

Sconce Hills Pre-School Playgroup

Charity Number 1040604

**Financial Statements for the year ended
31 March 2025**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Charity Name: Sconce Hills Pre-School Playgroup

Registered Charity Number: 1040604

Principal Address: Christchurch, Boundary Road, Newark, NG24 4AJ

Trustees:

Lorna Allen (chair person)

Sallie-Jayne Hewitt

Sarah Dyas

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity operates under the rules of its constitution adopted 7 May 1991.

The committee are elected from parents using the pre-school.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are to advance the education of children below compulsory school age.

To meet these objectives the charity operates a pre-school at the Christchurch on Boundary Road, Newark. During the year it was open 5 mornings a week and 3 afternoons.

Children of all backgrounds are given the same opportunities to play, learn, make new friends in a safe, educational environment, learning to play together as well as independently.

We take the children on regular outings to our local library for singing sessions, we also visit local parks and interact with other activities within our community.

The majority of the children who attend playgroup receive the two year government funding as they come from low income families. The children are given opportunities to learn and gain experiences here that they may not receive at home.

Achievements and Performance.

We have been proud to offer our children a wide range of enriching experiences, all provided free of charge with no additional consumable costs, unlike many other settings. This included daily snacks, trips to the cinema café, a seaside-themed day at playgroup with fish and chips, ice cream, and paddling pools, as well as visits to local parks and the fire station. The children also enjoyed weekly yoga sessions. We believe strongly in giving children from disadvantaged backgrounds the best possible start in life, and these opportunities reflect that commitment.

In addition, we have invested in improving our outdoor environment. A new large perimeter fence has been installed to make the garden safer and more secure, helping to prevent further thefts of bikes. We have also had a custom-built large sandpit and theatre stage added to enhance imaginative and sensory play.

Due to the cost of living and our parents struggling, we do not add a consumable charge for anything. We use all fundraising to cover snack, trips, outings and other extra curricular activities.

We have managed to keep our outgoings to a minimum, whilst still being able to provide fun activities and outings for children. This has been achieved due to our fundraising, staff going above and beyond volunteering.

Average number of children on roll- 23

Staffing:

There has been 6 members of staff who were supporting the children during the 2024/25 financial Year. paid 7 due to one being on maternity leave.

Fundraising/Donations:

Due to staffing changes, including the appointment of new team members and our manager being on maternity leave, as well as an unexpected heating system breakdown that required increased staff supervision around temporary electric heaters, we were unable to hold our usual Easter fundraising event. As a result, our only fundraiser this year was the Christmas Fair, which generated £415. This paid for our christmas party, covering the bouncy castle hire and party food, presents and a santa visit.

Grants have been received from Nottinghamshire County Council.

Policy on reserves:

We the trustees and staff at playgroup decided to hold cash in the bank to cover expected costs for six months in case of income ceasing.

Reserves were retained at greater levels than the policy due to the charity saving towards the soft playground area.

Declaration


The trustee's declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature

Sallie-Jayne Hewitt (trustee)

Date


Sallie-Jayne Hewitt (Jan 22, 2026 21:15:17 GMT)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED
STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SCENCE HILLS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sconce Hills Pre-School Playgroup.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement- matters of concern identified

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Francesca McClory

MAAT

Unit 14, Halifax Court, Fernwood Business Park, Balderton, Newark, NG24 3JP

Date: 18/01/2026


Francesca McClory (Jan 23, 2026 08:03:57 GMT)

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Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
INCOME		
Session Fees		
Parent income	3,385	5,580
Government Funding	75,998	67,529
Insurance claim	-	1,167
Fundraising	415	360
Interest received	208	139
	<u>80,006</u>	<u>74,775</u>
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>80,006</u>	<u>74,775</u>
Staff Costs		
Wages	56,858	49,731
Supply cover	-	512
DBS checks	149	134
Uniforms	-	276
Training	468	462
	<u>57,475</u>	<u>51,115</u>
Cost of Premises		
Rent and Council Tax	12,857	10,944
	<u>12,857</u>	<u>10,944</u>
Insurance	736	685
Materials and Stationery	1,551	1,031
Repairs and renewals	1,222	329
Equipment and Toys	810	1,303
Professional fees	2,095	1,762
Catering	959	791
Telephone	110	128
Depreciation	36	-
Sundries	465	464
	<u>78,316</u>	<u>68,552</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	<u>78,316</u>	<u>68,552</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>1,690</u>	<u>6,223</u>
Cash funds last year end	<u>32,219</u>	<u>25,996</u>
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Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted		Unrestricted	
Fixed Assets				
Computer Equipment	<u>183</u>		<u>-</u>	
		183		<u>-</u>
Current Assets				
Petty Cash	399		637	
Reserve account	15,729		10,521	
Current account	<u>21,698</u>		<u>27,360</u>	
		37,826		38,518
Liabilities				
Accruals- Accountancy and independent examination	1,555		1,440	
PAYE and pension creditors	2,545		4,562	
Unpaid wages	<u>-</u>		<u>297</u>	
		4,100		6,299
		<u>33,909</u>		<u>32,219</u>
The funds of the charity:				
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		<u>33,909</u>		<u>32,219</u>

Sallie-Jayne Hewitt (trustee)


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Date

22/01/2026
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