

HECKINGTON PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1035549

Details

Other names	HECKINGTON PRESCHOOL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1994-03-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Heckington Pre-school Howell Road Heckington Sleaford Lincolnshire NG34 9RX
Phone	01529469567
Email	heckingtonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk
Website	www.heckingtonpre-school.com

Activities

Objects: THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL ARE TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY:(A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES, FAMILY LEARNING AND EXTENDED HOURS GROUPS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;(B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREAS;(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: We operate within the village of Heckington and the surrounding villages, providing childcare and education to Pre-School aged children. We have been awarded Good by Ofsted.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£82,967	£60,891	-	-
2024-07-31	£54,127	£56,881	-	-
2023-07-31	£69,800	£72,705	-	-
2022-07-31	£64,394	£81,424	-	-
2021-07-31	£99,787	£86,846	-	-
2020-07-31	£120,956	£121,892	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kimberley McMillan	Chair	2023-05-02
Andrew Howgate		2023-05-02
Cheryl Sear		2015-11-05
Sarah Koscinski-Drayton		2015-01-06
Steven Green		2020-01-06

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Accounts



Trustees Annual Report 1 Aug 2024-31 Jul 2025

Reference and administration details

Name of Charity	Heckington Preschool
Registration number	1035549
Address	Heckington Preschool, Howell Road, Heckington, Sleaford NG34 9RX

Names and roles of Trustees who manage the charity

Kim McMillan	Chair
Steven Green	Treasurer
Andrew Howgate	Secretary
Susan Green	Setting Manager
Cheryl Sear	Committee member
Sarah Drayton	Committee member

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document:

Constitution, adopted 13th September 2019

How the charity is constituted:

Unincorporated association

Trustee selection methods:

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Additional governance information:

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Objectives and Activities

Heckington Preschool is an Ofsted rated 'Good' setting with a catchment area extending beyond the local villages towards the towns of Sleaford and Boston. We are a 'High-Scope' setting where active learning and independence are promoted.

Our aim is to ensure all our children can thrive during and after the transition to school, being resilient, confident and independent individuals.

The following objectives all contribute to achieving this aim.

- Providing a sustainable and natural environment for learning and care.
- Developing attitudes and behaviours that encourage children to become 'active learners' who can plan and carry out activities.
- Providing opportunities for children to decide what they want to do, allowing them to think through actions and as the child matures turn this into a plan with a defined sequence of steps.
- Encourage the personal, social and emotional development of the individual.
- Support communication and language development, providing additional one to one support or small group interventions for those with additional speech and language requirements.
- Ensuring all children understand the world, and the basics of literacy and mathematics.
- Providing education and signposting to parents to help them to continue to support their child's development away from the setting.
- To provide all children with the opportunity to express themselves through a variety of art forms.
- Ensuring that all children have equal opportunity to thrive by supporting vulnerable families, particularly those in receipt of the pupil premium and two-year-old funding.
- Maintain and nurture relationships with our feeder primary schools.
- In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustee meetings. These activities benefit the children their self-confidence, social skills preparing them for school.

Achievements and Performance

The volunteer committee has continued with its work to modernise and ensure that the preschool has sound foundations moving forward in what are difficult operating conditions. The Chair has been supporting and mentored the Committee, the management team and staff to ensure modern administrative practices and changing Government guidelines have been adhered to. The Committee has prioritised the refurbishment and upgrading of the outside play area and to the strengthening of the school's contingency fund.

We must make our annual mention with the difficulty in recruiting committee members and are actively trying to recruit further Trustees.

Autumn

Over the August break the Committee and parent helper relocated the school's storage shed and recycled it into a large "Cosey Cabin" for the children to use in their outside play. This has proven to be an invaluable resource as it allows outside play in inclement and very sunny weather for staff and children alike.

The term concluded with our now annual Christmas singing, crafting event and raffle, with mince pies, refreshments and fun and was fantastically supported by parents/carers raising much needed funds.

Spring

Following on with our theme of the play area refurbishment we were kindly presented with a pallet built outdoor mud kitchen by an enterprising ex parent that is truly fantastic and has proven a real hit with the children.

The children planted tomatoes and flowers in our new wooden planters.

The Committee recycled our old outdoor kitchen and turned it into the talking bench, where the children can sit and talk to each other.

Summer

The Summer term continued and consolidated the work we had done throughout the year. The focus is very much on preparing the older children for starting school in September. This transition time is a collaborative approach where we host reception teachers for visits. The feedback from them has been very positive.

