

# CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)

England & Wales · Charity number 1037148

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1994-05-05

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

## Contact

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2A South Grove  
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N15 5QE

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**Website** [www.chestnutspreschooln15.uk](http://www.chestnutspreschooln15.uk)

## Activities

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

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## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE HARINGEY AREA
- Haringey

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£216,801	£230,138	-	-
2023-08-31	£215,143	£229,653	-	-
2022-08-31	£186,974	£179,682	-	-
2021-08-31	£147,267	£175,137	-	-
2020-08-31	£194,847	£154,446	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Sildonie Marie Mclean</b>	Chair	2020-03-10
Anita G De Souza		2020-03-20
Karine Ramirez Lopez		2022-03-15

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# Accounts

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CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

Annual Report and Accounts

31 August 2024

Aydan Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP**  
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Anita G De Souza -Treasurer  
Karyne Lopez - Secretary

**Independent Examiner**

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**Bankers**

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sildonie Marie Mclean	Anita G De Souza
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	10/03/2026	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 AUGUST 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1037148

**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 31/08/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

10/03/2026

**Name:**

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

**Address:**

4 EDGE COT GROVE

LONDON

N15 5HD

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.**



**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2023	To	Period end date 31/08/2024
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (As amended) to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Local authority grants		195,404	-	195,404	159,199
Fees paid by parents	40,953		-	40,953	54,453
Fundraising income	3,326		-	3,326	2,265
Milk refund			-		635
Bank interest received	540		-	540	185
Other income	60		-	60	64
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>44,879</b>	<b>195,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>240,282</b>	<b>216,801</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>44,879</b>	<b>195,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>240,282</b>	<b>216,801</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising and promotion	29	-	-	29	143
Cleaning costs	1,130	-	-	1,130	785
Committee present	29	-	-	29	106
Consultancy fees	7,227	-	-	7,227	5,832
DBS costs	149	-	-	149	61
Entertaining		-	-		217
Staff gifts	1,350	-	-	1,350	330
Legal and professional fees	2,452	-	-	2,452	205
Independent examiner fee	2,760	-	-	2,760	2,400
Bank charges		-	-		-
Computer costs	259	-	-	259	665
Insurance	861	-	-	861	916
Payroll processing fees	1,125	-	-	1,125	2,955
Printing, postage and stationery	977	-	-	977	1,644
Sundry expenses	35	-	-	35	2,225
Website costs	859	-	-	859	184
Premises costs	15,013	-	-	15,013	16,191
Building repairs	29,493	-	-	29,493	18,472
Refuse collection	497	-	-	497	817
Rent	17,630	-	-	17,630	9,870
Repairs and maintenance	908	-	-	908	672
Telephone and internet	373	-	-	373	712
Preschool equipment and activities	16	-	-	16	7,437
Equipment, toys and books	4,349	-	-	4,349	6,040
Food and drink	3,951	-	-	3,951	2,039
Subscriptions	1,247	-	-	1,247	214
Trips and activities	825	-	-	825	576
Staffing costs		-	-		1,272
Employer's NI	14,906	-	-	14,906	18,900
Employer's pension	2,575	-	-	2,575	5,386
Salaries	149,706	-	-	149,706	116,207
Staff recruitment and training	2,588	-	-	2,588	105
Staff travel	161	-	-	161	90
Visitor parking	30	-	-	30	
Christmas gifts	51	-	-	51	58
Energy supply	2,245	-	-	2,245	573
Interest on PAYE paid late	1,292	-	-	1,292	
Nursery cover staff	2,105	-	-	2,105	2,260
Other expenditure	108	-	-	108	2,730
School trip		-	-		850
Settlement for staff dispute	8,550	-	-	8,550	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>277,861</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>277,861</b>	<b>230,138</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Van purchased		-	-	-	-
Machinery purchased		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>277,861</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>277,861</b>	<b>230,138</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 232,982</b>	<b>195,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 37,578</b>	<b>- 13,337</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>232,982</b>	<b>- 232,982</b>			
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		<b>233,294</b>		<b>233,294</b>	<b>246,631</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>195,716</b>		<b>195,716</b>	<b>233,294</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Business Premium Account		26,608	-
	Barclays Community Account		172,876	-
	Cash in Hand	4,379		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,379</b>	<b>199,484</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors		891	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Motor vehicle		-	
	Computer equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Accruals		5,160	
	PAYE liability		3,360	
	Pension creditor		518	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sildonie Marie Mclean	10/03/2026
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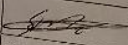

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CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year  
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31 AUGUST 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1037148

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

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (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.

