

# BLOFIELD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1039666

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1994-07-28

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**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:** providing care and learning for pre-school children

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Norfolk

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£150,326	£141,445	-	-
2024-04-05	£139,204	£126,790	-	-
2023-04-05	£111,141	£112,122	-	-
2022-04-05	£100,314	£95,072	-	-
2021-04-05	£72,528	£79,395	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Ella Hughes		2025-02-10
Lydia Morgan		2025-02-10
Megan Crane		2025-02-10
Rebecca Moore		2025-02-10
Rhys Mgrath		2025-02-10
Tiffany Leman		2025-02-10

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Trustees Report 2024-2025**

### **Blofield Pre School Playgroup**

Blofield Pre School Playgroup is held in the local village hall. We operate as a four day preschool, term time only, on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are responsible for the care and learning of 47 children aged between 2 and 4 years. We operate under the guidance of Ofsted and work within the Early Years Framework.

We employ a full-time manager and we have an additional 8 childcare practitioners (a combination of full and part time staff). We also employ an administrator. We have staff qualified up to level 6.

We hold Stay and Play mornings and parent/carer 1:1s to allow parents to get an insight into their children's early years and offer an open platform for any questions to be asked. These are well received, and we will continue with these in the future. We also offer lots of opportunities for caregivers to be involved in fundraising and activities to foster a sense of community around the nursery.

The income for the setting is from the Nursery Education Grant, Childcare vouchers, parental fees and fundraising. We have still managed a few fundraising activities this year which have included a sponsored movement, a quiz night, the smartie tube challenge, and a raffle. All of which were shown amazing support from the local community.

We believe we are a modern preschool offering a wide range of toys and equipment with full access to the Early Years Foundation stage curriculum. Our team are highly motivated to nurture each individual child and prepare them for their next step of starting school. Strong links are forged within the community and we have strong links with the village primary school.

As trustees we are committed to providing excellent standards of care and education to our children. We continue to support staff development and training and we work closely with our families, enabling us to offer the children a good start and help individuals grow and develop into confident learners whilst they are in our setting.

**Rebecca Moore**  
**Blofield Preschool Chair**

Blofield Pre School Playgroup		Reg No	1039666
Receipts and Payments Account for the Financial Year ended			
	Last Year (2023/2024)	This Year (2024/2025)	
	£	£	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Nursery Education Grant	94,259	123,309	
Fund Raising	2,244	1,452	
Fees from Parents	38,772	24,921	
Donations	0	0	
Milk Refund	0	0	
Interest Received	75	74	
Grants	3,520	0	
Other	335	570	
	<b>139,204</b>	<b>150,326</b>	
<b>Payments</b>			
Wages	98,994	114,362	
Premises	11,176	13,099	
Well-Being	290	100	
Equipment	7,632	6,807	
Insurance	610	630	
Administration	46	135	
Consumables	2,942	2,601	
Fees	3,085	1,956	
Other	2,016	1,754	
	<b>126,790</b>	<b>141,445</b>	
Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>12,415</b>	<b>8,881</b>	
Opening Cash Funds	31,318	43,733	
Closing Cash Funds	<b>43,733</b>	<b>52,614</b>	
<b>Statements of Assets and Liabilities as at</b>			
	Last Year 2024/2025	Last Year 2024/2025	
	£	£	
<b>Cash and Bank</b>			
Business Premium Account	0	0	
Business Stepsaver Account	0	0	
Community Account (Caf Cash Account)	43,733	52,614	
Cash Float	0	0	
	<b>43,733</b>	<b>52,614</b>	

**Blofield Pre-School Playgroup**  
**Registered Charity Number: 1039666**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

## Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of the Blofield Pre-School Playgroup for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for the year (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.



## Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination and can confirm that during the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
  - the accounts did not comply with the application requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination: or
2. to which, in my opinion, any attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Lorraine De'Ath FAIA – Association of International Accountants - 412535  
International Public Accountant – Practice number 4179  
Date – 16 December 2025

**BLOFIELD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Trustees Report 2023-2024**

### Blofield Pre School Playgroup

Blofield Pre School Playgroup is held in the local village hall. We operated as a four day preschool, term time only, on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are responsible for the care and learning of 52 children aged between 2 and 4 years. We operate under the guidance of Ofsted and work within the Early Years Framework.