The Preschool wheel out library continues to be a great success promoting family reading time.

The staff continued to take the children out into the community with visits to the park, examining the wildlife, visiting the local café, exploring the local shops.

The children often prepare or bake their own food such as healthy pizza or bread.

The term concluded with the departure of one of our longest serving staff members and the arrival of a new member of the team.

We finished the school year with our summer event with crafting, stories and singing with our own resident bard.

The start of the summer break saw the Committee repair the soft playground floor edging to ensure safe play for the future.

Fundraising

We have continued with our two main events per year, based around the children presenting to their family along with family crafting and fun. We usually associate this with homemade crafting kits parents can purchase along with a raffle, though the emphasis is always on fun and interaction.

Financial review

Our main income stream is from Early Years Entitlement Funding; we also benefit from additional Pupil Premium and Inclusion Funding for specific individuals. Our main financial outgoings are staff wages, utilities and maintenance costs. Our biggest risks are our reserve fund levels, though with prudent financial management coupled with the use of Sage financial software they have shown signs of recovering. The living wage increases and changes to National Insurance have been tough, especially as funding has not kept pace. Staff retention is a constant worry, with wages in the sector are very poor for the work a modern preschool does within the essential Early Years sector.

This year has been another year of tight cost control and promoting the Preschool to increase child numbers with the aim to stabilise our financial reserves. We are aware of future changes to funding,

and we are putting the Preschool in the best possible shape to meet the future demands and ensure the children have the best possible experience.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees;

Signature Steven Green (Electronic Signature)

Full Name Steven Green

Position Treasurer

Date 07/09/2025



Heckington Preschool

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2025

	2025	2024
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Current Assets		
Current Account	10919	6789
Deposit Account	20434	2868
Petty Cash	252	95
Debtors	223	-
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 Represented by		
Unrestricted fund	<hr/>	<hr/>
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Heckington Preschool

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 Jul 2025

	2025 £		2024 £
Incoming Resources			
Donations	0		55
Additional Voluntary Income	880		622
	880		677
 Activities for Generating Funds			
Income from Parents Fees	9415		4367
Income from Local Authority	72009		48593
Fundraising Income	597		439
Other Income			
	82021		53399
 Investment Income			
Bank Interest			
	66		51
	82967		54127
 Resources Expended			
Preschool Running Costs	60891		56881
Deficit/Surplus for Year	22076		-2754
Unrestricted Fund Balance	Aug-24 9752		Aug-23 12506
Total Unrestricted Funds	31828		9752

Heckington Preschool

Resources Expended to 31 Jul 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employee Wages and Salaries	48989	47028
PAYE to HMRC	1802	2046
Employer Pension	1362	1637
Water Charges	132	21
Electricity Charges	1878	998
Waste Collection	101	0
Gas & Oil Charges	0	1
Teaching Resources	272	79
Entertainment	87	0
Printing	23	69
Office Stationery	64	0
Office Equipment and IT	7	0
Telephone	748	581
Internet Charges	290	270
Computer & Software	579	501
Accountancy Fees	468	444
Consultancy & Professional Fees	163	105
Business Insurance	703	836
Repairs & Maintenance	1039	782
Rent	2	2
Cleaning & Hygiene	369	252
Subscriptions	198	66
Refreshments	2	1
Childrens Snack	132	20
Support Grant Vouchers	1130	1035
Training	239	90
General Expenses	50	10
Travel Expenses	64	7
	60891	56881



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: HECKINGTON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

July 2025 Charity no (if any) 1035549

Set out on pages

3 To 5 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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: [Signature]

Date: 13 MAY 2026

Name: GLYN DEAKIN

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

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Address: 40A, KYME ROAD, HECKINGTON, SLEAFORD, Lincs, NG34 9RS

Section B

Disclosure

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.

HECKINGTON PRES-SCHOOL FUND		Report to the trustees/ members of
1032244	Charity no (if any)	On accounts for the year ended
	2015	Set out on pages
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13 Mar 2015	Date:	Signed:
		Name: GUY DEARIE
		Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):
HOB, KAME ROAD, HECKINGTON, DERBY, DE12 9PS		Address:

Heckington Preschool

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Trustees Annual Report 1 Aug 2023-31 Jul 2024

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- In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustee meetings. These activities benefit the children their self-confidence, social skills preparing them for school.