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

10/03/2026

**Name:**

ERSIN ASUTAY

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

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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.**



**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2023	To	Period end date 31/08/2024
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (As amended) to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Local authority grants		195,404	-	195,404	159,199
Fees paid by parents	40,953		-	40,953	54,453
Fundraising income	3,326		-	3,326	2,265
Milk refund			-		635
Bank interest received	540		-	540	185
Other income	60		-	60	64
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>44,879</b>	<b>195,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>240,282</b>	<b>216,801</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>44,879</b>	<b>195,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>240,282</b>	<b>216,801</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising and promotion	29	-	-	29	143
Cleaning costs	1,130	-	-	1,130	785
Committee present	29	-	-	29	106
Consultancy fees	7,227	-	-	7,227	5,832
DBS costs	149	-	-	149	61
Entertaining		-	-		217
Staff gifts	1,350	-	-	1,350	330
Legal and professional fees	2,452	-	-	2,452	205
Independent examiner fee	2,760	-	-	2,760	2,400
Bank charges		-	-		-
Computer costs	259	-	-	259	665
Insurance	861	-	-	861	916
Payroll processing fees	1,125	-	-	1,125	2,955
Printing, postage and stationery	977	-	-	977	1,644
Sundry expenses	35	-	-	35	2,225
Website costs	859	-	-	859	184
Premises costs	15,013	-	-	15,013	16,191
Building repairs	29,493	-	-	29,493	18,472
Refuse collection	497	-	-	497	817
Rent	17,630	-	-	17,630	9,870
Repairs and maintenance	908	-	-	908	672
Telephone and internet	373	-	-	373	712
Preschool equipment and activities	16	-	-	16	7,437
Equipment, toys and books	4,349	-	-	4,349	6,040
Food and drink	3,951	-	-	3,951	2,039
Subscriptions	1,247	-	-	1,247	214
Trips and activities	825	-	-	825	576
Staffing costs		-	-		1,272
Employer's NI	14,906	-	-	14,906	18,900
Employer's pension	2,575	-	-	2,575	5,386
Salaries	149,706	-	-	149,706	116,207
Staff recruitment and training	2,588	-	-	2,588	105
Staff travel	161	-	-	161	90
Visitor parking	30	-	-	30	
Christmas gifts	51	-	-	51	58
Energy supply	2,245	-	-	2,245	573
Interest on PAYE paid late	1,292	-	-	1,292	
Nursery cover staff	2,105	-	-	2,105	2,260
Other expenditure	108	-	-	108	2,730
School trip		-	-		850
Settlement for staff dispute	8,550	-	-	8,550	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>277,861</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>277,861</b>	<b>230,138</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Van purchased		-	-	-	-
Machinery purchased		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>277,861</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>277,861</b>	<b>230,138</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 232,982</b>	<b>195,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 37,578</b>	<b>- 13,337</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>232,982</b>	<b>- 232,982</b>			
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		<b>233,294</b>		<b>233,294</b>	<b>246,631</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>195,716</b>		<b>195,716</b>	<b>233,294</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Business Premium Account		26,608	-
	Barclays Community Account		172,876	-
	Cash in Hand	4,379		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,379</b>	<b>199,484</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors		891	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Motor vehicle		-	
	Computer equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Accruals		5,160	
	PAYE liability		3,360	
	Pension creditor		518	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sildonie Marie Mclean	10/03/2026
	Anita G De Souza	10/03/2026

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1037148

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# Accounts

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CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

Annual Report and Accounts

31 August 2023

Aydan Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
4 Edgecot Grove  
South Tottenham  
London  
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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP**

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## **CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP**

### **Charity Information**

#### **Trustees**

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chairperson

Anita G De Souza -Treasurer

Karyne Lopez - Secretary

#### **Independent Examiner**

Aydan Smith

Chartered Certified Accountants

4 Edgecot Grove

South Tottenham

London

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#### **Bankers**

Barclays

#### **Charity number**

1037148

#### **Charity address**

The Oldschool House

2A South Grove

Tottenham

London

N15 5QD



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
<b>From</b>	01	09	2022	<b>To</b>	31	08	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1037148

Charity's principal address The Oldschool House

2A South Grove

Tottenham, London

Postcode N15 5QD

### 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	Sildonie Marie Mclean	Chairperson		
2	Karyne Lopez	Secretary		
3	Anita G De Souza	Treasurer		
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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)

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By election

## 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.

The trustees who served during the year are shown below:

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chairperson  
Anita G De Souza - Treasurer  
Karyne Lopez- Secretary

Trustees are recruited from the parents of the children attending the preschool.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

Chestnuts Playgroup (Haringey) also known as Chestnuts Preschool N15 is an Ofsted registered preschool providing childcare and early years learning for children aged between 2 and 10 years of age. They are located in South Tottenham, London and have been serving the local community for over 30 years. The preschool offers morning, afternoon and full day sessions and its opening hours are between 9am and 6pm, term time only (approx 38 weeks per annum). The preschool offers flexible hours taking into account children from any ethnic background, working parents, students, lone parents and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. In addition to the day nursery, the preschool operates an after-school club that accommodates children from the neighbouring school.

**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)**

## Plans for the future

In terms of long-term planning, Chestnuts Playgroup continues to look at ways in which they could possibly grow and develop the preschool even further. This may involve looking at other opportunities where the preschool could establish itself and provide even more genuinely affordable childcare provisions for the local Tottenham community.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity.