We employ a full-time manager who is supported by a deputy, and we have an additional 7 childcare practitioners (a combination of full and part time staff). We also employ an administrator. We have staff qualified from a level 2 up to a teacher status.

We have continued with our annual parents evenings and parent/carer coffee mornings to allow parents to get an insight into their children's early years and offer an open platform for any questions to be asked. These are well received, and we will continue with these in the future.

The income for the setting is from the Nursery Education Grant, Childcare vouchers, parental fees and fundraising. We have still managed a few fundraising activities this year which have included a sponsored movement, quiz night, the smartie tube challenge, a pick a square for a pound game for the children to win a book and Christmas cards. All of which were shown amazing support from the local community.

We believe we are a modern preschool offering a wide range of toys and equipment with full access to the Early Years Foundation stage curriculum. Our team are highly motivated to nurture each individual child and prepare them for their next step of starting school. Strong links are forged within the community, with the children meeting local emergency services, visiting the village post office, library and we have strong links with the village Primary school. The preschool received a 'Good' rating from OFSTED in June 2024 which was a fantastic result for the whole team and a credit to the work they put in.

As trustees we are committed to providing excellent standards of care and education to our children. We continue to support staff development and training and we work closely with our families, enabling us to offer the children a good start and help individuals grow and develop into confident learners whilst they are in our setting.

Jon Ames

Blofield Preschool Chair

Blofield Pre School  
Playgroup *Reg*  
*No* 1039666

Receipts and Payments Account  
for the Financial Year ended

	Last Year (2022/2023) £	This Year (2023/2024) £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Nursery Education Grant	85,945	94,259
Fund Raising	1,884	2,244
Fees from Parents	21,278	38,772
Donations	0	0
Milk Refund	0	0
Interest Received	38	75
Grants	0	3,520
Other	1,996	335
	<b>111,141</b>	<b>139,204</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Wages	90,116	98,994
Premises	10,559	11,176
Well-Being	329	290
Equipment	3,630	7,632
Insurance	539	610
Administration	134	46
Consumables	2,883	2,942
Fees	2,526	3,085
Other	1,406	2,016
	<b>112,122</b>	<b>126,790</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>(981)</b>	<b>12,415</b>
Opening Cash Funds	32,300	31,318
Closing Cash Funds	<b>31,318</b>	<b>43,733</b>

**Statements of Assets and Liabilities as at**

	Last Year 2022/2023 £	This Year 2023/2024 £
<b>Cash and Bank</b>		
Business Premium Account	0	0
Business Stepsaver Account	0	0
Community Account (Caf Cash Account)	31,318	43,733
Cash Float	0	0
	<b>31,318</b>	<b>43,733</b>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jon Ames**

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Date of  
Approval

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Blofield Preschool Playgroup		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2024	Charity no	1039666
	Set out on pages		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: Ed Clarke Date: 05.11.2024

Name: Edward Michael Clarke, BSc (Hons), MAAT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of Accounting Technicians  
Licence number 1002193

Address: Dashwood House, 1 Tyrells Road,  
Great Yarmouth, Norfolk,  
NR31 0AR

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

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

**BLOFIELD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1039666

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Trustees Report 2022-2023**

### Blofield Pre School Playgroup

Blofield Pre School Playgroup is held in the local village hall. We operated as a four day preschool, term time only, on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are responsible for the care and learning of 50 children aged between 2 and 4 years. We operate under the guidance of Ofsted and work within the Early Years Framework.

We employ a full-time manager who is supported by a deputy, and we have an additional 6 childcare practitioners (a combination of full and part time staff). We also employ an administrator. We have staff qualified from a level 2 up to a teacher status.

We have continued with our annual parents evenings and parent/carer coffee mornings to allow parents to get an insight into their children's early years and offer an open platform for any questions to be asked. These are well received, and we will continue with these in the future.

The income for the setting is from the Nursery Education Grant, Childcare vouchers, parental fees and fundraising. We have managed a few fundraising activities this year which have included two quiz nights, the smartie tube challenge, a pick a square for a pound game for the children to win a book, a Christmas photo shoot for all children and Christmas cards. All of which were shown amazing support from the local community.

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As trustees we are committed to providing excellent standards of care and education to our children. We continue to support staff development and training and we work closely with our families, enabling us to offer the children a good start and help individuals grow and develop into confident learners whilst they are in our setting.