Achievements and Performance

The relatively new Chair and Secretary have established themselves within our volunteer committee. The Chairs background has been proven very useful in mentoring and supporting the full time staff particularly the management team. It has enabled the Preschool to really move forward with its policy and employment improvements ensuring we are fully compliant with all regulation and standards. We must make our annual mention with the difficulty in recruiting committee members and are actively trying to recruit further Trustees.

Autumn

The chair and treasurer completed the Lease negotiations with Lincoln County Council (LCC) after negotiating reductions in a formulaic energy charge and other maintenance activity charges that simply were not pertinent to our setting.

The term concluded with our eagerly anticipated Christmas singing and crafting event, which was well attended by parents/carers with mince pies, refreshments and fun and raised much needed funds.

Spring

This term saw the start of refurbishment of our outside area. Plants and planters were donated by parents and saw the children start to plant seeds and learn to look after their young plants.

We held an Easter crafting event for parents/carers to encourage interactions and promote quality time within family units.

Summer

The Summer term continued and consolidated the work we had done throughout the year. This term the emphasis is very much on preparing the older children for starting school in September. This transition time is very much a collaborative approach with the various schools the children will be moving to.

The Preschool library continued to be a great success promoting reading time.

The staff continued to take the children out into the community with visits to the park, examining the wildlife, visiting the local café, exploring the local shops and visiting the nearby care home to sing songs with the residents.

The term concluded with the departure of our deputy manager and the appointment of one of our long serving staff members to the position of Deputy Manager.

Fundraising

We have continued with our two events per year, based around the children presenting to their family along with family crafting and fun. This has been judged a great success and still sits better amongst the fundraising heartbeat of our community. This year, we held a Christmas song event with our resident musician Michael and an Easter birdhouse building and crafting afternoon.

Financial review

Our main income stream is from Early Years Entitlement Funding, we also benefit from additional Pupil Premium and Inclusion Funding for specific individuals. Our main financial outgoings are staff wages, utilities and maintenance costs. Our biggest risks are our dwindling reserve funds that have been supporting our substantial increases in costs and wages against insufficient funding levels. Other risks include unpaid fees from parents and staff illness.

The Treasurer had stated that this year was to be a stability year where we all worked hard to reduce or stabilise costs and promote the Preschool to increase numbers and return our financial reserves to a healthier state

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees;

Signature **Steven Green** (Electronic Signature)

Full Name Steven Green

Position Treasurer

Date 06/09/2024

Heckington Preschool

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current Assets		
Current Account	6789	2,972
Deposit Account	2868	8,882
Petty Cash	95	652
Debtors	-	-
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Represented by		
Unrestricted fund	<hr/>	<hr/>
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Heckington Preschool

Resources Expended to 31 Jul 2024

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PAYE to HMRC	2,046	4,259.00
Employer Pension	1,637	2,084.59
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Electricity Charges	998	1,602.21
Gas & Oil Charges	1	0.94
Teaching Resources	79	19.93
Entertainment	-	21.10
Printing	69	269.88
Office Stationery	-	47.81
Telephone	581	541.68
Internet Charges	270	197.75
Computer & Software	501	294.48
Accountancy Fees	444	420.00
Consultancy & Professional Fees	105	125.00
Business Insurance	836	797.56
Repairs & Maintenance	782	861
Rent	2	0
Cleaning & Hygiene	252	412
Clothing	-	4
Subscriptions	66	60
Refreshments	1	6
Childrens Snack	20	252
Support Grant Vouchers	1,035	775
Training	90	0
General Expenses	10	
Travel Expenses	7	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Heckington Pe-School Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

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**Charity no
(if any)**

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Signed:

Date:

29/5/25

Name:

