

Brighter Bunnies Pre School Playgroup

England & Wales · Charity number 1045977

Details

Other names DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-04-25

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

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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Bolton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£96,284	£103,283	-	-
2024-07-31	£85,054	£88,692	-	-
2023-07-31	£97,000	£84,000	-	-
2022-07-31	£60,546	£67,294	-	-
2021-07-31	£62,933	£61,565	-	-
2020-07-31	£52,103	£49,380	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
debra parr	Chair	2016-06-07
CHRISTOPHER DAVID HOUGHTON		2019-11-21
Debbie Crossley		2021-07-01
charlotte chadwick		2023-01-16
sandra simm Mrs		2018-11-06

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ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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Sara Brassington FCCA
22/05/2026

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR & GOING CONCERN

The year started with 20 children on roll in September 2024 rising to 23 by the end of the year in July 2025. 8 children were in receipt of 30-hour funding, 7 in receipt of 15-hour funding, 4 in receipt of two-year-old disadvantaged funding and 3 in receipt of two-year working funding. Only one child was paying privately for two sessions each week.

The Government now offers funding across the board for most children, so private sums are rarely charged. However, the funding provided only equates to £4.96 an hour, less than £15 a session and two-year funding £7.48, whereas privately pre-school was charging £23 for a three-hour session which was highly competitive within the area. This is a huge area of concern for the charity going forward with the increased costs of employee minimum wage and significant increases in utility costs. Children attending age 3 are mostly no longer toilet trained until age 3.5 and this requires more staff intervention than previous years for this age group which the funding does not reflect so although the charity had the same amount of staff for the same amount of children, employees feel more stretched and challenged and this is a worry for the future.

The charity remains highly dependent on funding being renewed by the families of pre-school attendees. During the year, the charity missed out on funding approximating to £2,300 due to missed applications. This has operational impacts in that children experiencing disruption in pre-school attendance require additional support in resettling.

The Charity is increasingly concerned about the growing number of SEND children presenting year on year and the increasing delays in being seen by other professionals and support being received. This is placing a huge demand on the pre-school to undertake more applications for help, funding, assistance and support for the child and other services are similarly inundated and Paediatrician waiting times are now over a year alone. The charity employed a previous member of staff from January 2025 using inclusive funding to provide 121 support for children with Autism. Of the children in the setting, the majority are behind where staff would expect them to be for their ages in their development and learning and this places greater pressure on staff to help them work towards their learning goals. Engagement with parents regarding home learning to support their child is extremely low. Of 23 children on roll, 12 of them were on Wellcomm which is a specialist assessment undertaken after a termly assessment against the early years' foundation stage goals when a child is significantly behind in communication and language skills which then requires more intense interactions and interventions. The charity has never seen so many children behind in their learning and development in pre-school previously and it is a significant

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TRUSTEES' REPORT CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

concern in terms of sustainability and being able to continue to offer the required support needed within the current funding received.

The Charity held its annual Christmas fundraiser week which raised £676, a reduction from the previous year of £728 and over £1,000 in previous years. This fundraiser also included sales of old toys and commission from photographs but other than a small amount for weighing in clothes the charity's fundraising was extremely challenging and despite much effort from staff and trustees with donations and expense, very few parents (around 30%) donated items or bought raffle tickets or did sponsor forms in comparison to previous years. Parents were reminded that pre-school only does one fundraiser a year and that this enables the charity to provide free snacks for the children which other settings now charge for along with other 'consumables'. It was discussed at a recent committee meeting that this is something the charity may need to start doing to be more sustainable.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Our YouTube channel has 535 subscribers and the charity still shares updates on social media platforms, X, Instagram and Facebook, however, it is becoming harder to make time to share relevant posts because the pre-school has increasing numbers of special educational needs children (SEND) whom require more 121 provision and support and it is becoming difficult to do group work without significant disturbances and adjustments for individual learning.