Parents continue to be recruited to the management committee and together with the staff are actively working towards improving and developing the preschool's future.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Parents continue to be recruited to the management committee and together with the staff are actively working towards improving and developing the playgroup's future.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

After a long arduous process, the preschool's management committee succeeded in negotiating a 5 year long term lease with Haringey Council, the landlord who owns the building from which the preschool operates. This lease not only provides some security and stability for both the staff and children who attend the preschool; having the lease now in place instead of the tenancy at will, allowed the preschool to apply for planning permission to alter the premises.

Chestnuts Preschool N15 worked closely with Collective Works architecture firm and together, they drew up plans for the new outdoor play area replacing the old dilapidated timber shed that was adjacent to the back of the preschool building.

With the plans drawn up, the preschool sought permissions from various council departments and the SLT at the neighbouring school. The preschool also applied for planning permission to Haringey Council and were successful in their application. Building work began at the end of July 2023, as soon as the preschool had closed for the school summer holidays.

The old shed was partially demolished and then fully renovated with new play equipment, storage and a child friendly floor covering. A new canopy was erected over the original outdoor area allowing the children to play outside in all weathers.

The preschool also created a sensory garden for the children to enjoy and learn from, after receiving a grant from Groundwork London.

The renovation was finished with beautiful nature inspired painted murals on the walls of the outdoor play space that the preschool commissioned local artists Bud Studio and Phoebe Swan to create specifically for Chestnuts Preschool N15.

The building work and renovation was completed in time for the children's return in September 2023. The children and staff are totally delighted with their new long awaited outdoor place space and enjoy using it every day. It has improved the whole environment of the preschool and has been admired by many in the community.

In addition to the outdoor play area renovations, the interiors of the preschool underwent a makeover and has now become a colourful, inspiring environment in which the children can learn, play and thrive.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Chestnuts Playgroup (also known as Chestnuts Preschool N15) continues to receive funding from the local authority, the London Borough of Haringey.

The numbers attending the preschool have remained constant and steady with income coming from both the government funded hours and from private fees too. The after school club also continues to thrive and provides a healthy income stream.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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## Section F

## Other optional information

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

## 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)	Sildonie Marie Mclean	Anita G De Souza
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	03/03/2025	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 AUGUST 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Local authority grants		159,199	-	159,199	156,439
Fees paid by parents		52,795	-	52,795	28,667
Fundraising income		2,265	-	2,265	396
Milk refund		635	-	635	1,462
Bank interest received		185	-	185	10
Other income		64	-	64	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	215,143	-	215,143	186,974
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	215,143	-	215,143	186,974
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising and promotion	338	-	-	338	319
Cleaning costs	785	-	-	785	1,614
Consultancy fees	5,832	-	-	5,832	2,070
DBS costs	61	-	-	61	219
Entertaining	134	-	-	134	456
Staff gifts	2,406	-	-	2,406	350
Legal and professional fees	205	-	-	205	167
Independent examiner fee	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	16
Computer costs	665	-	-	665	598
Insurance	916	-	-	916	979
Payroll processing fees	2,955	-	-	2,955	1,375
Printing, postage and stationery	1,644	-	-	1,644	1,550
Sundry expenses	235	-	-	235	29
Website costs	184	-	-	184	755
Premises costs	16,191	-	-	16,191	1,800
Building repairs	18,472	-	-	18,472	2,640
Refuse collection	817	-	-	817	441
Rent	9,870	-	-	9,870	14,300
Repairs and maintenance	772	-	-	772	565
Telephone and internet	492	-	-	492	441
Preschool equipment and activities	7,437	-	-	7,437	696
Equipment, toys and books	5,675	-	-	5,675	3,913
Food and drink	1,844	-	-	1,844	2,055
Subscriptions	214	-	-	214	48
Trips and activities	576	-	-	576	33
Staffing costs	1,272	-	-	1,272	486
Employer's NI	18,900	-	-	18,900	4,973
Employer's pension	5,386	-	-	5,386	2,364
Salaries	116,207	-	-	116,207	127,484
Staff recruitment and training	105	-	-	105	590
Staff travel	90	-	-	90	3
Christmas gifts	172	-	-	172	432
Energy supply	573	-	-	573	918
Nursery cover staff	2,260	-	-	2,260	1,755
Other expenditure	2,719	-	-	2,719	110
School trip	850	-	-	850	739
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	229,653	-	-	229,653	179,682
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Van purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery purchased	-	-	-	-	2,767
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	2,767
<b>Total payments</b>	229,653	-	-	229,653	182,449
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 229,653	215,143	-	14,510	4,525
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	229,653	- 229,653	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		248,796	-	249,103	244,271
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	- 0	234,286	-	234,593	248,796

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Business Premium Account		44,173	-
	Barclays Community Account		193,529	-
	Cash in Hand		1,723	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	<b>239,424</b>	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors		3,499	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Motor vehicle		-	
	Computer equipment			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors		3,531	
	Accruals		4,800	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Sildonie Marie Mclean	03/03/2025
		Anita G De Souza	03/03/2025

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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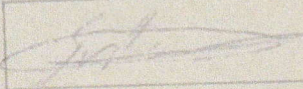
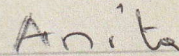
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sildonie Marie Mclean	Anita G De Souza
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	03/03/2025	