G. K. DEAKIN

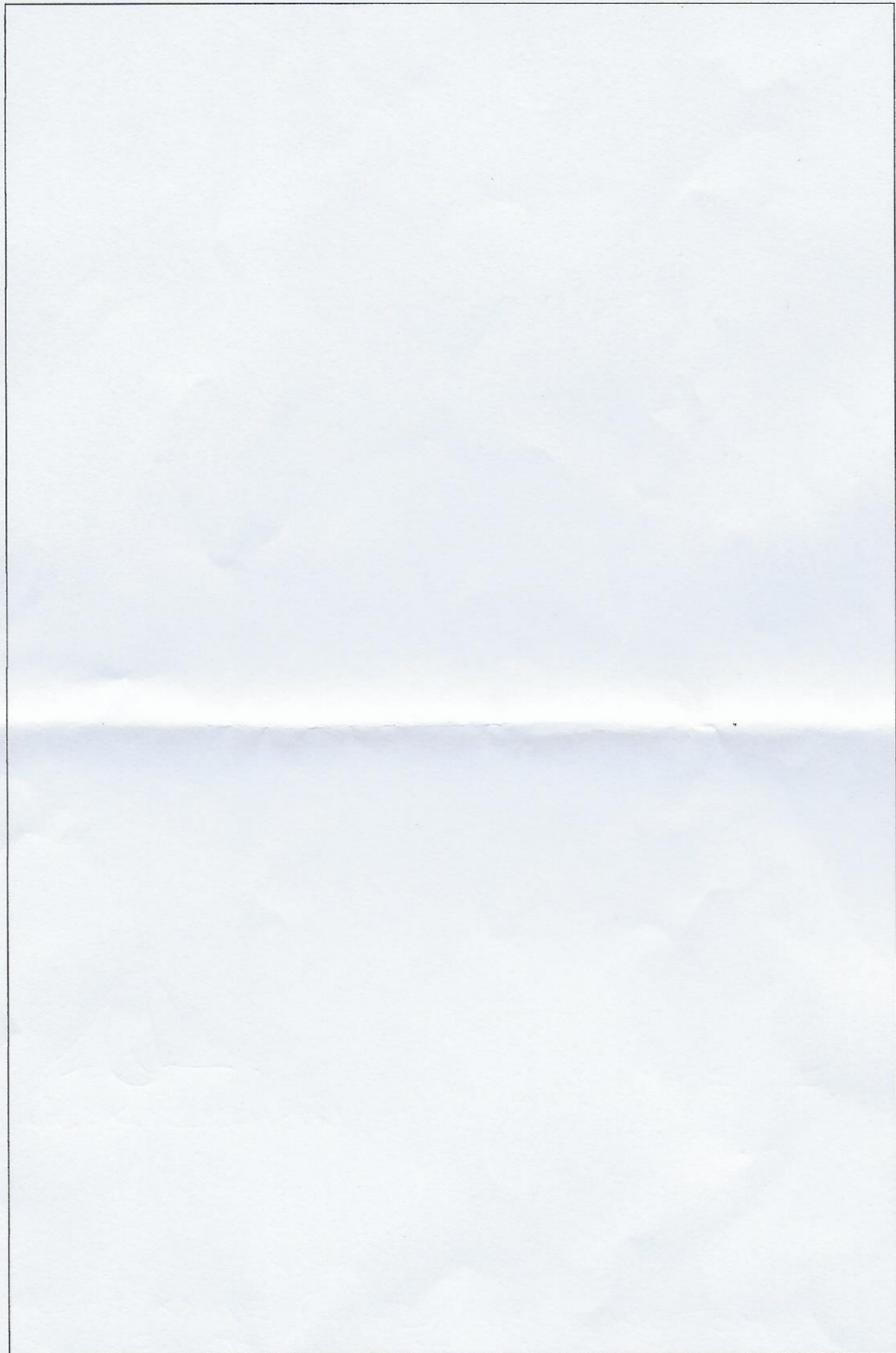
**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Address:

HOA, KYME ROAD, HECKINGTON,
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Trustees Annual Report 1 Aug 2022-31 Jul 2023

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Constitution, adopted 13th September 2019

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Unincorporated association

Trustee selection methods:

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting, up to three further members can be co-opted throughout the year as required. The Committee shall be made up of a minimum number of and 4 and maximum number of 12 members.

Additional governance information:

Membership of the management committee is open to those who are over 16 years of age and are qualified according to the Charities Acts. The trustees are responsible for the overall management of the preschool and are also charity trustees of the preschool. There is a child protection policy in place, all trustees must undergo a DBS check and complete an EY2 form prior to commencement of Trusteeship. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and Activities

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Our aim is to ensure all our children can thrive during and after the transition to school, being resilient, confident and independent individuals.

The following objectives all contribute to achieving this aim.

- Providing a sustainable and natural environment for learning and care.
- Developing attitudes and behaviours that encourage children to become 'active learners' who can plan and carry out activities.
- Providing opportunities for children to decide what they want to do, allowing them to think through actions and as the child matures turn this into a plan with a defined sequence of steps.
- Encourage the personal, social and emotional development of the individual.
- Support communication and language development, providing additional one to one support or small group interventions for those with additional speech and language requirements.
- Ensuring all children understand the world, and the basics of literacy and mathematics.
- Providing education and signposting to parents to help them to continue to support their child's development away from the setting.
- To provide all children with the opportunity to express themselves through a variety of art forms.
- Ensuring that all children have equal opportunity to thrive by supporting vulnerable families, particularly those in receipt of the pupil premium and two-year-old funding.
- Maintain and nurture relationships with our feeder primary schools.
- In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustee meetings. These activities benefit the children their self-confidence, social skills preparing them for school.

