

DAISY CHAINS PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT

The Charity was established by constitution, with charitable status being granted on 23 May 1994.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees named in page 1 served as Managing Trustees throughout the year.

New trustees are appointed as a result of a recommendation from either an existing trustee, a funder or an associate of the Charity. They are specifically identified as people who they believe would enhance the membership of the board.

OBJECTIVES

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. The charity provides Nursery services for children aged 2 - 5 years old.

TAXATION STATUS

As a registered charity, in general, the income and gains are not liable to taxation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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The principal expenses are stated on page 6.

At the year end, unrestricted funds was in overall deficit.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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- 1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 2) make suitable judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3) state where applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed in the financial statement; and
- 4) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that this basis applies.

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

APPROVAL

The report was approved by the trustees on 4/8/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Trustee



Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1037737

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CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1037737

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (TRUSTEES)

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------|
| Poppy Crouch | - | Chairperson |
| Ian Burrows | - | Treasurer |
| Sandra Shaw | - | Secretary |
| Alice Greenstreet | - | Trustee |
| Michelle Morley | - | Trustee |

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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30th July 2025

DAISY CHAINS PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

| | | Unrestricted | Other Restricted | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Note | Fund £ | Fund £ | £ | £ |
| Incoming Resources | | | | | |
| Local Authority vouchers | | 462,804 | - | 462,804 | 385,904 |
| Fees | | 155,062 | - | 155,062 | 144,757 |
| Donations | | 6,284 | - | 6,284 | 1,672 |
| Bank Interest | | 37 | - | 37 | 6 |
| Other Income | | 118 | - | 118 | - |
| Total Incoming Resources | | <u>624,305</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>624,305</u> | <u>532,339</u> |
| Resources Expended | | | | | |
| Direct Charitable: | | | | | |
| Staff salaries and Pension | 3 | 545,599 | - | 545,599 | 533,086 |
| Rent and Utilities | | 7,604 | - | 7,604 | 5,491 |
| Stationery & Computer | | 4,359 | - | 4,359 | 4,891 |
| Consumables | | 9,745 | - | 9,745 | 9,744 |
| Children/Staff uniforms | | 425 | - | 425 | 511 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | | 5,329 | - | 5,329 | 4,198 |
| Premises costs | | 3,159 | - | 3,159 | 4,777 |
| Toys & Equipment | | 1,325 | - | 1,325 | 1,115 |
| Subscriptions | | 2,452 | - | 2,452 | 2,208 |
| | | <u>579,997</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>579,997</u> | <u>566,021</u> |
| Management and administration: | | | | | |
| Accountancy and Bookkeeping | | 3,927 | - | 3,927 | 3,997 |
| Independent Examiner Fee | | 1,200 | - | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Sundry | | 528 | - | 528 | 528 |
| Office costs | | 332 | - | 332 | 278 |
| Training | | 871 | - | 871 | 2,365 |
| Legal and Consulting Fees | | 465 | - | 465 | 2,050 |
| Insurance | | 2,864 | - | 2,864 | 2,276 |
| Bank Interest & Charges | | 123 | - | 123 | 120 |
| Loan Interest | | 702 | - | 702 | 820 |
| Depreciation | | 630 | - | 630 | 680 |
| Loan Write Off | | 4,226 | - | 4,226 | - |
| | | <u>15,868</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>15,868</u> | <u>14,314</u> |
| Total Resources Expended | | <u>595,865</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>595,865</u> | <u>580,335</u> |
| Net movement in funds | | 28,440 | - | 28,440 | (47,996) |
| Balance b/fwd 1 September 2023 | | <u>(42,329)</u> | <u>2,589</u> | <u>(39,740)</u> | <u>8,256</u> |
| Balance c/fwd at 31 August 2024 | | <u>(13,889)</u> | <u>2,589</u> | <u>(11,300)</u> | <u>(39,740)</u> |

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts.

DAISY CHAINS PLAYGROUP

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Incoming Resources | | |
| KCC Vouchers | 462,804 | 385,904 |
| Fees | 155,062 | 144,757 |
| Other Income | 155 | 6 |
| Donations & Fundraising | 6,284 | 1,672 |
| Total Incoming Resources | 624,305 | 532,339 |
| Resources Expended | | |
| Direct Charitable: | | |
| Staff salaries | 545,599 | 533,086 |
| Rent & Utilities | 7,604 | 5,491 |
| Stationery & Computer | 4,359 | 4,891 |
| Consumables | 9,745 | 9,744 |
| Children/Staff uniforms | 425 | 511 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 5,329 | 4,198 |
| Premises costs | 3,159 | 4,777 |
| Toys & Equipment | 1,325 | 1,115 |
| Subscriptions | 2,452 | 2,208 |
| | 579,997 | 566,021 |
| Management and administration: | | |
| Accountancy and Bookkeeping | 3,927 | 3,997 |
| Independent Examiner Fee | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Sundry | 528 | 528 |
| Office Costs | 332 | 278 |
| Training costs | 871 | 2,365 |
| Legal & Consulting Fees | 465 | 2,050 |
| Insurance | 2,864 | 2,276 |
| Bank Interest & Charges | 123 | 120 |
| Loan Interest | 702 | 820 |
| Depreciation | 630 | 680 |
| Loan Write Off | 4,226 | - |
| | 15,868 | 14,314 |
| Total Resources Expended | 595,865 | 580,335 |
| Net movement in funds | 28,440 | (47,996) |
| Balance b/fwd 1 September 2023 | (39,740) | 8,256 |
| Balance c/fwd at 31 August 2024 | (11,300) | (39,740) |