Jon Ames

Blofield Preschool Chair

Receipts and Payments Account  
for the Financial Year ended

	Last Year (2021/2022) £	This Year (2022/2023) £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Nursery Education Grant	79,883	85,945
Fund Raising	2,708	1,884
Fees from Parents	17,523	21,278
Donations	0	0
Milk Refund	0	0
Interest Received	0	38
Grants	0	0
Other	200	1,996
	<b>100,314</b>	<b>111,141</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Wages	75,603	90,116
Premises	10,242	10,559
Well-Being	106	329
Equipment	2,582	3,630
Insurance	50	539
Administration	21	134
Consumables	3,219	2,883
Fees	2,123	2,526
Other	1,127	1,406
	<b>95,072</b>	<b>112,122</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>5,242</b>	<b>(981)</b>
Opening Cash Funds	27,058	32,300
Closing Cash Funds	<b>32,300</b>	<b>31,318</b>

**Statements of Assets and Liabilities as at**

	Last Year 2021/2022 £	This Year 2022/2023 £
<b>Cash and Bank</b>		
Business Premium Account	0	0
Business Stepsaver Account	0	0
Community Account (Caf Cash Account)	32,300	31,318
Cash Float	0	0
	<b>32,300</b>	<b>31,318</b>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Blofield Pre School Playgroup		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2023	Charity no (if any)	1039666
	Set out on pages		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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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.

Signed:  Date: 11.01.2024

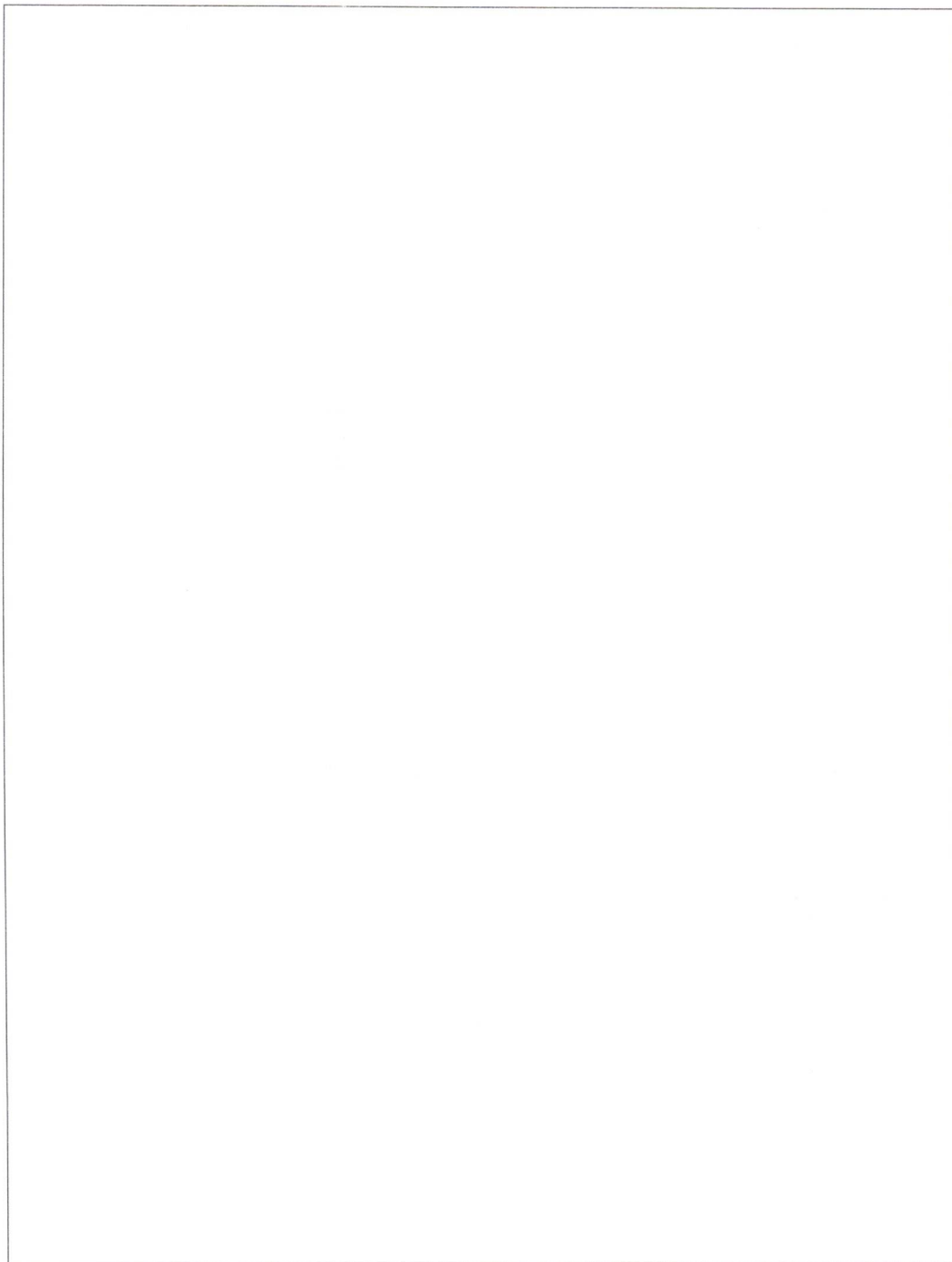
Name: Edward Michael Clarke, BSc(Hons), MAAT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of Accounting Technicians  
Licence number 1002193