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### **Charity Information**

#### **Trustees**

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chairperson

Anita G De Souza -Treasurer

Karyne Lopez - Secretary

#### **Independent Examiner**

Aydan Smith

Chartered Certified Accountants

4 Edgecot Grove

South Tottenham

London

N15 5HD

#### **Bankers**

Barclays

#### **Charity number**

1037148

#### **Charity address**

The Oldschool House

2A South Grove

Tottenham

London

N15 5QD



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
<b>From</b>	01	09	2022	<b>To</b>	31	08	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1037148

Charity's principal address The Oldschool House

2A South Grove

Tottenham, London

Postcode N15 5QD

### 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	Sildonie Marie Mclean	Chairperson		
2	Karyne Lopez	Secretary		
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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)

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
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## 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;
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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees who served during the year are shown below:

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chairperson  
Anita G De Souza - Treasurer  
Karyne Lopez- Secretary

Trustees are recruited from the parents of the children attending the preschool.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

Chestnuts Playgroup (Haringey) also known as Chestnuts Preschool N15 is an Ofsted registered preschool providing childcare and early years learning for children aged between 2 and 10 years of age. They are located in South Tottenham, London and have been serving the local community for over 30 years. The preschool offers morning, afternoon and full day sessions and its opening hours are between 9am and 6pm, term time only (approx 38 weeks per annum). The preschool offers flexible hours taking into account children from any ethnic background, working parents, students, lone parents and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. In addition to the day nursery, the preschool operates an after-school club that accommodates children from the neighbouring school.

**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)**

## Plans for the future

In terms of long-term planning, Chestnuts Playgroup continues to look at ways in which they could possibly grow and develop the preschool even further. This may involve looking at other opportunities where the preschool could establish itself and provide even more genuinely affordable childcare provisions for the local Tottenham community.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity.

Parents continue to be recruited to the management committee and together with the staff are actively working towards improving and developing the preschool's future.

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Parents continue to be recruited to the management committee and together with the staff are actively working towards improving and developing the playgroup's future.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

After a long arduous process, the preschool's management committee succeeded in negotiating a 5 year long term lease with Haringey Council, the landlord who owns the building from which the preschool operates. This lease not only provides some security and stability for both the staff and children who attend the preschool; having the lease now in place instead of the tenancy at will, allowed the preschool to apply for planning permission to alter the premises.

Chestnuts Preschool N15 worked closely with Collective Works architecture firm and together, they drew up plans for the new outdoor play area replacing the old dilapidated timber shed that was adjacent to the back of the preschool building.

With the plans drawn up, the preschool sought permissions from various council departments and the SLT at the neighbouring school. The preschool also applied for planning permission to Haringey Council and were successful in their application. Building work began at the end of July 2023, as soon as the preschool had closed for the school summer holidays.

The old shed was partially demolished and then fully renovated with new play equipment, storage and a child friendly floor covering. A new canopy was erected over the original outdoor area allowing the children to play outside in all weathers.

The preschool also created a sensory garden for the children to enjoy and learn from, after receiving a grant from Groundwork London.

The renovation was finished with beautiful nature inspired painted murals on the walls of the outdoor play space that the preschool commissioned local artists Bud Studio and Phoebe Swan to create specifically for Chestnuts Preschool N15.

The building work and renovation was completed in time for the children's return in September 2023. The children and staff are totally delighted with their new long awaited outdoor place space and enjoy using it every day. It has improved the whole environment of the preschool and has been admired by many in the community.

In addition to the outdoor play area renovations, the interiors of the preschool underwent a makeover and has now become a colourful, inspiring environment in which the children can learn, play and thrive.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Chestnuts Playgroup (also known as Chestnuts Preschool N15) continues to receive funding from the local authority, the London Borough of Haringey.

The numbers attending the preschool have remained constant and steady with income coming from both the government funded hours and from private fees too. The after school club also continues to thrive and provides a healthy income stream.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### 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.

### Reserves Policy

Despite all the expenditure for the development of the outdoor play area, Chestnuts Playgroup continues to maintain a healthy bank balance and has plenty of money in reserve should it be needed if it gets into difficulty. A figure of £50,000 will be kept in reserve which equates to approximately 6 months running costs.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

- 1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

## 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)	Sildonie Marie Mclean	Anita G De Souza
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	03/03/2025	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 AUGUST 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1037148

