

BOX PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1035359

Details

Other names	BOX COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP, BOX PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1994-03-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Three Gates Barn Piece Box Corsham SN13 8LF
Phone	01225 743794
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Website	www.boxpre-schoolplaygroup.co.uk

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: Preschool Playgroup for children aged 2 to 5 years

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BOX
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£125,376	£123,945	-	-
2024-08-31	£110,360	£97,246	-	-
2023-08-31	£86,500	£97,869	-	-
2022-08-31	£77,010	£92,928	-	-
2021-08-31	£89,314	£84,399	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sally Weymouth Mrs	Chair	2021-11-15
Charlotte Eleanor Frances Mumme-Phippen		2025-09-30
Emily Aspin		2024-09-19
Hannah Antrobus		2025-09-30
Jeremy Watkins		2024-09-19
Yvonne Jenkinson		2014-12-01

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From September 2024 Period start date To August 2025
Period end date

Charity name: **Box Pre School Playgroup**

Charity registration number: **199410**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Box Pre School Playgroup was established over 50 years ago and is registered with OFSTED to provide affordable pre-school childcare and education to local residents and to ensure that the costs for these sessions are covered through fees and grants, with fund raising used to fund additional/exceptional items required.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The pre-school is open every week day Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3pm (term time only) and is OFSTED registered for 24 children per session. The preschool offers a homely, calm environment with structured play and specific sessions for PE, music and drama as well as preparing children for the transition to school. The preschool was rated outstanding at its last OFSTED inspection (October 2022).
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees govern the pre-school in accordance with guidance on public benefit ensuring that local residents can access affordable childcare and education. Where demand for the pre-school is high a waiting list is in operation.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Committee members are volunteers and hold positions such as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. All committee members attend termly committee meetings and help with fundraising activities. The secretary prepares minutes and the treasurer oversees payments made by the book keeper. Parent volunteer to help at fundraising activities. There are no other volunteers
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The preschool has continued to support families with early years childcare and education. Our school preparation session (Little Acorns) is very popular and highly regarded and the local schools appreciate how well our children are prepared for school. We are an inclusive setting and support children with additional needs. We received very positive feedback from our annual questionnaire to parents.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We continue to fundraise as the boiler needs replacing
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The wet pour tarmac was resurfaced in October 2024. Other fundraising is going towards the cost of a new boiler which we hope to replace in the 25-26 accounting period.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have not made any investments.

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total revenue was £125376.1 and total expenses was £123945.34 giving a profit of £1430.76 .
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>We have a reserve policy with a minimum reserve of £30000. Our policy sets out the circumstances under which we will use excess monies above the reserve. The reasons for the reserve are:</p> <p>We need to cover our redundancy liability in the event that we need to make staff redundant. Many early years settings are closing due to challenging circumstances. Currently our redundancy liability is nearly 20 k as we have two senior members of staff who have long service with the playgroup.</p> <p>The early years sector faces significant challenges regarding funding rates not keep pace with the minimum wage and we need a reserve for when we have low birth rate years to cover losses.</p> <p>We need to cover expenses such as repairs to the building that we rent and we need to ensure that there is money to do this. The boiler needs replacing and under our rental agreement we need to pay for this.</p> <p>We may need to spend money recruiting and training staff due to the recruitment and staffing problems in the early years sector.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Bank balance plus petty cash as at 31 st August 2025 was £42513.05
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fees paid by parents for sessions, early years free entitlement grant, grants and fundraising.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Low birth rate can affect numbers Reduction in funding rates by the government Increase in the national minimum wage not keeping pace with funding rates Staffing crisis
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution adopted 25 th November 1991
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Pre School Learning Alliance Constitution (membership number 263690)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Volunteer initially at fundraising events and then elected at AGM or mid-term as allowed by constitution by current and outgoing committee. Existing members re-elected by outgoing members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All trustees read the policies and procedures especially statutory policies as required by the Early years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework Policies are reviewed by the supervisor and committee and re adopted at the AGM Trustees receive training regarding their role and in relation to safeguarding. All trustees must be DBS checked and apply to OFSTED who carry out further suitability checks.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Box Pre School Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1035359

Charity's principal address	Jubilee Hall Market Place Box Wiltshire SN13 8NZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sally Weymouth	Chair		
2	Emily Aspin	Treasurer		
3	Hannah Tape	Secretary		
4	Yvonne Jenkinson	OFSTED representative		
5	Jerry Watkins			
6	Emma Baylis	Outgoing Chair	Stood down 19/9/24	
7	Amy Stennett	Outgoing Treasurer	Stood down 19/9/24	
8	Nicola Goulding	Committee	Stood down 6/5/25	
9	Caroline Hazell Best	Committee	Stood down 19/9/24	
10	Lorna Stone	Committee	Stood down 19/9/24	
11	Chloe Pinheiro	Committee	Stood down 19/9/24	
12	Marilyn Tye	Committee	Stood down 4/3/25	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		



Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SARAH WEYMOUTH	YVONNE JENKINSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	OFSTED REPRESENTATIVE
Date	17/11/2025	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Accounts 2024-2025

Profit and Loss Account

	Opening Balance	Actual AUTUMN Term	Actual SPRING Term	Actual SUMMER Term	Total
Gross Revenue					
Grant		33,370	25,504	39,421	98,296
Billed		7,807	8,683	8,814	25,304
Other		-	-	-	-
		41,178	34,187	48,235	123,600
Fundraising					
Events		534	420	273	1,227
Donations		116	244	190	549
Other		-	-	-	-
		650	664	462	1,776
Total Revenue		41,828	34,851	48,697	125,376
Expenses					
Salaries		31,077	30,155	30,062	91,294
PAYE and NI		2,583	1,902	2,481	6,965
Training		451	402	190	1,043
Uniforms		174	70	-	244
Other People Costs		107	39	153	299
Activities - Sport, Circus etc		12	342	-	354
Books & toys		226	133	339	698
Stationary and Art Supplies		283	108	145	536
Computer and Photocopier		246	564	651	1,461
Trips and Events		348	260	515	1,122
Snacks		459	446	410	1,314
Rent		1,892	1,419	2,365	5,676
Plumbing, Decorating, Repairs and Renewals		4,449	300	(200)	4,549
fundraising expenses		136	-	-	136
Cleaner & Bins		1,046	838	176	2,059
Accountancy		1,217	1,525	1,116	3,858
Insurance		791	-	869	1,661
Ofsted Reg		50	-	-	50
Advertising		-	-	-	-
Donations		-	-	-	-
Other		154	143	278	576
Petty Cash (consumables & admin)		-	49	-	49
Total Expenses		45,702	38,694	39,549	123,945
Profit/(Loss)		(3,875)	(3,842)	9,148	1,431
Balance sheet					
Bank Balance	40,750.11	36,342.71	32,264.22	40,992.22	
Petty Cash	332.18	864.98	1,101.13	1,520.83	
Debtors	-	-	-	-	
Creditors and Accruals	-	-	-	-	
Profit and loss reserve	(41,082.29)	(37,207.69)	(33,365.35)	(42,513.05)	
	-	-	-	-	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Box Pre School Playgroup

On accounts for the year ended

31 August 2025

Charity no (if any)

1035359

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

30 March 2026

Name:

Lynne Gregory

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

FCA (ICAEW)
Membership number 8311249

Address:

Orchard Lea
Devizes Road
Box, Wiltshire SN13 8EF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

None

BOX PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1035359

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From September 2023 Period start date To August 2024
Period end date

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Charity registration number: 199410

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Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our reserves were running low due to making some losses in previous financial years so we wanted to at least break even and raise enough money to replace the wet pour floor in the outside area
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We wanted to raise enough money to replace the wet pour floor covering in the outside space. This project was costed at £4161. We managed to raise £4138 from fundraising and donations. The work was carried out in October 2024
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have not made any investments.

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total revenue was £110360 and total expenses was £97246 giving a profit of £13114.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>We have a reserve policy with a minimum reserve of £30000. Our policy sets out the circumstances under which we will use excess monies above the reserve. We have had losses for several years and if we had not had a reserve we would have closed down. The reasons for the reserve are:</p> <p>We need to cover our redundancy liability in the event that we need to make staff redundant. Many early years settings are closing due to challenging circumstances. Currently our redundancy liability is nearly 20 k as we have two senior members of staff who have long service with the playgroup.</p> <p>The early years sector faces significant challenges regarding funding rates not keep pace with the minimum wage and we need a reserve for when we have low birth rate years to cover losses.</p> <p>We need to cover expenses such as repairs to the building that we rent and we need to ensure that there is money to do this. The boiler needs replacing and under our rental agreement we need to pay for this.</p> <p>We may need to spend money recruiting and training staff due to the recruitment and staffing problems in the early years sector.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Bank balance plus petty cash as at 31 st August 2024 was £41082.29
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fees paid by parents for sessions, early years free entitlement grant, grants and fundraising.
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	Not applicable

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Low birth rate can affect numbers</p> <p>Reduction in funding rates by the government</p> <p>Increase in the national minimum wage not keeping pace with funding rates</p> <p>Staffing crisis</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution adopted 25 th November 1991
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Box Pre School Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1035359