Address: Dashwood House, 1 Tyrells Road,  
Great Yarmouth, NR31 0AR

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**BLOFIELD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1039666

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Trustees Report 2021-2022**

### Blofield Pre School Playgroup

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We employ a full-time manager who is supported by a deputy, and we have an additional 6 childcare practitioners (a combination of full and part time staff). We also employ an administrator. We have staff qualified from a level 2 up to a teacher status.

We have continued with our annual parents evenings and parent/carer coffee mornings to allow parents to get an insight into their children's early years and offer an open platform for any questions to be asked. These are well received, and we will continue with these in the future.

The income for the setting is from the Nursery Education Grant, Childcare vouchers, parental fees and fundraising. The impact of Covid has been significant to us in the loss of parent fees and the loss of fundraising income. We have still managed a few fundraising activities this year which have included two quiz nights, the smartie tube challenge, a pick a square for a pound game for the children to win a book and Christmas cards. All of which were shown amazing support from the local community.

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As trustees we are committed to providing excellent standards of care and education to our children. We continue to support staff development and training and we work closely with our families, enabling us to offer the children a good start and help individuals grow and develop into confident learners whilst they are in our setting.

Jon Ames

Blofield Preschool Chair

Blofield Pre School Playgroup		Reg No	1039666
Receipts and Payments Account for the Financial Year ended			
		Last Year (2020/2021)	This Year (2021/2022)
		£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Nursery Education Grant		58,618	79,883
Fund Raising		669	2,708
Fees from Parents		12,820	17,523
Donations		0	0
Milk Refund		0	0
Interest Received		0	0
Grants		0	0
Other		420	200
		<b>72,528</b>	<b>100,314</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Wages		65,333	75,603
Premises		6,406	10,242
Well-Being		0	106
Equipment		1,515	2,582
Insurance		0	50
Administration		3,692	21
Consumables		1,288	3,219
Fees		79	2,123
Other		1,082	1,127
		<b>79,395</b>	<b>95,072</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)		<b>(6,868)</b>	<b>5,242</b>
Opening Cash Funds		33,925	27,058
Closing Cash Funds		<b>27,058</b>	<b>32,300</b>
<b>Statements of Assets and Liabilities as at</b>			
		Last Year 2020/2021	This Year 2021/2022
		£	£
<b>Cash and Bank</b>			
Business Premium Account		0	0
Business Stepsaver Account		0	0
Community Account (Caf Cash Account)		27,058	32,300
Cash Float		0	0
		<b>27,058</b>	<b>32,300</b>
<b>Signed on behalf of the Trustees</b>			
		_____ <b>Jon Ames</b>	
		_____ <b>Jacquelyn Griffith</b>	
	Date of Approval	_____	

# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Blofield Pre School Playgroup

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Report to the trustees of Blofield Pre School Playgroup (Charity No. 1039666) on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

## Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission under Section 145 of the Charities act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement


My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- Gives my reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records and prepare accounts in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
- In my opinion, attention should be drawn to in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

  
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Dated

7 Dec. 2022  
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Edward Clarke, Bsc. (Hons), MAAT  
Clarke Accountancy Ltd  
Dashwood House  
1 Tyrells Road  
Great Yarmouth  
NR31 0AR

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**BLOFIELD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Trustees Report 2020-2021**

### Blofield Pre School Playgroup

Blofield Pre School Playgroup is held in the local village hall. We operated as a three day pre school, term time only, on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. We increased our sessions to 4 days to include a Friday. We are responsible for the care and learning of 26 children aged between 2 and 4 years. We operate under the guidance of Ofsted and work within the Early Years Framework.