Achievements and Performance

Firstly, we must thank all who help and volunteer on our committee, who not only manage the preschool, but they also provide much needed mentoring and support to the full time staff. We must mention the difficulty in recruiting Committee members in this time pressured world and are particularly please that despite losing several long-term Committee members we recruited a new Chair and Secretary.

Autumn

The chair and treasurer continued negotiations for lease renewal with Lincoln County Council (LCC). A member of staff moved on with the remaining staff picking up the hours.

The term concluded with a festive songs and raffle afternoon attended by parents and carers with mince pies, tea and coffee. The children sang their heart out and with generous donations to the raffle.

Spring

Child numbers rose during this term providing much needed income. The children were out and about looking at spring flowers and planted our own carrots and spinach.

Summer

In May we held our AGM where we gained two new trustees to our committee. We set up a new school library for parents and children alike.

The staff continued to take the children out into the community with visits to the park, examining the wildflowers and exploring. In June we held our fun day and tombola for parents/carers and children.

The term concluded with our entry into the Heckington Show where the children's artwork came a worthy second.

Fundraising

We have concluded that two quality events per year, based around the children presenting to their family and carers fits better amongst the fundraising heartbeat of our community. This year, we held a festive songs afternoon where we raised £265 and the fun day where we raised £355.

Financial review

Our main income stream is from Early Years Entitlement Funding, we also benefit from additional Pupil Premium and Inclusion Funding for specific individuals. Our main financial outgoings are staff wages, utilities and maintenance costs. Our biggest risks are our dwindling reserve funds that have been supporting our substantial increases in costs and wages against insufficient funding levels. Other risks include unpaid fees from parents and staff illness.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees;

Signature Steven Green (Electronic Signature)

Full Name Steven Green

Position Treasurer

Date 08/09/2023



Heckington Preschool

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Assets		
Current Account	2,972	3,287
Deposit Account	8,882	12,041
Petty Cash	652	83
Debtors	-	431
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	12,506	15,842
 Represented by		
Unrestricted fund	<hr/>	<hr/>
	12,506	15,842

Heckington Preschool

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming Resources		
Donations	-	51
Additional Voluntary Income	881	616
	881	667
Activities for Generating Funds		
Incoming from Parents	8,109	16,671
Income from Local Authority	60,149	45,048
Fundraising Income	620	-
Government Job Retention Scheme	-	-
Other Income	-	4
	68,878	61,723
Investment Income		
Bank Interest Received	41	4
	69,800	62,394
Resources Expended		
Preschool Running Costs	72,705	81,424
(Deficit)/Surplus for Year	2,905	19,030
Unrestricted Fund Balance at 1 Aug 22 (£431 debt paid)	15,411	34,872
Total Unrestricted Funds	12,506	15,842

Heckington Preschool

Resources Expended to 31 July 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Employee Wages and Salaries	59,514.98	
PAYE to HMRC	4,259	67,510
Employer Pension	2,084.59	
Water Rates	139.51	150
Electricity	1,602.21	1,554
Gas & Oil	0.94	
Teaching Resources	19.93	586
Entertainment	21.1	63
Printing	269.88	466
Office Stationery	47.81	
Telephone	541.68	
Internet Charges	197.75	635
Computer & Software	294.48	
Accountancy Fees	420	825
Consultancy & Professional Fees	125	
Business Insurance	797.55	
Repairs and Maintenance	860.52	3,744
Rent		750
Cleaning & Hygiene	411.99	645
Clothing	4	
Subscriptions	59.59	
Refreshments	5.83	
Snack	251.91	
Support Grant Vouchers	775	1,305
Purchases		1,386
Training		1,198
Equipment		569
Travel Expenses		23
Fundraising Expenses		15
	72,705	81,424

N.B. Move to a more detailed chart of accounts for fidelity



Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Heckington Pre-School Playgroup		
On accounts for the year ended	July 2023	Charity no (if any)	1035549
Set out on pages	3 to 5		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2023</p> <p>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").</p> <p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or • the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>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.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
Signed:		Date:	29 MAY 2024
Name:	GWYN K DEAKIN		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	FIELD VIEW HOUSE, HOA KYME ROAD, HECKINGTON, NG34 9RS		
Section B		Disclosure	
		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.			