The pre-school enjoyed a school year end trip to Delamere Forest as part of their bringing learning to life and open days were organised for Mother's Day and Father's Day which were well attended and enjoyed.

FUNDING AND RESERVES POLICY

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The charity sets a budget each year based on the number of children who are signed up for the sessions beginning in September. These budgets are assessed and monitored at the regular Trustee meetings and any shortfalls in funding identified. Where funding shortfalls are evident, the Trustees endeavour to obtain new sources of funding to bridge the gap or adjust spending where required. The charity aims to keep cash reserves equivalent to a minimum of 3 months' expenditure. The Trustees consider this to be a prudent and adequate policy based on their knowledge of the charity.

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The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

	2025 Un-restricted £	2025 Restricted	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
INCOME RECEIPTS				
General Charitable Activities				
Attendance fees	3,663	-	3,663	5,131
Registration fees	480	-	480	580
Government funding	89,300	-	89,300	75,881
Uniform	115	-	115	135
Christmas and leavers parties	997	-	997	260
Photos	50	-	50	121
Apprenticeship Grant	-	1,000	1,000	500
Fundraising				
Christmas Fayre	-	-	-	728
Other	625	-	625	1,670
Investment				
Bank interest received	54	-	54	48
Total Income Receipts	<u>95,284</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>96,284</u>	<u>85,054</u>
EXPENDITURE PAYMENTS				
Purchases	6,510	-	6,510	5,349
Wages and salaries	68,757	1,000	69,757	60,739
Pensions	1,015	-	1,015	1,081
Staff training & welfare	1,111	-	1,111	50
Rent, rates, heat & light	13,714	-	13,714	11,514
Insurance	510	-	510	1,103
Repairs	2,226	-	2,226	999
PPS, Computer, Telephone,	2,663	-	2,663	2,127
Subscriptions				
Travel & subsistence	695	-	695	262
Advertising	-	-	-	298
Accountancy & legal	1,644	-	1,644	1,398
Team Building	-	-	-	121
Charitable donations	-	-	-	178
Depreciation	3,438	-	3,438	3,473
Total Expenditure Payments	<u>102,283</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>103,283</u>	<u>88,692</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(6,999)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(6,999)</u>	<u>(3,638)</u>

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**BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

		2025	2024
		£	£
Accumulated fund at 1 August 2024	Note	26,925	30,563
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts and payments		(6,999)	(3,638)
Accumulated fund at 31 July 2025 - Unrestricted	3	<u>19,926</u>	<u>26,925</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Fixed Assets		3,487	6,926
Debtors – deposit paid for premises		1,650	1,650
Creditors – PAYE/pensions balance		(291)	(201)
Creditors – accruals		(1,632)	(432)
Cash and bank balances		16,712	18,982
Total assets at 31 July 2025		<u>19,926</u>	<u>26,925</u>

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR & GOING CONCERN

The charity broke even this year. Fundraising is becoming harder and there are increased costs relating to staff training costs, utilities and rent.

The charity signed a new 3 year lease in April 2024.

The year started slow in uptake of children with only 19 on roll in September 2023 (2022 – 24), although this number did rise during the year, with 23 children on roll at the year end. In addition, there were only 4 children in receipt of 30-hour full time funding (2023 – 7). We also saw a significant reduction in children attending who were in receipt of two-year-old disadvantage funding - from 8 children in 2023 down to 2 children at the start of the September 2023 term; although this did increase to 5 children by the end of the school year. All these factors had a significant impact on the charity's financial position because although the final number of children on roll was comparable with the previous year, the mix of hours attended and consequently funding received impact the overall financial position.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The YouTube channel continues to grow and now has over 490 subscribers and is embraced by the charity as a way of sharing learning and growth in conjunction with other social media platforms X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and Facebook with the addition of LinkedIn to include details of employees. The pre-school continues to receive 5 star reviews from parents on Google and Facebook. The pre-school has launched a new website to complement their media presence.