Charity's principal address	Jubilee Hall Market Place Box Wiltshire SN13 8NZ

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Baylis	Chair		
2	Amy Stennett	Treasurer	19/9/23	
3	Hannah Tape	Secretary	19/9/23	
4	Sally Weymouth			
5	Lorna Stone			
6	Katherine Watton			
7	Marilyn Tye		19/9/23	
8	Caroline Hazell Best		19/9/23	
9	Chloe Pinheiro		19/9/23	
10	Yvonne Jenkinson	OFSTED representative		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

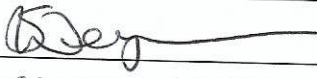
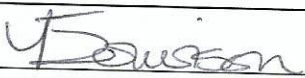
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SALLY WEYMOUTH	YVONNE JENKINSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CURRENT CHAIR	COMMITTEE
Date	11 02 2025	

Accounts 2023-2024 Profit and Loss Account

	Opening Balance	Actual AUTUMN Term	Actual SPRING Term	Actual SUMMER Term	Total	Total	Variance
Gross Revenue							
Grant		22,287	24,953	32,228	79,468	61,192	18,276
Billed		9,096	8,443	5,966	23,505	18,813	4,692
Other		450	-	2,800	3,250	4,170	(920)
		31,833	33,396	40,994	106,222	84,175	22,047
Fundraising							
Events		137	130	1,510	1,777	576	1,201
Donations		555	1,015	152	1,722	1,749	(27)
Other		596	43	-	639		639
		1,288	1,188	1,662	4,138	2,325	1,813
Total Revenue		33,120	34,583	42,656	110,360	86,500	23,860
Expenses							
Salaries		24,050	18,310	30,711	73,072	66,209	6,863
PAYE and NI		1,910	1,289	2,425	5,624	8,302	(2,678)
Training		103	166	137	406	1,365	(959)
Uniforms		61	-	-	61	494	(433)
Other People Costs		78	13	144	236	571	(335)
Activities - Sport, Circus etc		414	510	224	1,148	1,828	(680)
Books & toys		113	183	244	540	459	81
Stationary and Art Supplies		154	84	200	438	586	(148)
Computer and Photocopier		470	142	614	1,226	1,540	(314)
Trips and Events		227	250	716	1,192	1,393	(201)
Snacks		456	326	435	1,217	1,167	50
Rent		1,220	915	1,945	4,080	3,660	420
Plumbing, Decorating, Repairs and Renewals		14	178	-	192	780	(588)
fundraising expenses		125	-	-	125		
Cleaner & Bins		2,167	1,003	172	3,341	2,342	999
Accountancy		1,152	708	1,722	3,582	3,789	(207)
Insurance		-	-	-	-	1,634	(1,634)
Ofsted Reg		50	-	-	50	13	37
Advertising		-	-	80	80	492	(412)
Donations		-	-	-	-		
Other		58	99	220	377	1,153	(776)
Petty Cash (consumables & admin)		-	133	128	261	92	169
Total Expenses		32,821	24,309	40,117	97,246	97,869	(623)
Profit/(Loss)		300	10,275	2,540	13,114	(11,369)	24,483

Balance sheet

Bank Balance	26,091.94	25,697.79	35,995.90	40,750.11
Petty Cash	1,876.29	2,570.19	2,546.78	332.18
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Creditors and Accruals	-	-	-	-
Profit and loss reserve	(27,968.23)	(28,267.98)	(38,542.68)	(41,082.29)
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Box Pre School Playgroup		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2024	Charity no (if any)	1035359
	Set out on pages 3 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

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

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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.

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

Signed:  Date: 28 April 2025

Name: Lynne Gregory

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA (ICAEW)
Membership number 8311249