**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 31/08/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

03/03/2025

**Name:**

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

**Address:**

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LONDON

N15 5HD

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.**



**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Local authority grants		159,199	-	159,199	156,439
Fees paid by parents		52,795	-	52,795	28,667
Fundraising income		2,265	-	2,265	396
Milk refund		635	-	635	1,462
Bank interest received		185	-	185	10
Other income		64	-	64	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	215,143	-	215,143	186,974
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	215,143	-	215,143	186,974
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising and promotion	338	-	-	338	319
Cleaning costs	785	-	-	785	1,614
Consultancy fees	5,832	-	-	5,832	2,070
DBS costs	61	-	-	61	219
Entertaining	134	-	-	134	456
Staff gifts	2,406	-	-	2,406	350
Legal and professional fees	205	-	-	205	167
Independent examiner fee	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	16
Computer costs	665	-	-	665	598
Insurance	916	-	-	916	979
Payroll processing fees	2,955	-	-	2,955	1,375
Printing, postage and stationery	1,644	-	-	1,644	1,550
Sundry expenses	235	-	-	235	29
Website costs	184	-	-	184	755
Premises costs	16,191	-	-	16,191	1,800
Building repairs	18,472	-	-	18,472	2,640
Refuse collection	817	-	-	817	441
Rent	9,870	-	-	9,870	14,300
Repairs and maintenance	772	-	-	772	565
Telephone and internet	492	-	-	492	441
Preschool equipment and activities	7,437	-	-	7,437	696
Equipment, toys and books	5,675	-	-	5,675	3,913
Food and drink	1,844	-	-	1,844	2,055
Subscriptions	214	-	-	214	48
Trips and activities	576	-	-	576	33
Staffing costs	1,272	-	-	1,272	486
Employer's NI	18,900	-	-	18,900	4,973
Employer's pension	5,386	-	-	5,386	2,364
Salaries	116,207	-	-	116,207	127,484
Staff recruitment and training	105	-	-	105	590
Staff travel	90	-	-	90	3
Christmas gifts	172	-	-	172	432
Energy supply	573	-	-	573	918
Nursery cover staff	2,260	-	-	2,260	1,755
Other expenditure	2,719	-	-	2,719	110
School trip	850	-	-	850	739
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	229,653	-	-	229,653	179,682
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Van purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery purchased	-	-	-	-	2,767
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	2,767
<b>Total payments</b>	229,653	-	-	229,653	182,449
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 229,653	215,143	-	14,510	4,525
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	229,653	- 229,653	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		248,796	-	249,103	244,271
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	- 0	234,286	-	234,593	248,796

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Business Premium Account		44,173	-
	Barclays Community Account		193,529	-
	Cash in Hand		1,723	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	239,424	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors		3,499	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Motor vehicle		-	
	Computer equipment			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors		3,531	
	Accruals		4,800	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Sildonie Marie Mclean	03/03/2025
		Anita G De Souza	03/03/2025

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1037148

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# Accounts

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CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

Annual Report and Accounts

31 August 2022

Aydan Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
4 Edgecot Grove  
South Tottenham  
London  
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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP**  
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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP**  
**Charity Information**

**Trustees**

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chairperson  
Anita G De Souza -Treasurer  
Karyne Lopez - Secretary

**Independent Examiner**

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
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## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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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

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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The trustees who served during the year are shown below:

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chairperson  
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Trustees are recruited from the parents of the children attending the playgroup.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

Chestnuts Playgroup (Haringey) provides an educational service for 2-8 year old children. We have morning, afternoon and full day services which are between 9am and 6pm and are open for 38 weeks of the year. We offer flexible hours taking into account children from any ethnic background, working parents, students, lone parents and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The continued main focus of the playgroup is to develop a new outdoor play area in which the children (many of whom do not have access to outdoor areas at home) can explore and play in, safely and securely, and help to develop their social and emotional skills as well as their physical skills.

The playgroup is going to work with an architecture firm to draw up a concept design and final drawings for the outdoor play area and will bring these plans forward to the council departments to approve.

The management committee will also continue to negotiate terms of a long term lease with Haringey Council (the landlord).

In terms of long term planning, the playgroup is looking at ways in which they could possibly grow and develop the preschool further. This may involve looking at other opportunities where the preschool could establish itself and provide even more genuinely affordable childcare provisions for the local Tottenham community.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity.

**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)**

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Parents continue to be recruited to the management committee and together with the staff are actively working towards improving and developing the playgroup's future.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Chestnuts Playgroup has settled well into their new premises and the children and staff are thriving in their new environment.

The main outstanding issue to deal with is renovating the old timber shed adjacent to the preschool building in order to make the outdoor play area significantly bigger.

The current outdoor play area is totally inadequate in size for the number of children who attend the preschool.

The management committee for the preschool have been in ongoing discussions with the landlord of the site, Haringey Council for a frustratingly long time. Response from the various council departments involved in giving the permissions for the development of the site, has been incredibly slow.

The preschool has recently been informed that the development will have to go through the planning process and the plans will also have to be approved by the Senior Leadership Team at Seven Sisters Primary School, the Corporate Landlord for Schools at Haringey Council and the Strategic Property Unit at Haringey Council.

The preschool is in the process of instructing an architecture firm to draw up plans for the proposed outdoor play area for the children and will begin the process of applying for planning permission.

In addition to the development of the outdoor play area, the management committee have been negotiating the terms of the long term lease with the landlord Haringey Council. Again these discussions are frustratingly slow as the council are slow to respond. The preschool is currently able to use the premises as there is a tenancy at will agreement in place.

The preschool will continue to press ahead with these negotiations in order to provide the preschool and its children and staff with the security and stability that they need and deserve.