The charity held its annual Christmas fundraiser week which again was well supported. There were many sponsored activities that took place as well as a nativity and a large raffle using donations from parents and local businesses which raised £728.

In addition, other fundraising during the year such as commission from photos, weighing in clothes, selling old toys and clothes and outside grant funding raised another £1,100.

A staff member continued to be employed using inclusive funding from the local authority for a child with autism.

The charity celebrated its 50th year anniversary by hosting a party which current and past children, parents and grandparents attended. It was a fantastic afternoon for around 80 people with an entertainer, bouncy castles, karaoke and a wonderful celebration of the charities continued work in the community.

The pre-school children enjoyed a trip to Knowsley Safari Park as part of their bringing learning to life.

The charity supported Mental Health Awareness Day by having a fundraiser which was a contribution of £161 to Mind.

Our apprentice successfully completed their level 2 qualification.

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INCOME RECEIPTS				
General Charitable Activities				
Attendance fees	5,131	-	5,131	16,872
Registration fees	580	-	580	720
Government funding	75,881	-	75,881	71,730
Uniform	135	-	135	411
Christmas and leavers parties	260	-	260	246
Photos	121	-	121	138
Apprenticeship Grant	-	500	500	1,500
Fundraising				
Christmas Fayre	728	-	728	1,000
Other	1,170	500	1,670	4,575
Investment				
Bank interest received	48	-	48	16
Total Income Receipts	<u>84,054</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>85,054</u>	<u>97,178</u>
EXPENDITURE PAYMENTS				
Purchases	4,849	500	5,349	7,219
Wages and salaries	60,239	500	60,739	60,757
Pensions	1,081	-	1,081	679
Staff training & welfare	50	-	50	740
Rent, rates, heat & light	11,514	-	11,514	9,903
Insurance	1,103	-	1,103	755
Repairs	999	-	999	-
PPS, Computer, Telephone, Subscriptions	2,127	-	2,127	2,597
Travel & subsistence	262	-	262	455
Advertising	298	-	298	79
Accountancy & legal	1,398	-	1,398	540
Team Building	121	-	121	450
Charitable donations	178	-	178	-
Depreciation	3,473	-	3,473	-
Total Expenditure Payments	<u>87,692</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>88,692</u>	<u>84,174</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(3,638)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,638)</u>	<u>13,004</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 JULY 2024**

		2024 £	2023 £
Accumulated fund at 1 August 2023	Note	30,563	17,559
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts and payments		(3,638)	13,004
Accumulated fund at 31 July 2024 - Unrestricted	3	<u>26,925</u>	<u>30,563</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Fixed Assets		6,926	9,965
Debtors – deposit paid for premises		1,650	1,650
Creditors – PAYE/pensions balance		(201)	(97)
Creditors – accruals		(432)	-
Cash and bank balances		18,982	19,045
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Debra Parr added the following comments:

"Debra parr"

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR & GOING CONCERN

Year ended 31 July 2023 was a much more successful year for the charity following a rebrand and move in April 2021. Plans made and established since the move came into fruition and numbers at the pre-school steadily increased and were sustained throughout the year, culminating in a healthy surplus for the charity this year. The Trustees believe that the charity has sufficient resources to continue delivering its objectives for the foreseeable future.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The YouTube channel continues to grow and now has over 420 subscribers and is embraced by the charity as a way of sharing learning and growth in conjunction with other social media platforms Twitter, Instagram and Facebook with the addition of LinkedIn to include details of employees. The pre-school continues to receive 5 star reviews from parents on Google and Facebook. The pre-school is seeking to renew its old website to better align with the social media branding.

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A staff member continued to be employed using inclusive funding from the local authority for a child with autism.

BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

FUNDING AND RESERVES POLICY

The main sources of funding come from attendance fees and from the government which are restricted funds. The government income and the apprenticeship grants are the only restricted income.