Address: Orchard Lea
Devizes Road
Box, Wiltshire SN13 8EF

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None

Accounts 2023-2024

Profit and Loss Account

	Opening Balance	Actual AUTUMN Term	Actual SPRING Term	Actual SUMMER Term	Total
Gross Revenue					
Grant		22,287	24,953	32,228	79,468
Billed		9,096	8,443	5,966	23,505
Other		450	-	2,800	3,250
		31,833	33,396	40,994	106,222
Fundraising					
Events		137	130	1,510	1,777
Donations		555	1,015	152	1,722
Other		596	43	-	639
		1,288	1,188	1,662	4,138
Total Revenue		33,120	34,583	42,656	110,360
Expenses					
Salaries		24,050	18,310	30,711	73,072
PAYE and NI		1,910	1,289	2,425	5,624
Training		103	166	137	406
Uniforms		61	-	-	61
Other People Costs		78	13	144	236
Activities - Sport, Circus etc		414	510	224	1,148
Books & toys		113	183	244	540
Stationary and Art Supplies		154	84	200	438
Computer and Photocopier		470	142	614	1,226
Trips and Events		227	250	716	1,192
Snacks		456	326	435	1,217
Rent		1,220	915	1,945	4,080
Plumbing, Decorating, Repairs and Renewals		14	178	-	192
fundraising expenses		125	-	-	125
Cleaner & Bins		2,167	1,003	172	3,341
Accountancy		1,152	708	1,722	3,582
Insurance		-	-	-	-
Ofsted Reg		50	-	-	50
Advertising		-	-	80	80
Donations		-	-	-	-
Other		58	99	220	377
Petty Cash (consumables & admin)		-	133	128	261
Total Expenses		32,821	24,309	40,117	97,246
Profit/(Loss)		300	10,275	2,540	13,114
Balance sheet					
Bank Balance	26,091.94	25,697.79	35,995.90	40,750.11	
Petty Cash	1,876.29	2,570.19	2,546.78	332.18	
Debtors	-	-	-	-	
Creditors and Accruals	-	-	-	-	
Profit and loss reserve	(27,968.23)	(28,267.98)	(38,542.68)	(41,082.29)	
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BOX PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1035359

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From September 2022 Period start date To August 2023
Period end date

Charity name: **Box Pre School Playgroup**

Charity registration number: **199410**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Box Pre School Playgroup was established over 50 years ago and is registered with OFSTED to provide affordable pre-school childcare and education to local residents and to ensure that the costs for these sessions are covered through fees and grants, with fund raising used to fund additional/exceptional items required.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The pre-school is open every week day Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3pm (term time only) and is OFSTED registered for 24 children per session. The preschool offers a homely, calm environment with structured play and specific sessions for PE, music and drama as well as preparing children for the transition to school. The preschool was rated outstanding at its last OFSTED inspection (October 2022).
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees govern the pre-school in accordance with guidance on public benefit ensuring that local residents can access affordable childcare and education. Where demand for the pre-school is high a waiting list is in operation.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Committee members are volunteers and hold positions such as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. All committee members attend termly committee meetings and help with fundraising activities. The secretary prepares minutes and the treasurer oversees payments made by the book keeper.</p> <p>Parent volunteer to help at fundraising activities.</p> <p>There are no other volunteers</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The preschool has continued to support families with early years childcare and education. Our school preparation session (Little Acorns) is very popular and highly regarded and the local schools appreciate how well our children are prepared for school. We are an inclusive setting and supported two children to get EHCP plans to enable them to attend school and have their needs met.</p> <p>We received very positive feedback from our annual questionnaire to parents.</p> <p>Ofsted visited us on the 13th October 2022 and we were awarded an outstanding grading.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We wanted to ensure that we achieved a minimum Good rating with OFSTED as Wiltshire Council remove funding from settings that are below good. We surpassed this achievement by achieving an outstanding.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Due to increasing costs and funding rates not covering the cost of childcare we wanted to raise at least a £1000 in fundraising and donations and we managed £2324. We tried a new fundraiser in the Spring selling used toys and clothes which we hope to repeat. We received donations from the Bingham Trust in</p>

		respect of PE sessions which meant we could continue to offer these.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have not made any investments.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total revenue was £86,500 and total expenses was £97869 giving a loss of £11369.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>We always aim to keep £25k+ in reserve and have no intention to reduce this. We have had losses for several years and if we had not had a reserve we would have closed down. The reasons for the reserve are:</p> <p>We need to cover our redundancy liability in the event that we need to make staff redundant. Many early years settings are closing due to challenging circumstances. Currently our redundancy liability is nearly 20 k as we have two senior members of staff who have long service with the playgroup.</p> <p>The early years sector faces significant challenges regarding funding rates not keep pace with the minimum wage and we need a reserve for when we have low birth rate years to cover losses.</p> <p>We need to cover expenses such as repairs to the building that we rent and we need to ensure that there is money to do this. For example, if the boiler breaks and needs to be replaced.</p> <p>We may need to spend money recruiting and training staff due to the recruitment and staffing problems in the early years sector.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Bank balance plus petty cash as at 31 st August 2023 was £27968.23.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fees paid by parents for sessions, early years free entitlement grant, grants and fundraising.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Low birth rate can affect numbers Reduction in funding rates by the government Increase in the national minimum wage not keeping pace with funding rates Staffing crisis
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution adopted 25 th November 1991
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Pre School Learning Alliance Constitution (membership number 263690)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Volunteer initially at fundraising events and then elected at AGM or mid-term as allowed by constitution by current and outgoing committee. Existing members re-elected by outgoing members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All trustees read the policies and procedures especially statutory policies as required by the Early years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework Policies are reviewed by the supervisor and committee and re adopted at the AGM Trustees receive training regarding their role and in relation to safeguarding. All trustees must be DBS checked and apply to OFSTED who carry out further suitability checks.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Box Pre School Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1035359