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Section A
		Independent Examiner's Report		
		Hedington Pre-School Playgroup	Report to the trustees of	Report to the trustees of
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Heckington Preschool

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

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HECKINGTON PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1035549

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Trustees Annual Report 2021-2022

Reference and administration details

Name of Charity	Heckington Preschool
Registration number	1035549
Address	Heckington Preschool, Howell Road, Heckington, Sleaford NG34 9RX

Names and roles of Trustees who manage the charity

Steven Green	Chair
Rotation Basis	Secretary
Sheila Hetherington	Treasurer
Susan Berry	Setting Manager
Cheryl Sear	Committee member
Farah Reder	Committee member
Molly Obundu	Committee member
Sarah Drayton	Committee member

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Achievements and Performance

Autumn

The staff stepped up to the plate at the start of this term, with many taking extra hours to cover the leaving of a very experienced member of staff at the end of the previous school year. The management team worked tirelessly to rearrange staffing and ensuring child/practitioner ratios suited the blend of children. The chair and treasurer entered preliminary negotiations for lease renewal with Lincoln County Council (LCC), initially to understand what documentation and planning was required. The term concluded with a Christmas nativity attended by parents with mince pies, refreshments and fun.

Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 July 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Donations	51	-
Additional voluntary income	616	1,240
	667	1,240
Activities for generating funds		
Income from parents	16,671	4,318
Income from local authority	45,048	93,796
Fundraising income	-	184
Other income	4	-
Government job retention scheme grant	-	249
	61,723	98,547
Investment income		
Interest received	4	-
	4	-
	62,394	99,787
Resources expended		
Cost of generating funds		
2 Pre-School running costs	81,424	86,846
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(Deficit)/ Surplus for year	(19,030)	12,941
Unrestricted fund balance at 1 August 2021	34,872	21,931
Total unrestricted funds at 31 July 2022	15,842	34,872

Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current assets		
Current account	3,287	29,696
Deposit account	12,041	5,037
Petty cash	83	155
Debtors	431	-
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	15,842	34,888
Current liabilities		
Amount owed to parents	-	16
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Represented by		
Unrestricted fund	15,842	34,872
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Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of Accounts

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Income is included in incoming resources when it is receivable.

2 Resources expended

Purchases	1,386	1,268
Cleaning consumables	645	1,015
Food vouchers	1,305	353
Wages and salaries	67,510	77,327
Rent	750	708
Rates	150	110
Light & heat	1,554	666
Training and education	1,198	490
Repairs and maintenance	3,744	515
Telephone and internet	635	770
Printing, postage and stationery	466	291
Fund raising expenses	15	-
Group activities expenses	586	581
Insurance	-	762
Travel expenses	23	-
Equipment purchased	569	379
Entertainment expenses	63	71
Bad debt written off	-	607
Accountancy and professional fees	825	933
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Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Heckington Pre-School Playgroup
for the year ended 31 July 2022**

I report on the accounts of the Heckington Pre-School Playgroup for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner

As the charity 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 charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not comply with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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.

J A Eaton
10 Vicarage Road
Heckington
Sleaford
Lincolnshire
NG34 9RR
17th October 2022

Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

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Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022

Charity number : 1035549

HECKINGTON PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1035549

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Trustee Report

This has been a very difficult year for us all, but particularly for the staff and children at preschool. The COVID pandemic really turned into a baptism of fire for the new manager following the departure of Emma. There were also the further staff departure of Lisa M and Lisa W to contend with.

Following the excellent work of the Treasurer who called out our declining financial position last year and which prompted us to change the direction and emphasis for the new management team. Clear understanding of ratio management versus staffing costs was called for, along with the tight control of other costs. Without this essential change Preschool would have rapidly headed towards serious financial problems. Not only is this not acceptable to the charity commission, LCC and OFSTED, more important to me is that this wonderful setting remains at the heart of the community and continues to provide a first-class early years education, as it has done for over 30 years. I am very happy to say that those measures have born fruit and our financial position is much healthier and managed in a professional way.

The pandemic really did force the Committee to take a distant seat, but with Preschool operating with either no or minimal children at various stages this proved an ideal time for the new manager and deputy to examine and focus on other areas. We have cultivated a good working relationship with School next door and all the issues around maintenance and care taking have been resolved. Several fruitful conversations have been had with the sustainment consultants at LCC, covering topics such as maintenance costs, future lease negotiations and finance.