Ofsted have continued to rate the setting as Good.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity currently has a healthy bank balance and has plenty of money in reserve should it be needed if it gets into difficulty. Future spending on the improvement of the playgroup is currently being planned but a figure of £50,000 will be kept in reserve which equates to approximately 6 months running costs.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Chestnuts Playgroup continues to receive funding from the local authority, the London Borough of Haringey.

The numbers attending the preschool have maintained a healthy income so income comes in from both the government funded hours and from private fees too. The after school club which had a slow restart after opening up again after Covid has now picked again and has begun to provide a healthy revenue stream.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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## 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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

Sildonie Marie Mclean

Chairperson

25/01/2024

Anita G De Souza

Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 AUGUST 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1037148

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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 31/03/2022.

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:

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

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Signed:

Date:

25/01/2024

Name:

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

Address:

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2021	To	Period end date 31/08/2022
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Local authority grants	-	156,439	-	156,439	143,493
Fees paid by parents	-	28,667	-	28,667	3,318
Fundraising income	-	396	-	396	100
Milk refund	-	1,462	-	1,462	347
Bank interest received	-	10	-	10	9
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	<b>186,974</b>	-	<b>186,974</b>	<b>147,267</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	<b>186,974</b>	-	<b>186,974</b>	<b>147,267</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising and promotion	319	-	-	319	-
Cleaning costs	1,614	-	-	1,614	165
Consultancy fees	2,070	-	-	2,070	2,805
DBS costs	219	-	-	219	-
Entertaining	456	-	-	456	-
Staff gifts	350	-	-	350	-
Legal and professional fees	167	-	-	167	51
Independent examiner fee	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,508
Bank charges	16	-	-	16	-
Computer costs	598	-	-	598	-
Insurance	979	-	-	979	1,017
Payroll processing fees	1,375	-	-	1,375	938
Printing, postage and stationery	1,550	-	-	1,550	615
Sundry expenses	29	-	-	29	72
Website costs	755	-	-	755	195
Premises costs	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Building repairs	2,640	-	-	2,640	21,963
Refuse collection	441	-	-	441	253
Rent	14,300	-	-	14,300	12,945
Repairs and maintenance	565	-	-	565	3,259
Telephone and internet	441	-	-	441	415
Preschool equipment and activities	696	-	-	696	-
Equipment, toys and books	3,913	-	-	3,913	14,487
Food and drink	2,055	-	-	2,055	1,198
Subscriptions	48	-	-	48	480
Trips and activities	33	-	-	33	-
Staffing costs	486	-	-	486	-
Employer's NI	4,973	-	-	4,973	15,562
Employer's pension	2,364	-	-	2,364	5,138
Salaries	127,484	-	-	127,484	88,822
Staff recruitment and training	590	-	-	590	891
Staff travel	3	-	-	3	58
Christmas gifts	432	-	-	432	-
Energy supply	918	-	-	918	168
Nursery cover staff	1,755	-	-	1,755	-
Other expenditure	110	-	-	110	1,132
School trip	739	-	-	739	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>179,682</b>	-	-	<b>179,682</b>	<b>175,137</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Van purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery purchased	2,767	-	-	2,767	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,767</b>	-	-	<b>2,767</b>	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>182,449</b>	-	-	<b>182,449</b>	<b>175,137</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- <b>182,449</b>	<b>186,974</b>	-	<b>4,525</b>	- <b>27,870</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>182,449</b>	- <b>182,449</b>	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		<b>244,271</b>	-	<b>244,271</b>	<b>272,141</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	<b>248,796</b>	-	<b>248,796</b>	<b>244,271</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Business Premium Account		43,987	43,980
	Barclays Community Account		204,621	200,181
	Cash in Hand		188	110
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>248,796</b>	<b>244,271</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Prepayments	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Motor vehicle	0	-	
	Computer equipment	2038	2,038	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors		2,400	31.12.23
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Sildonie Marie Mclean	25/01/2024
		Anita G De Souza	25/01/2024

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1037148

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# Accounts

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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

**ALISON WARD ACCOUNTANTS**  
**CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS**

**28 HILLS ROAD**  
**BUCKHURST HILL**  
**ESSEX IG9 5RS**

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
TRUSTEES' REPORT - STATUTORY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

**TRUSTEES**

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chair  
Anita G De Souza -Trustee  
Kibanzaya Bella Komsongo - Secretary

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CHARITY**

South Grove  
Tottenham  
London N15 5QE

**CHARITY NUMBER**

1037148

**BANKERS**

Barclays Bank  
Kingsland  
Leicestershire LE87 2BB

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Alison Ward FCCA  
Alison Ward Accountants  
28 Hills Road  
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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

The trustees present their report and the independently examined accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The statutory information is shown on Page 1.

**STATUS**

The charity is an unincorporated association. It has a constitution as its governing document. The charitable registration number is 1037148.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

Chestnuts Playgroup (Haringey) provides an educational service for 2-8 year old children. We have morning, afternoon and full day services which are between 9am and 6pm and are open for 38 weeks of the year. We offer flexible hours taking into account children from any ethnic background, working parents, students, lone parents and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

Chestnuts Playgroup ended 2020 by securing a new premises, The Former Caretaker's House on the site of Seven Sisters Primary School.