We employ a full time manager who is supported by a deputy and we have an additional 5 childcare practitioners (a combination of full and part time staff). We also employ an administrator. We have staff qualified from a level 2 up to a Teacher status.

We have recently introduced annual parents evenings and parent/carer coffee mornings to allow parents to get an insight into their children's early years and offer an open platform for any questions to be asked. These are well received and we will continue with these in the future.

The income for the setting is from the Nursery Education Grant, Childcare vouchers, parental fees and fundraising. The impact of Covid has been significant to us in the loss of parent fees and the loss of fundraising income. We have still managed a few fundraising activities this year which have included a treasure hunt around the village, the smartie tube challenge, Christmas cards, Christmas raffle and a Welly Waddle. All of which were shown amazing support from the local community.

We believe we are a modern preschool offering a wide range of toys and equipment with full access to the Early Years Foundation stage curriculum. Our team are highly motivated to nurture each individual child and prepare them for their next step of starting school. Strong links are forged within the community, with the children meeting local emergency services, visiting the village post office, library and we have strong links with the village Primary school. Unfortunately these links have not been able to be maximised this year due to the pandemic.

As trustees we are committed to providing excellent standards of care and education to our children. We continue to support staff development and training and we work closely with our families, enabling us to offer the children a good start and help individuals grow and develop into confident learners whilst they are in our setting.

## Blofield Pre School Playgroup

### Treasurer's report 2020/21

Blofield Pre School is a village playgroup set up to serve the local community, the ambition is to ensure the children receive the best possible care and leave the setting ready to start their primary education.

Income for the Pre School predominantly comes from Norfolk County Council (NCC) and Parent funding, while costs are staff salaries and Hall fees.

2020/21 was a year unlike any other, typically we know how much income we are likely to receive and staff costs are linked to the hours we operate. If the Pre School is close to capacity, we generally have a good year, while if we struggle for numbers this is reflected in a loss.

COVID meant for large parts of the year the Pre School was unable to open, meaning we were not able to charge the parents. Further to this there were several months where we remained open for 'Key-Workers' children and often had a sub-optimal child:staff ratio.

During the year Norfolk County Council were extremely accommodating, we continued to receive funding and were able to apply for additional grants meaning we received £58,618 during the period which was an increase of £14,829 on the prior year, this covered the reduction in parent funding of £12,712.

Income for the year was £72,528, this was flat year-on-year. We were expecting a significant increase since the operating hours for the year had increased from 3 - 4 days.

The income we typically receive from fund-raising almost evaporated during the year as we were unable to hold fairs, charity walks etc.

Since NCC continued to fund the Pre School and the rules around COVID were continually changing we continued to keep all staff employed during the period. We could have furloughed staff however had we participated in this the NCC funding would have subsequently been reduced and the impact would have been negligible.

During the year staff costs increased inline with the national minimum wage, 2.4% increase per hour, hall fees remained flat and our NCC hourly rate increased by 1.86%. The impact of costs / income stream changing was minimal. During this difficult period our focus was purely on ensuring when the Pre School was open we took every precaution to protect our staff along with the children and reduce the spread of the disease. We invested in PPE, additional cleaning materials, temperature recording equipment and changed our operating hours to ensure parents were not encountering each other at drop-off and collection times.

On reflection the staff have performed miracles during the year, we have been extremely fortunate they have juggled work and everything else associated with COVID.

During the year we made a loss of £6,868, this isn't sustainable however hopefully this is a year that will ever be repeated. We are forecasting to be close to capacity on all four days moving into 2021/22 which is supported by the growing village population with the local school doubling capacity moving forward.

Nick Jeffery

Blofield Pre School Treasurer

# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Blofield Pre School Playgroup

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Report to the trustees of Blofield Pre School Playgroup (Charity No. 1039666) on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

## Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission under Section 145 of the Charities act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- Gives my reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records and prepare accounts in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
- In my opinion, attention should be drawn to in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Dated

24 January 2022

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