Clearly our normal fundraising could not take place either, however the staff did a sterling job when the children returned, raising money with a raffle and photograph sales. We were also chosen by Lindum Group to receive a donations of a wooden sand table, toy box and bike shed produced by their scheme to help people back into work.

Preschool has been operating since Christmas at full capacity after the various periods of lockdown with key worker and vulnerable children only. Many parents chose to keep their children safely at home until after Christmas when the majority returned. It is to the credit of staff, parents/carers and the children that COVID has fundamentally been kept at bay. I can only thank everybody for their patience, understanding when difficult decisions had to be made and good old-fashioned common sense, something that will be required in abundance when moving forward.

The Committee will start to meet face to face more regularly, however the convenience of online cannot be ignored so I will propose that the Committee moving forward will utilise this facility more often. I will be brow beating the new parents for new members as I am acutely aware that parent representatives are falling away as children leave.

Finally, may I say a fond farewell to the children leaving us for Primary School, I know the staff will really miss them. May I also wish everybody well for their summer break.

Steve Green

Chair

Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021

Charity number : 1035549

Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 July 2021

	2021		2020
	£		£
Incoming resources			
Donations	-		85
Additional voluntary income	1,240		1,159
	<u>1,240</u>		<u>1,244</u>
Activities for generating funds			
Income from parents	4,318		15,675
Income from local authority	93,796		98,555
Fundraising income	184		337
Other income	-		832
Government job retention scheme grant	249	98,547	4,288
	<u>249</u>	<u>98,547</u>	<u>4,288</u>
			119,687
Investment income			
Interest received	-		25
	<u>-</u>		<u>25</u>
			120,956
Resources expended			
Cost of generating funds			
2 Pre-School running costs		86,846	121,892
		<u>86,846</u>	<u>121,892</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	12,941		(936)
Unrestricted fund balance at 1 August 2020	21,931		22,867
	<u>21,931</u>		<u>22,867</u>
Total unrestricted funds at 31 July 2021	34,872		21,931
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2 Resources expended

Purchases	1,268	1,244
Cleaning consumables	1,015	737
Food vouchers	353	-
Wages and salaries	77,327	111,651
Rent	708	3
Rates	110	282
Light & heat	666	1,330
Training and education	490	234
Repairs and maintenance	515	2,059
Telephone and internet	770	998
Printing, postage and stationery	291	395
Fund raising expenses	-	-
Group activities expenses	581	494
Insurance	762	761
Travel expenses	-	19
Equipment purchased	379	681
Entertainment expenses	71	290
Advertising	-	97
Bad debt written off	607	
Accountancy and professional fees	933	617
	<u>86,846</u>	<u>121,892</u>

Heckington Pre-School Playgroup

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets		
Current account	29,696	15,584
Deposit account	5,037	5,037
Petty cash	155	19
Debtors	-	1,291
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	34,888	21,931
Current liabilities		
Amount owed to parents	16	-
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for the year ended 31 July 2021**

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Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner

As the charity 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 charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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30th September 2021

HECKINGTON PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1035549

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report 2019-2020

Reference and administration details

Name of Charity	Heckington Pre-school
Registration number	1035549
Address	Heckington Pre-school, Howell Road, Heckington, Sleaford NG34 9RX

Names and roles of Trustees who manage the charity on the date report approved;

Steven Green	Chair
TBC	Secretary
Sheila Hetherington	Finance Officer
Susan Berry	Setting Manager (OFSTED nominated individual)
Cheryl Sear	Committee member
Farah Reder	Committee member
Heather Halsall	Committee member
Molly Obundu	Committee member
Sarah Drayton	Committee member
Emma Love	Committee member

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document;	Constitution, adopted 13 th September 2019
How the charity is constituted;	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods;	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting in October, up to three further members can be co-opted throughout the year as required. The Committee shall be made up of a minimum number of 4 and maximum number of 12 members.
Additional governance information;	Membership of the management committee is open to those who are over 16 years of age and are qualified according to the Charities Acts. The trustees are responsible for the overall management of the pre-school and are also charity trustees of the pre-school. There is a child protection policy in place, all trustees have to undergo a DBS check and

complete an EY2 form prior to commencement of Trusteeship. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and Activities;

Heckington Pre-School is an Ofsted rated 'Good' setting with a catchment area extending beyond the local villages towards the towns of Sleaford and Boston. We are a 'High-Scope' setting where active learning and independence are promoted.