After a few months of renovations to the building and a move to a temporary location, whilst the works were being carried out, Chestnuts Playgroup officially opened in its new premises in April 2021.

The children and staff settled in well to the new location. The outdoor play area is, however, quite limited. The playgroup is currently in discussions with Haringey Council about gaining all the relevant permissions in order to redevelop an area adjacent to the premises that houses an old timber shed.

The hope is to demolish this shed and open up the area into an educational and fun outdoor play area for the children to enjoy.

Despite the upheaval of the relocation of the playgroup, the children have continued to thrive and the numbers applying to and attending the playgroup have remained steady and the playgroup is generally at full capacity.

Ofsted have continued to rate the setting as Good

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Chestnuts Playgroup continues to receive funding from the local authority, the London Borough of Haringey.

The playgroup has had to pay for renovations to the new premises which will have had an impact on the finances, but this was a necessity, in order to bring the building up to a standard, good enough for the playgroup to operate from.

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

The after school club which had had to stop operating due to the impact of the Covid pandemic, was able to start back up again, however, numbers remain low. The playgroup is keeping it under review in order to see if the after school club is a feasible option for the playgroup to run.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The charity currently has a healthy bank balance and has plenty of money in reserve should it be needed if it gets into difficulty.

Future spending on the improvement of the playgroup is currently being planned but a figure of £50,000 will be kept in reserve which equates to approximately 6 months running costs.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The current main focus of the playgroup is to develop a new outdoor play area in which the children (many of whom do not have access to outdoor areas at home) can explore and play in, safely and securely.

In terms of long term planning, the playgroup is looking at ways in which they could possibly grow and develop the preschool further.

Parents continue to be recruited to the management committee and together with the staff are actively working towards improving and developing the playgroup's future.

**TRUSTEES**

The trustees who served during the year are shown below:

Sildonie Marie Mclean Chair  
Anita G De Souza -Trustee  
Kibanzaya Bella Komsongo - Secretary

Trustees are recruited from the parents of the children attending the playgroup.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

- 1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

This report was approved by the board of trustees on March 2023 and signed on their behalf.

Signed  
Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021.

**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.

Alison Ward FCCA  
Alison Ward Accountants  
28 Hills Road  
Buckhurst Hill  
Essex IG9 5RS

March 2023

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROU (HARINGEY)  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
London Borough of Haringey (fees)	137,393	169,545
Playgroup fees	3,318	20,324
Milk refund	347	1,075
Donations	100	-
LBH grant	6,100	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	-	3,832
Bank interest receivable	9	71
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<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>147,267</b>	<b>194,847</b>
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<b>Payments:</b>		
Salaries	88,822	113,492
NIC employer	15,562	5,007
Pension contributions	5,138	2,647
Payroll processing fees	938	1,192
Recruitment & training	891	420
Travelling expenses	58	37
Food and drink	1,198	1,452
Equipment, toys and books	14,487	7,799
Music and dance sessions	-	310
Trips and activities	-	120
Rent	12,945	13,812
Refuse collection	253	236
Light and heat	168	-
Insurance	784	789
Health and safety	51	467
Removal costs and post redirection	1,132	-
Building improvements	21,963	-
Garden works	950	-
Repairs & renewals	2,309	330
Equipment cover plans and warranties	233	-
Telephone	415	1,110
Website costs	195	2,013
Printing, stationery, postage & advertising	615	698
Cleaning	165	428
Subscriptions and fees	480	468
Consultancy fees	2,805	270
Independent examiner's fees	2,508	1,200
Sundry expenses	72	149
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<b>Total payments</b>	<b>(175,137)</b>	<b>(154,446)</b>
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<b>Net receipts\payments)</b>	<b>(27,870)</b>	<b>40,401</b>
Cash funds last year end	272,141	231,740
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<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£ 244,271</b>	<b>£ 272,141</b>
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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Bank account		244,271		272,141
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>				
Computer Equipment		2,038		2,038
CCTV		-		920
Building improvements		-		7,497
		<u>246,309</u>		<u>282,596</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Independent examiner's fees		(1,440)		(2,509)
PAYE creditor		(5,032)		(54)
		<u>£ 239,837</u>		<u>£ 280,033</u>

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees on behalf by:

March 2023 and signed on their

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chair

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1037148

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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)**  
**ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
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**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

2019 had ended on a positive note for Chestnuts Playgroup. Morale remained high with the team and the children were thriving.

The trustees and management of Chestnuts Playgroup had met with the new incumbent of St Ann's Church (the owners of the Fowler Newsam Hall in which the playgroup was located) and had discussed plans for the future of the playgroup at the hall and had also talked about securing a longer term rental agreement with the incumbent.

Unfortunately, in March 2020, the trustees and management of the playgroup were informed, totally out of the blue, by St Ann's Church, that they would be terminating the hiring agreement that the playgroup had with the church.

St Ann's Church informed Chestnuts Playgroup that they had been presented with another opportunity and that they wanted the playgroup to vacate the premises by the end of July 2020.