Charity's principal address	Jubilee Hall Market Place Box Wiltshire SN13 8NZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Baylis	Chair		
2	Amy Stennett	Treasurer	19/9/23	
3	Hannah Tape	Secretary	19/9/23	
4	Sally Weymouth			
5	Lorna Stone			
6	Katherine Watton			
7	Marilyn Tye		19/9/23	
8	Caroline Hazell Best		19/9/23	
9	Chloe Pinheiro		19/9/23	
10	Yvonne Jenkinson	OFSTED representative		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser Name Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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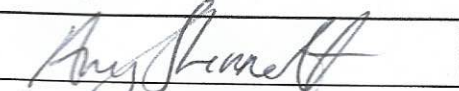

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	AMY STENNETT	YVONNE JENKINSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	OFSTED REPRESENTATIVE
Date	27 15 2024	

Accounts 2022-2023					
Profit and Loss Account					
	Opening Balance	Actual AUTUMN Term	Actual SPRING Term	Actual SUMMER Term	Total
Gross Revenue					
Grant		21,382	11,258	28,551	61,192
Billed		4,224	9,508	5,081	18,813
Other		4,140	30	-	4,170
		29,747	20,796	33,632	84,175
Fundraising					
Events		10	251	315	576
Donations		516	714	519	1,749
Other		-	-	-	-
		526	965	834	2,324
Total Revenue		30,273	21,761	34,466	86,500
Expenses					
Salaries		22,703	16,487	27,019	66,209
PAYE and NI		3,126	2,204	2,973	8,302
Training		735	195	435	1,365
Uniforms		195	69	231	494
Other People Costs		50	113	408	571
Activities - Sport, Circus etc		474	920	434	1,828
Books & toys		105	270	84	459
Stationary and Art Supplies		277	175	134	586
Computer and Photocopier		836	597	108	1,540
Trips and Events		468	325	600	1,393
Snacks		457	251	460	1,167
Rent		1,220	915	1,525	3,660
Plumbing, Decorating, Repairs and Renewals		389	424	(33)	780
fundraising expenses		-	-	-	-
Cleaner & Bins		1,332	1,021	(10)	2,342
Accountancy		1,309	682	1,798	3,789
Insurance		788	-	846	1,634
Ofsted Reg		13		-	13
Advertising		99	246	147	492
Donations		-	-	-	-
Other		579	118	455	1,151
Petty Cash (consumables & admin)		-	92	-	92
Total Expenses		35,154	25,104	37,611	97,869
Profit/(Loss)		(4,881)	(3,343)	(3,145)	(11,369)
Balance sheet					
Bank Balance	39,117.34	34,363.78	30,086.57	26,091.94	
Petty Cash	220.00	92.20	1,026.64	1,876.29	
Debtors	-	-	-	-	
Creditors and Accruals	-	-	-	-	
Profit and loss reserve	(39,337.34)	(34,455.98)	(31,113.21)	(27,968.23)	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Box Pre School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1035359

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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 August 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 (~~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: Lynne Gregory

Date: 10 June 2024

Name: Lynne Gregory

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

FCA (ICAEW)
Membership number 8311249

Address:

Orchard Lea
Devizes Road
Box, Wiltshire SN13 8EF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

None

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BOX PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1035359

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2021		31	08	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Box Pre School Playgroup
Other names charity is known by	1035359
Registered charity number (if any)	1035359
Charity's principal address	Jubilee Centre/Hall Market Place Box
	Wiltshire
Postcode	SN13 8NZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Baylis	Chair	From 07/04/22	
2	Katherine Watton	Treasurer	From 07/04/22	
3	Helen Wootton	Secretary		
4	Sally Weymouth		From 15/11/2021	
5	Loma Stone		From 07/04/22	
6	Yvonne Jenkinson			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution adopted 25 November 1991
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Pre School Learning Alliance Constitution (membership number 263690)
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Volunteer initially then elected at AGM or mid term as allowed by constitution by current committee and outgoing (eg. appointed by, elected by) members. Existing members re-elected by outgoing members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Registered with Ofsted and a member of the preschool learning alliance, Box Preschool's mission is to create a safe environment of learning through play. It is administered by the trustees, all of whom undertake a DBS check, have safeguarding training, understand the policies of the preschool and sign a confidentiality agreement. Yvonne Jenkinson is the nominated Ofsted representative and Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Aim is to provide affordable pre-school childcare to the residents of Box and to ensure that the costs for sessions are covered through fees and grants, with fund raising used to fund additional / exceptional items required.