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

| | Note | Unrestricted Fund £ | Other Restricted Fund £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Buildings | | - | 322,411 | 322,411 | 322,411 |
| Office Equipment | | 423 | - | 423 | 641 |
| | | <u>423</u> | <u>322,411</u> | <u>322,834</u> | <u>323,052</u> |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Funds held in Limited Company | | - | - | - | 4,512 |
| Other receivables | | - | - | - | 329 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand: | | | | | |
| Current Account | | 5,012 | 2,589 | 7,601 | 8,648 |
| Saver Account | | 21,196 | - | 21,196 | 112 |
| | | <u>26,208</u> | <u>2,589</u> | <u>28,797</u> | <u>13,601</u> |
| Current Liabilities | 5 | | | | |
| Creditors | | 30,520 | - | 30,520 | 33,982 |
| Total Liabilities within one year | | <u>30,520</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>30,520</u> | <u>33,982</u> |
| Net Current Assets | | <u>(4,312)</u> | <u>2,589</u> | <u>(1,723)</u> | <u>(20,381)</u> |
| Liabilities falling due after one year | 5 | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 20,000 |
| Net Assets | | <u>(13,889)</u> | <u>325,000</u> | <u>311,111</u> | <u>282,671</u> |
| Funds | | (13,889) | 2,589 | (11,300) | (39,740) |
| Revaluation Reserve | | - | 322,411 | 322,411 | 322,411 |
| Capital Account | 6 | <u>(13,889)</u> | <u>325,000</u> | <u>311,111</u> | <u>282,671</u> |

The accounts were approved by the management committee on 3/8/2025
and signed on their behalf by:-


Trustee

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DAISY CHAINS PLAYGROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommend Practice for Charity accounts.

The accounts are prepared in Pound Sterling, which is the functional currency of Daisy Chains Playgroup. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

Daisy Chains Playgroup meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

Grant Income

Grant income is accounted for as received by the charity.

Fixed Assets

The fixed assets are used for charitable purposes and are not held for investment gains. They are held at historical cost for property and cost less depreciation for all else.

Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax is not recoverable and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Management and Administrative Expenditure

The trustees consider that all expenditure relates directly to the charitable activities, except as detailed under management and administration.

Expenditure

Expenditure has been accounted for under the accruals concept.

DAISY CHAINS PLAYGROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

During the year, three Trustees were paid remuneration for their work as follows;

| | Gross Pay | Pension |
|----------|------------------|----------------|
| M Morley | 52,117 | 1,312 |
| S Shaw | 7,993 | 0 |
| P Crouch | 7,441 | 0 |
| | <u>67,551</u> | <u>1,312</u> |

3. EMPLOYEES

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 28 (2023: 32).

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff Costs: | | |
| Wages and salaries | 503,535 | 493,865 |
| Social security costs | 32,713 | 29,916 |
| Pension contributions | 9,351 | 9,305 |
| | <u>545,599</u> | <u>533,086</u> |

No emoluments (salaries, wages and benefits in kind) for any employee were over £60,000 during the year.

4. FIXED ASSETS

| | Freehold Buildings | Office Equipment | 2024 Total |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cost brought forward | 322,411 | 2,035 | 324,446 |
| Additions | - | 412 | 412 |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| | <u>322,411</u> | <u>2,447</u> | <u>324,858</u> |
| Depreciation brought forward | - | 1,394 | 1,394 |
| Charge for the year | - | 630 | 630 |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>2,024</u> | <u>2,024</u> |
| Net book value as at 31 August 2024 | <u>322,411</u> | <u>423</u> | <u>322,834</u> |
| Net book value as at 31 August 2023 | <u>322,411</u> | <u>641</u> | <u>323,052</u> |

DAISY CHAINS PLAYGROUP

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

| 5. CREDITORS | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Falling due within one year | | |
| Loans | 10,000 | 9,935 |
| Trade Creditors | 1,176 | 723 |
| Social Security & Other Taxes | 8,186 | 8,543 |
| Other Creditors & Accruals | 11,158 | 14,781 |
| | <u>30,520</u> | <u>33,982</u> |
| Falling due after more than one year | | |
| Loans | <u>10,000</u> | <u>20,000</u> |

6. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted funds can be applied for any purposes for which the charity was established. The balance of Unrestricted Funds at the year end was a deficit of £13,889.

Restricted Funds

Grants were received from Kent County Council for buildings and relevant refurbishment to provide a Pre-School Nursery Unit, Breakfast and After School club.

The Grant was for £325,000 and was received in 2010.

The balance of Restricted Funds at the year end was £2,589.

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