

# **The Grove Pre School Playgroup** (Charity number 1042976) **TAR 2025**

The Grove Pre School Playgroup (Charity number 1042976) TAR 2025 The Grove is a thriving committee run pre-school. The Committee is responsible for running The Grove as a small business. They employ staff, raise funds and ensure the playgroup can continue to provide a service to children and their families in our local community. The Grove Committee is a voluntary management committee which is a group of people who manage a community service, in this instance the playgroup. The committee is the employer of the staff at The Grove and is legally and financially responsible for the business. Voluntary management is required in order to have charitable status; it ensures the objectives and aims of the setting are met on a 'not for profit' basis. The outcomes for children are the main focus and any profit reinvested back into the setting.

We have continued to fundraise through selling tickets for the Casterbridge Rotary club raffle, story nights and toy sales to raise money to put towards new equipment and toys for the playgroup, We continued our visits to our local care home and visited them weekly with the children to take part in activities with their residents, which has been a huge benefit to both children, residents, and staff. In the summer term we started fortnightly visits to the Age uk allotment with small groups of children to help plant and water the allotment and got to meet some of the volunteers and users of the service.

Staff at The Grove work well together as a team have half termly staff meetings and provide stimulating activities and opportunities for all the children in our care.

We continue to have a good working relationship with our landlords, Dorset County Hospital. and we will remain where we are, they have shown us their future plans for development on the site, and they have always been very considerate in including us within these. The NHS is in the process of completing the lease and will be extended for a longer term and this will enable the Preschool to apply for grants to make updates to the Preschool, specifically the outside space. Works continue on the NHS site behind us, they levelled our back garden put up a brand new fence around, they also grass seeded area in the back garden, and the new hospital building is taking shape.

We take children with 15-hour, 30 hour and 2-year funding and don't charge parents extra for consumables, we also provide breakfast and snacks free of charge. We introduced a refundable holding fee once places were accepted. We are a thriving Pre-school Playgroup with a waiting list, and we budget accordingly to ensure sustainability for the future.

We had a staff member leave in April and we took on a new staff member in May who is interested in doing a level 3 apprenticeship.

All staff remain up to date throughout the year with required training and attend appropriate conferences and training to update their skills and knowledge of the Early Years. We keep parents up to date through regular emails, termly newsletter and a closed Facebook Page.

We hold new starter open mornings in June and December for children who have been offered a space to start.



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**for**

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We approve the financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Claire Bowen  
Manager

Kit Elphinstone Davis  
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15 April 2026



# The Grove Pre-School Playgroup

## Balance Sheet 31 August 2025

	2025		2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Equipment		0		0		0
<b>Current assets</b>						
PAYE and National Insurance	-		298		2,371	
Prepayments	1,334		1,560		2,316	
NatWest current account	44,468		40,252		101,902	
NatWest savings account	211		208		205	
Skipton Building Society	82,296		80,001		-	
Petty cash	510		177		177	
	<u>128,819</u>		<u>122,497</u>		<u>106,971</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Deferred income	19,641		14,968		10,669	
Accruals	1,253		1,193		1,133	
	<u>20,894</u>		<u>16,161</u>		<u>11,803</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		107,925		106,336		95,168
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<b>Represented by</b>						
Balance brought forward		106,336		95,168		81,068
Excess/(Deficit) for the year		1,589		11,168		14,100
		<u>107,925</u>		<u>106,336</u>		<u>95,168</u>



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## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 August 2025

	2025		2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Local Authority funding	108,375		93,145		88,975	
Fees received	8,041		13,407		12,074	
Sweatshirts and bags	<u>395</u>		<u>552</u>		<u>323</u>	
		116,810		107,103		101,372
<b>Other income</b>						
Rotary raffle	275		253		-	
Craft fair raffle	-		351		-	
Sponsored slide	-		-		544	
Spring raffle	-		384		38	
Photographs	122		-		47	
Donations	67		15		80	
Car boot grant	-		-		1,000	
Care South donation	-		-		500	
Kingston Maurward raffle	-		-		350	
Amazon Smile	-		-		118	
Toy sale	-		107		-	
Other	61		79		22	
Interest	<u>2,304</u>		<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>	
		<u>2,829</u>		<u>1,192</u>		<u>2,700</u>
		119,639		108,296		104,072
<b>Playgroup costs</b>						
Wages	94,468		80,341		73,108	
SMP compensation	-		-		(198)	
National Insurance	332		-		-	
Pension contributions	1,692		1,351		1,126	
Educational supplies	2,493		2,233		2,295	
Training	353		512		476	
Care South donation spending	-		-		184	
Sweatshirts	-		969		794	
Activity	213		274		240	
Gifts	81		97		102	
Toys and equipment	<u>621</u>		<u>1,128</u>		<u>2,493</u>	
		<u>100,251</u>		<u>86,904</u>		<u>80,619</u>
Carried forward		19,388		21,392		23,453



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<b>Expenditure</b>						
Rent	2,000		2,000		2,000	
Gas	1,249		1,249		815	
Electricity	1,806		1,606		668	
Property repairs	7,679		124		-	
Building insurance	771		783		757	
Waste disposal	481		372		304	
Grounds maintenance	18		623		1,297	
Telephone	646		590		635	
Postage	-		5		-	
Stationery	52		60		428	
Website	119		109		96	
Insurance	847		832		802	
Repairs and renewals	333		521		725	
Software	-		121		63	
Subscriptions	299		212		221	
Sundry expenses	379		590		212	
Accountancy	520		428		331	
Legal fees	600		-		-	
		<u>17,799</u>		<u>10,224</u>		<u>9,353</u>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>		<u>1,589</u>		<u>11,168</u>		<u>14,100</u>



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