Established over 40 years ago, Box preschool is at the heart of the community and has been nurturing toddler and preschools of Box since it was founded. The preschool offers a homely, calm environment with structured play and specific sessions for movement, music, PE and other sessions, well regarded for the rising 5's.
Ofsted registered for 24 children aged 2-5, open throughout the school year (term times only), Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 3pm.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

To ensure that the costs for sessions are covered through fees and grants, with fund raising used to fund additional / exceptional items required.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Continued to welcome new children throughout the course of FY2021/22 with the playgroup now being able to operate normally following the pandemic.

Fundraising events included a santa bedtime event, litter picking and sports day. This has enabled investment in materials and equipment for the children. A significant investment was made in a partition to enable the room to be divided into two to help with the needs of younger children who sometimes need a sleep.

Finances have been managed to ensure losses were kept to a minimum despite rises in national minimum wage without funding from the government matching these and therefore fees were increased in January 2022.

Very positive feedback from parents regarding the high quality of care and education that the children receive.

Salaries continue to be high due to national minimum wage, cost of living and the need to retain staff during the early years recruitment crisis.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We always aim to keep £20-25k+ in reserve and have no intention to reduce this, especially based on what we saw during FY1920 and then again in FY2021.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal source of funding is fees paid by parents and grants received for over 3s. Additional fundraising supports costs, too. Decisions re. spend are approved by the Treasurer and, if extraordinary, the Chair and / or wider committee.

Section F

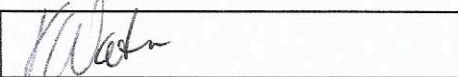
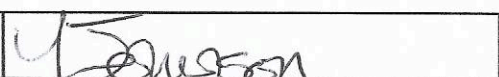
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	KATHERINE WATTON	YVONNE JENKINSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	OFSTED REPRESENTATIVE ON COMMITTEE
Date	17/5/2023	

Accounts 2021-2022 Profit and Loss Account

	Opening Balance	Actual AUTUMN Term	Actual SPRING Term	Actual SUMMER Term	Total	Total	Variance
Gross Revenue							
Grant		13,450	20,707	18,833	52,990	67,840	(14,850)
Billed		9,018	8,931	5,242	23,190	19,554	3,637
Other			-	-	-	500	(500)
		22,468	29,638	24,075	76,181	87,894	(11,713)
Fundraising							
Events		-	-	537	537	779	(242)
Donations		114	26	152	293	462	(169)
Other		-	-	-	-	180	(180)
		114	26	689	829	1,421	(591)
Total Revenue		22,583	29,664	24,763	77,010	89,314	(12,304)
Expenses							
Salaries		22,177	20,169	19,040	61,386	59,278	2,109
PAYE and NI		2,982	2,379	1,935	7,295	7,008	287
Training		310	96	318	724	519	205
Uniforms		134	88	-	222	293	(71)
Other People Costs		92	283	-	375	563	(188)
Activities - Sport, Circus etc		708	1,101	672	2,481	15	2,466
Books & toys		202	238	156	596	634	(38)
Stationary and Art Supplies		281	55	214	551	654	(104)
Computer and Photocopier		223	67	352	643	810	(167)
Trips and Events		158	158	519	835	165	669
Snacks		306	304	284	894	999	(105)
Rent		1,220	1,220	1,220	3,660	3,660	-
Plumbing, Decorating, Repairs and Renewals		5,028	95	237	5,359	939	4,421
fundraising expenses		-	-	161	161	-	161
Cleaner & Bins		1,570	(342)	1,353	2,582	2,157	425
Accountancy		1,073	911	1,022	3,006	3,069	(63)
Insurance					-	782	(782)
Ofsted Reg		63		-	63	88	(25)
Advertising		-	54	890	944	1,198	(254)
Donations					-	-	-
Other		306	359	459	1,124	1,395	(271)
Petty Cash (consumables & admin)		0	-	27	27	173	(146)
Total Expenses		36,834	27,234	28,861	92,928	84,399	8,528
Profit/(Loss)		(14,251)	2,431	(4,097)	(15,918)	4,915	(20,833)

