

We aim to continue to provide a warm, safe stimulating environment for children within our local area and further afield.

Independent Examiners Report for the Accounts of Batley Rd PreSchool 20182019

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

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Report for 23/24

Finances

Income		Expenditure	
Fees	£12,923.00	Salaries/Pensions	£93,926.01
Funding	£110,533.47	Rent/Rates	£2,200.00
Fundraising/Donations	£0	Premises Costs	£479.98
Other	£422.48	Catering/Consumables	£259.16
		Equipment	£4,147.07
		Office costs	£1,897.48
		HMRC	£17,211.59
		Other	£919.80
Total	£123,828.95	Total	£121,041.09

Profit £2,787.86

We were worried about the impact of funding being paid monthly rather than half termly, however this has been met with positivity and has helped us to budget better. The provision is going from strength to strength and the demand within the community for affordable childcare is still there and growing.

Batley Road Pre-School Annual Charity Commission Return 3 What does the future hold?

Batley Road Pre-School continues to strive providing essential childcare for both working parents and stay home families. Within the community there is still a need for affordable childcare which we aim to provide. We will continue to move on with the resources we have and continually review and improve our service to parents and young children.

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Report for 22/23

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Income		Expenditure	
Fees	£23,350.00	Salaries/Pensions	£88,540.08
Funding	£108,041.81	Rent/Rates	£1,330.00
Fundraising/Donations	£0	Premises Costs	£443.62
Other	£391.53	Catering/Consumables	£435.72
		Equipment	£1,891.30
		Office costs	£2,078.66
		HMRC	£15,535.38
		Other	£321.42
	£131,783.34	Total	£110,576.18

Profit £21,207.16

This year has seen an increase in the number of children attending the setting which has therefore meant an increase in funding. Due to increase number of children we also took on another permanent member of staff who is level 3 qualified to keep inline in ratios and to allow for more flexibility. We also made a decision to increase fees inline with inflation but still keeping it manageable for parents who are fee paying. We have daily meetings with staff and termly one to ones to ensure the wellbeing of both staff & children. Expenditure was kept at a minimum because of the uncertainty of the economic environment & the future of the childcare provision.

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Report for 21/22

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Income		Expenditure	
Fees	£20,381	Salaries/Pensions	£75,882
Funding	£65,778	Rent/Rates	£1,350
Fundraising/Donations		Premises Costs	£307
Other		Catering/Consumables	£391
		Equipment	£931
		Office costs	£956
		HMRC	£13,163
		Other	£301
Total	£86,160	Total	£93,281

Deficit of £ 7,122

Trustees Report for 2021 - 2022

This year has been filled with lots of ups and downs, staffing problems and low number of children attending the setting. The impact of Covid has been ongoing, many parents not wanting their children to attend early years settings.

Staff moral has been low at times and a lot of emphasis has been put into staff well-being, regular meetings and one to one meetings.

The setting has had to focus on building up the number of children attending. We have achieved this by providing information on our Facebook page, also adding lots of photographs of the attending children at play.

Due to no increase in funding it has been difficult to maintain a profit this year due to low number of children and the impact of Covid.

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Report for 20/21

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Income	£76104.50	Expenditure	£70970.72
Fees	£10325	Salaries/Pensions	£59283.13
Funding	£65540.50	Rent/Rates	£0.00
Fundraising/Donations	£50.00	Premises Costs	£1449.50
Other	£189.00	Catering/Consumables	£329.54
		Equipment	£864.29
		Office costs	£2026.86
		HMRC	£6213.53
		Other	£804.07
Total	£76104.50	Total	£70970.72

Profit of - £ 5133.78

Trustees Report for 2020 - 2021

This year has been a continuation from last year regarding the uncertainty around COVID and the pandemic. The impact of the pandemic continued to leave us uncertain about whether we could survive and continue to provide childcare to the community. However, the local authority continued to fund children even though we had to close for short periods of time throughout the academic year in response to government guidance. We opened back up in the September after being in lockdown in 2020 but then had a couple of periods where we had to shut down due to localised lockdowns. However, our children numbers were low due to the impact of covid and when we first opened staff levels were also low due to resignations and personal issues. This was a very stressful time for all staff, children and parents.

Staff continued to work putting new measures in place ready for children throughout the year. The previous changes put in place in response to Covid

continued such as, robust cleaning procedures, removal of soft furnishings etc. Our setting became clinical, an environment different to what our children knew and continues to be a clinical environment with minimum soft furnishings and equipment.

A member of staff returned to work for a short time but needed to be with her family due to a bereavement. Staff suffered their own personal losses and came together to discuss the future of the setting which was reviewed regularly throughout the year with regards to being able to continue.

We decided that we needed to remain open for the children of the community and continue to do so but review our financial position regularly.

Due to Covid again we made a small profit of around £5000 because we continued to receive funding however running costs were lower due to occasional lock downs.

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We hope that the funding will increase, and we will be sustainable for future children and their families. We continue to evaluate the setting and putting new procedures in place for the safety of our children and their families.

This has been a testing year we hope it will continue to improve and increase children numbers gradually back to how it was pre-Covid

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