All of this occurred at the very beginning of the first lockdown during the current COVID 19 global pandemic. Finding a new premises for the playgroup to locate to, with all of the restrictions in place in London, proved to be extremely difficult and frustrating.

The playgroup managed to secure an extension to the hiring agreement until December 2020, in order to allow more time to find an appropriate new premises for the playgroup to operate from.

Chestnuts Playgroup eventually managed to secure a new premises on the site of a local nearby school.

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Currently, the new premises is being renovated in order to make it suitable and safe for the children of the playgroup to be in.

Despite all the pressures and complexities that have arisen due to the relocation of the playgroup and especially by the restrictions brought about by the COVID 19 global pandemic, the team at Chestnuts Playgroup have worked tirelessly and incredibly unselfishly, in order to deliver a safe and secure environment for the children of the playgroup when restrictions were lifted and the playgroup reopened. They continue to provide the children in the local Tottenham area with reliable, inspiring childcare and education.

Ofsted have also continued to rate the setting as Good.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The income and expenditure of Chestnuts Playgroup has remained relatively stable and secure despite the fact that the playgroup had to close its doors for the first few months of the national lockdown during the current COVID 19 global pandemic.

The government and the local authority continued to pay the childcare funding and a grant was also secured from Haringey Council.

Chestnuts Playgroup suffered a loss of income due to the after school club having to stop operating because of the restrictions put in place during the lockdown.

Another loss of income occurred due to fees for extra childcare hours not covered by government funding, not being paid because of the closure of the playgroup under lockdown.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The charity currently has a healthy bank balance and has plenty of money in reserve should it be needed if it gets into difficulty.

Future spending on the improvement of the playgroup is currently being planned but a figure of £50,000 will be kept in reserve which equates to approximately 6 months running costs.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

Despite the awful start to the year (with the playgroup having to find a new premises whilst also dealing with the complexities of operating a playgroup during a global pandemic), the end of 2020, looks to be finishing on, hopefully, a more positive note.

Chestnuts Playgroup are in the process of securing a new long term rental contract with the local council who are the landlords of the new premises that the playgroup will be locating to.

In the meantime, renovations are taking shape in the new premises.

The trustees, management and staff at Chestnuts Playgroup remain positive and optimistic that a happy and successful future lies ahead for everyone involved in the playgroup at the new premises.

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**TRUSTEES**

The trustees who served during the year are shown below:

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Anita G De Souza -Trustee  
Kibanzaya Bella Komsongo - Secretary

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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Alison Ward FCCA of Alison Ward Accountants was appointed during 2019 and offers herself for reappointment as Independent Examiner to the charity at the forthcoming AGM.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on May 2021 and signed on their behalf.

Signed  
Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chair



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

I report to the charity trustees on examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020.

**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- matter of concern identified**

I have completed my examination. In 2018 I identified a matter of concern and reported this in detail in the 2018 and 2019 independent examiner's reports. The issue reported carries over into the comparative period shown in these accounts. The difference is shown as payments to the former payroll provider in the income and expenditure account.

Spreadsheets continued to be used for the record keeping but they did not include certain payments such as those relating to salaries or fees due. As a result appropriate accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alison Ward FCCA  
Alison Ward Accountants  
28 Hills Road  
Buckhurst Hill  
Essex IG9 5RS

30 April 2021

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP (HARINGEY)  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	<b>Total 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
London Borough of Haringey (fees)	169,545	116,640
Playgroup fees	20,324	47,689
Milk refund	1,075	1,087
Fundraising and donations	-	601
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	3,832	-
Bank interest receivable	71	87
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>194,847</b>	<b>166,104</b>
<b>Payments:</b>		
Payments to former payroll provider	-	1,260
Salaries	113,492	104,170
NIC employer	5,007	5,318
Pension contributions	2,647	2,180
Payroll processing fees	1,192	526
Recruitment & training	420	360
Travelling expenses	37	-
Food and drink	1,452	2,622
Equipment, toys and books	7,799	8,484
Music and dance sessions	310	550
Trips and activities	120	599
Rent	13,812	16,200
Refuse collection	236	308
Insurance	789	780
Health and safety	467	-
Repairs & renewals	330	1,071
Telephone	1,110	523
Website costs	2,013	1,000
Printing, stationery, postage & advertising	698	353
Cleaning	428	604
Subscriptions and fees	468	294
Consultancy fees	270	-
Independent examiner's fees	1,200	-
Sundry expenses	149	75
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>(154,446)</b>	<b>(147,277)</b>
<b>Net receipts\payments</b>	<b>40,401</b>	<b>18,827</b>
Cash funds last year end	231,740	212,913
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£ 272,141</b>	<b>£ 231,740</b>

**CHESTNUTS PLAYGROU (HARINGEY)  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Bank account		272,141	231,740
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>			
Computer Equipment		2,038	2,038
CCTV		920	920
Building improvements		7,497	7,497
		<u>282,596</u>	<u>242,195</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Independent examiner's fees		(2,508)	(2,401)
PAYE creditor		(54)	(1,532)
		<u>£ 280,034</u>	<u>£ 238,262</u>

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees on May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Sildonie Marie Mclean - Chair