Balance sheet

Bank Balance	53,550.10	39,229.29	41,614.54	39,117.34
Petty Cash	997.45	1,067.25	1,112.75	220.00
Debtors	794.86	794.86	794.86	
Creditors and Accruals	(87.50)	(87.50)	(87.50)	
Profit and loss reserve	(55,254.91)	(41,003.91)	(43,434.66)	(39,337.34)
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Box Pre School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

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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: Lynne Gregory

Date: 23 June 2023

Name: Lynne Gregory

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

FCA (ICAEW)
Membership number 8311249

Address:

Orchard Lea
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Box, Wiltshire SN13 8EF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

Accounts 2021-2022							
Profit and Loss Account							
	Opening Balance	Actual AUTUMN Term	Actual SPRING Term	Actual SUMMER Term	Total	Total	Variance
Gross Revenue							
Grant		13,450	20,707	18,833	52,990	67,840	(14,850)
Billed		9,018	8,931	5,242	23,190	19,554	3,637
Other			-	-	-	500	(500)
		22,468	29,638	24,075	76,181	87,894	(11,713)
Fundraising							
Events		-	-	537	537	779	(242)
Donations		114	26	152	293	462	(169)
Other		-	-	-	-	180	(180)
		114	26	689	829	1,421	(591)
Total Revenue		22,583	29,664	24,763	77,010	89,314	(12,304)
Expenses							
Salaries		22,177	20,169	19,040	61,386	59,278	2,109
PAYE and NI		2,982	2,379	1,935	7,295	7,008	287
Training		310	96	318	724	519	205
Uniforms		134	88	-	222	293	(71)
Other People Costs		92	283	-	375	563	(188)
Activities - Sport, Circus etc		708	1,101	672	2,481	15	2,466
Books & toys		202	238	156	596	634	(38)
Stationary and Art Supplies		281	55	214	551	654	(104)
Computer and Photocopier		223	67	352	643	810	(167)
Trips and Events		158	158	519	835	165	669
Snacks		306	304	284	894	999	(105)
Rent		1,220	1,220	1,220	3,660	3,660	-
Plumbing, Decorating, Repairs and Renewals		5,028	95	237	5,359	939	4,421
fundraising expenses		-	-	161	161		161
Cleaner & Bins		1,570	(342)	1,353	2,582	2,157	425
Accountancy		1,073	911	1,022	3,006	3,069	(63)
Insurance					-	782	(782)
Ofsted Reg		63		-	63	88	(25)
Advertising		-	54	890	944	1,198	(254)
Donations					-	-	-
Other		306	359	459	1,124	1,395	(271)
Petty Cash (consumables & admin)		0	-	27	27	173	(146)
Total Expenses		36,834	27,234	28,861	92,928	84,399	8,528
Profit/(Loss)		(14,251)	2,431	(4,097)	(15,918)	4,915	(20,833)
Balance sheet							
Bank Balance	53,550.10	39,229.29	41,614.54	39,117.34			
Petty Cash	997.45	1,067.25	1,112.75	220.00			
Debtors	794.86	794.86	794.86				
Creditors and Accruals	(87.50)	(87.50)	(87.50)				
Profit and loss reserve	(55,254.91)	(41,003.91)	(43,434.66)	(39,337.34)			
	-	(0.01)	(0.01)	-			

BOX PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1035359

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Box Preschool Playgroup
Other names charity is known by	1035359
Registered charity number (if any)	1035359
Charity's principal address	Jubilee Centre / Hall, Market Place, Box, Wiltshire
Postcode	SN13 8NZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Carla Chignell	Chair	From October 2020	
2	Jo Hall	Treasurer		
3	Yvonne Jenkinson	Ofsted representative		
4	Sophie Beazer			
5	Helen Wootton	Secretary	From October 2020	
6	Kelly Smith		From October 2020	
7	Laura Kent			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Yvonne Jenkinson – supervisor and trustee

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 25 November 1991
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Pre School Learning Alliance Constitution (membership number 263690)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Volunteer initially then elected at AGM by current committee and outgoing members. Existing members re-elected by outgoing members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Registered with Ofsted and a member of the preschool learning alliance, Box Preschool’s mission is to create a safe environment of learning through play. It is administered by the trustees, all of whom undertake a CRB check, have safeguarding training, understand the policies of the preschool and sign a confidentiality agreement. Yvonne Jenkinson is the nominated Ofsted representative and child welfare protection officer.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>Aim is to provide affordable pre-school childcare to the residents of Box and to ensure that the costs for sessions are covered through fees and grants, with fund raising used to fund additional / exceptional items required.</p>
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Established over 40 years ago, Box preschool is at the heart of the community and has been nurturing toddler and preschools of Box since it was founded. The preschool offers a homely, calm environment with structured play and specific sessions for movement, music, PE and other sessions, well regarded for the rising 5's.