Our aim is to ensure all our children can thrive during and after the transition to school, being resilient, confident and independent individuals.

The following objectives all contribute to achieving this aim;

- Developing attitudes and behaviours that encourage children to become 'active learners' who can plan and carry out activities,

- Providing opportunities for children to decide what they want to do, allowing them to think through actions and as the child matures turn this into a plan with a defined sequence of steps,

- Encourage the personal, social and emotional development of the individual,

- Support communication and language development, providing additional one to one support or small group interventions for those with additional speech and language requirements,

- Ensuring all children have an understanding of the world, and the basics of literacy and mathematics,

- Providing education and signposting to parents to help them to continue to support their child's development away from the setting,

- To provide all children with the opportunity to express themselves through a variety of art forms,

- Ensuring that all children have equal opportunity to thrive by supporting vulnerable families, particularly those in receipt of the pupil premium and two-year-old funding.

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Trustee meetings. These activities benefit the children their self-confidence, social skills preparing them for school.

Achievements and Performance;

Autumn

During the summer break staff and Committee volunteered and revamped the interior and exterior of the setting along with an update to the website. As a team we successfully managed significant change. The Chair Emma Love stood down in October but remained actively on the committee. The new Chair, Steven Green joined in November 19. The setting was inspected by OFSTED in Decemeber 19 and gained a very pleasing Good report under the new assessment criteria. The staff arranged a wonderful Nativity event with the children dressed up and singing songs in a performance for parents. This was supported by the trustees providing refreshments. The Trustees arranged for a Christmas disco for the children and local community.

Spring

We employed two new staff members both level three qualified to replace retired staff. We continued our forest school activities, walks to the local community and visits to the nearby care home. In March we closed our doors due to the COVID pandemic. Places were offered to key worker parents however parents chose not to take this up.

Summer

We remained closed until the last two weeks of term when we opened to allow those children transitioning to Primary school to attend. The Chair accepted the resignation of the manager, Emma Deakin in May. The managerial role was offered and accepted by the deputy Susan Berry.

Fundraising

This year, we held a Christmas Disco with a cake stall, face painting, raffle and a visit from Santa. Fundraising was severely curtailed due to COVID.

Financial review

Cash at bank as of 31/07/2020 was £15,584.00 in our current account and our reserve account was £5037.00. Our main source of funds is from Early Years Entitlement Funding, we also benefit from additional Pupil Premium and Inclusion Funding for specific individuals. Our main financial outgoings are staff wages; our biggest risks are unpaid fees from parents and high numbers of two-year olds which require higher staff ratios.

Declaration

The Trustees declare they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees;

Signature

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Full Name	Steven Green
Position	Chair
Date	01/10/2020

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 July 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Incoming resources		
Donations	85	319
Additional voluntary income	<u>1,159</u>	<u>90</u>
	1,244	409
Activities for generating funds		
Income from parents	15,675	15,329
Income from local authority	98,555	104,102
Fundraising income	337	1,071
Other income	832	50
Government job retention scheme grant	<u>4,288</u>	<u>-</u>
	119,687	120,552
Investment income		
Interest received	25	9
	<u>120,956</u>	<u>120,970</u>
Resources expended		
Cost of generating funds		
2 Pre-School running costs	121,892	117,509
	<u>(936)</u>	<u>3,461</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(936)	3,461
Unrestricted fund balance at 1 August 2019	<u>22,867</u>	<u>19,406</u>
Total unrestricted funds at 31 July 2020	<u><u>21,931</u></u>	<u><u>22,867</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Current assets		
Current account	15,584	16,057
Deposit account	5,037	5,012
Petty cash	19	42
Debtors	1,291	1,756
	<u>21,931</u>	<u>22,867</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted fund	<u>21,931</u>	<u>22,867</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2020

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 2016 - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Income is included in incoming resources when it is receivable.

2 Resources expended

Purchases	1,244	1,046
Cleaning consumables	737	1,258
Wages and salaries	111,651	105,144
Rent	3	1
Rates	282	-
Light & heat	1,330	919
Training and education	234	624
Repairs and maintenance	2,059	1,313
Telephone and internet	998	916
Printing, postage and stationery	395	563
Fund raising expenses	-	129
Group activities expenses	494	550
Insurance	761	807
Travel expenses	19	302
Equipment purchased	681	2,402
Entertainment expenses	290	200
Advertising	97	136
Accountancy and professional fees	617	1,199
	<u>121,892</u>	<u>117,509</u>

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