



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/24 **Period start date** **To** 31/08/25 **Period end date**

Charity name: Staunton-on-Wye Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1044996

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age. By offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups and ensuring that opportunities are offered for all children regardless of race, culture, religion, means or ability. Encourage 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provision of Education for children aged 9 months to 5 years from 8.00 am, 5 days a week during term time. Parents are able to use government Early Education Funding for 15 or 30 free hours per week. We add extra charges for twice daily snacks.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have been given Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have had regard to this in all decisions made.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Summary of Main Achievements and Impact</p> <p>The preschool has continued to provide high-quality early years education and care in a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment. Our aim is to give every child the best possible start in life, supporting their learning, wellbeing, and social development through play-based, hands-on experiences.</p> <p>Main Achievements</p> <p>A key feature of our curriculum this year has been the enrichment of children's learning through a range of educational trips, visitors to the setting and experiences designed to inspire curiosity and deepen understanding of the world around them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest School: Children explored woodlands, engaging in nature-based learning that encouraged environmental awareness, sensory exploration, and teamwork. • Dan-yr-Ogof Caves: This visit introduced children to geology and natural history, inspiring awe and stimulating rich discussion and vocabulary development. • Ralph Court Gardens: The themed gardens provided opportunities for imaginative play, creativity, and early science and design understanding. • Theatre Visits and Cultural Experiences: Trips to local theatre performances supported children's language, listening, and emotional literacy, while also developing confidence and a love for storytelling. <p>These experiences have complemented our core curriculum, making learning active, memorable, and meaningful.</p> <p>Difference Made to Beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children: Children have shown clear progress across all areas of development.

		<p>Through these activities, they have become more confident, curious, and independent learners. The trips helped develop their communication and social skills, while also strengthening their understanding of the wider world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families: The experiences provided by the preschool have helped build stronger relationships between staff, parents, and the local community. • Staff and Volunteers: Staff have continued to develop their professional practice through planning and delivering experiential learning opportunities. This has enhanced the quality of teaching and learning throughout the setting. <p>Wider Benefits to Society</p> <p>The charity's work continues to make a measurable difference not only to the children and families it serves but also to the wider community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By promoting school readiness, the preschool supports smoother transitions into primary education and contributes to long-term educational success. • By fostering environmental and cultural awareness, it helps nurture responsible, caring future citizens. • By providing affordable, high-quality early years education, the preschool reduces social inequality and supports local families' wellbeing and employability.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the end of the financial period, the charity achieved a small surplus, despite increased expenditure on educational resources and enrichment activities. This investment has directly benefited the quality of provision and the learning experiences offered to the children. While the overall financial position remains stable, trustees recognise that rising costs and increased resource spending will require careful financial management in the</p>
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		<p>year ahead. Finances will be closely monitored to ensure that the charity continues to operate sustainably and aims to break even by the end of the next financial period.</p> <p>The trustees remain committed to maintaining prudent reserves while continuing to prioritise spending that directly supports the charity's educational aims and the wellbeing of its beneficiaries.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The trustees have established a Reserves Policy to ensure that the charity maintains sufficient funds to meet its obligations and to safeguard its ability to continue operating effectively in the future.</p> <p>Reserves are held for the following purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contingency: To provide for unexpected expenditure in the event of an emergency, such as urgent repairs or unforeseen operational costs. 2. Cash Flow: To cover short-term cash flow issues, for example when a bill must be paid before the corresponding income has been received. 3. Commitment: To meet occasional, significant items of expenditure that cannot be funded from the annual operating income. 4. Conservation: To protect the charity's resources and ensure that funds are used necessarily, reasonably, and incidentally in fulfilment of the charity's objectives, in line with trustees' legal responsibilities. 5. Closure: To provide sufficient funds to meet any financial obligations if the charity were to become unsustainable and required to be wound up responsibly. <p>The trustees review the level of reserves annually to ensure they remain appropriate for the charity's size, scope, and future plans.</p> <p>The charity is considered a going concern, with the trustees confident that sufficient resources are in place to continue operations for the foreseeable future. Ongoing financial monitoring and prudent management will ensure that the charity continues to meet its commitments while delivering high-quality provision for its beneficiaries.</p>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the	Para 1.23	Government Early Education Funding not covering the cost of delivery.

charity continuing as a going concern		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All trustees require an Enhanced DBS and EY2. They must also complete relevant safeguarding training.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Staunton-on-Wye Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	Staunton-on-Wye Pre-School
Registered charity number	1044996
Charity's principal address	Staunton-on-Wye Pre-School, Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR4 7LT.

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	Stephen Grist	Chair		
2	Claudia Merrett			
3	Alan Kerr			
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

STEPHEN D GAIST

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

19/05/2026



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Charity Name
Staunton on Wye preschool

No (if any)
1044996

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2024	To	Period end date 31/08/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
fees and NEF	231,822	-	-	231,822	185,429
fundraising and donations	123	-	-	123	924
grants and inclusion support	-	-	-	-	-
bank interest	670	-	-	670	772
sundry	565	-	-	565	727
fundraised for others	-	-	-	-	56
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	233,180	-	-	233,180	187,908
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	233,180	-	-	233,180	187,908
A3 Payments					
wage costs	189,019	-	-	189,019	135,860
other running costs	27,663	-	-	27,663	24,258
new equipment and events	16,049	-	-	16,049	8,285
funds raised for others and paid	-	-	-	-	56
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	232,732	-	-	232,732	168,459
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	232,732	-	-	232,732	168,459
Net of receipts/(payments)	448	-	-	448	19,449
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	150,216	-	-	150,216	130,767
Cash funds this year end	150,664	-	-	150,664	150,216

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 £
B1 Cash funds	current account	96,357	-	-
	reserve no 1	20,010	-	-
	reserve no 2	34,297	-	-
	Total cash funds	150,664	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>S D Grist</i>	<i>S. D. Grist</i>	<i>21/10/25</i>



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Staunton on Wye pre-school

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1044996

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 August 2025.

**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: 2 January 2026

Name:

Julian Henry James Parker

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

Retired Chartered Accountant (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

Address:

The White House, 2 Grimsby Road
Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 0DX

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.