Ofsted registered for 26 children aged 2-5, open throughout the school year (term times only), Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 3:30pm.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

and to ensure that the costs for sessions are covered through fees and grants, with fund raising used to fund additional / exceptional items required.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Continued to welcome new children throughout the course of FY2020/21, with changes to operational practices in place to enable safety for children, staff and parents. Closure was minimised and, when it was legal to operate an early year setting, we were open.

Fundraising has been minimal and mainly virtual due to lack events possible this year. This has enabled investment in materials and equipment for the children.

Finances have been managed to ensure losses were kept to a minimum despite closure reducing income, whilst still bearing overheads.

Positive feedback and understanding, from parents, regarding the way things were handled in the pandemic.

Our 'little acorn' preschoolers settled into school in September 2021, with the transition well con-ordinated despite bubbles and lack of school visits, testament in part to their preparation under the experienced hand of the staff at Box Preschool Playgroup.

During the FY 20/21 a fee increase was agreed for Jan 2022. This will ne mentioned in next year's trustees report.

We have had to over-resource in FY2021 to manage uncertainties regarding sickness and isolation. This, plus pay rises to address cost of living, are shown as a higher cost in salaries in our annual accounts.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We always aim to keep £20-25k+ in reserve and have no intention to reduce this, especially based on what we saw during FY1920 and then again in FY2021.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.



Principal source of funding is fees paid by parents and grants received for over 3s. Additional fundraising supports costs, too. Decisions re. spend are approved by the Treasurer and, if extraordinary, the Chair and / or wider committee.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Joanne Helen Hall	Carla Chignell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	29 April 2022	

**Accounts 20202021
Profit and Loss Account**

	Opening Balance	Actual AUTUMN Term	Actual SPRING Term	Actual SUMMER Term	Total	Prior Year	Variance
Gross Revenue							
Grant		20,956	19,086	27,798	67,840	49,992	17,848
Billed		5,952	5,944	7,658	19,554	27,229	(7,676)
Other			500	-	500	-	500
		26,908	25,530	35,456	87,894	77,221	10,673
Fundraising							
Events		-	779		779	1,697	(918)
Donations		7	175	280	462	250	212
Other		180	-	-	180	104	76
		187	954	280	1,421	2,050	(630)
Total Revenue		27,095	26,484	35,736	89,314	79,271	10,043
Expenses							
Salaries		18,746	15,385	25,146	59,278	46,524	12,754
PAYE and NI		2,679	2,224	2,104	7,008	4,354	2,654
Training		166	90	263	519	1,379	(860)
Uniforms		117	105	71	293	32	261
Other People Costs		376	48	138	563	246	317
Activities - Sport, Circus etc		-	15	-	15	4,254	(4,239)
Books & toys		225	30	379	634	1,513	(879)
Stationary and Art Supplies		147	126	382	654	1,186	(532)
Computer and Photocopier		47	115	648	810	653	157
Trips and Events		-	-	165	165	1,031	(866)
Snacks		355	154	491	999	598	401
Rent		1,220	915	1,525	3,660	3,660	-
Plumbing, Decorating, Repairs and Renewals		205	-	734	939	2,300	(1,361)
fundraising expenses		40					
Cleaner & Bins		947	113	1,097	2,157	1,715	442
Accountancy		1,184	799	1,086	3,069	2,731	338
Insurance				782	782	759	23
Ofsted Reg		75		13	88	50	38
Advertising		-	-	1,198	1,198	989	209
Donations							
Other		794	654	(53)	1,395	407	988
Petty Cash (consumables & admin)		141	24	9	173	876	(703)
Total Expenses		27,463	20,796	36,180	84,399	75,256	9,144
Profit/(Loss)		(368)	5,687	(444)	4,915	4,015	900

Balance sheet

Bank Balance	50,479.44	48,786.27	53,234.92	53,550.10		
Petty Cash	32.10	1,225.43	2,464.25	997.45		
Debtors	(333.50)	-	-	794.86		
Creditors and Accruals	201.80	-	-	(87.50)		
Profit and loss reserve	(50,379.84)	(50,011.70)	(55,699.17)	(55,254.91)		
	-	-	-	-	-	Should always equal zero



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Box Preschool Playgroup

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1035359

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

29 May 2022

Name:

Jennifer Cloke

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

Chartered Accountant FACA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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