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Training for Trustees is available through the Pre-School Alliance and this is reviewed annually to ensure the Trustees' training needs are met and they have the up-to-date skills and knowledge to fulfil their role.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

**BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	2023 Un-restricted £	2023 Restricted	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
INCOME RECEIPTS				
General Charitable Activities				
Attendance fees	16,842	-	16,842	14,586
Registration fees	720	-	720	610
Government funding	-	71,730	71,730	38,806
Uniform	411	-	411	408
Christmas and leavers parties	246	-	246	151
Photos	138	-	138	48
Mother & baby group	-	-	-	523
Apprenticeship Grant	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
HMRC - CJRS	-	-	-	899
Fundraising				
Christmas Fayre	1,000	-	1,000	1,010
Other	4,575	-	4,575	2,004
Investment				
Bank interest received	16	-	16	1
Total Income Receipts	<u>23,948</u>	<u>73,230</u>	<u>97,178</u>	<u>60,546</u>
EXPENDITURE PAYMENTS				
Purchases	7,219	-	7,219	4,900
Wages and salaries	4,950	55,807	60,757	46,325
- Specific staff funding	-	-	-	-
Pensions	679	-	679	449
Staff training & welfare	1,190	-	1,190	1,177
Rent, rates, heat & light	9,903	-	9,903	9,792
Insurance	755	-	755	1,652
Repairs	-	-	-	92
PPS, Computer, Telephone, Subscriptions	2,597	-	2,597	1,890
Travel & subsistence	455	-	455	25
Advertising	79	-	79	15
Accountancy & legal	540	-	540	927
Charitable donations	-	-	-	50
Total Expenditure Payments	<u>28,367</u>	<u>55,807</u>	<u>84,174</u>	<u>67,294</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(4,419)</u>	<u>17,423</u>	<u>13,004</u>	<u>(6,748)</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of the accounts

**BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 JULY 2023**

		2023 £	2022 £
Accumulated fund at 1 August 2022	Note	17,559	24,307
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts and payments		13,004	(6,748)
Accumulated fund at 31 July 2023	3	<u>30,563</u>	<u>17,559</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Fixed Assets		9,965	9,965
Debtors – deposit paid for premises		1,650	1,650
Creditors – PAYE/pensions balance		(97)	(801)
Cash and bank balances		19,045	6,745
Total assets at 31 July 2023		<u>30,563</u>	<u>17,559</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of the accounts

BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

1. The accounts have been recorded and prepared on the receipts and payments basis.
2. For the purpose of presenting these accounts to the Charities Commission, they will be examined by a qualified external accountant who is independent from the Charity and the Trustees.
3. The charity's closing funds at 31 July 2023 are all unrestricted, with all of the incoming restricted income having been spent during the year.

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Brighter Bunnies Pre School Playgroup

England & Wales - Charity number 1045977

Accounts

Registered Charity No: 1045977

**BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

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BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

I report on the accounts of Brighter Bunnies Pre School Playgroup for the year ended 31 July 2022, which are set out on pages 5-7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) 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 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An independent 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 you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required under an audit, and consequently no audit opinion is expressed on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and can confirm that, no material matters have come to my attention which give 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 the 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.

Sara Brassington FCCA
30/05/2023

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BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR & GOING CONCERN

Year ended 31 July 2022 was a very challenging year for the charity following a rebrand and move in April 2021. Rent was significantly higher for the full year plus the addition of utilities combined with building up a new business at a new location meant that the charity had already forecast a projected loss of £800 per month to start with. Thus, this year's deficit of £6,748 was predicted and successfully managed during the period where child numbers were low.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The YouTube channel continues to grow and now has over 330 subscribers and is embraced by the charity as a way of sharing learning and growth in conjunction with other social media platforms Twitter, Instagram and Facebook with the addition of LinkedIn this year to include details of employees. The pre-school continues to receive 5 star reviews from parents on Google. It is acknowledged that this digital marketing now requires regular time being spent on it and in addition the pre-school is seeking to review and renew its old website to better align with the social media branding that has been developed during the year. This will be discussed and actioned at the next AGM

The charity held its annual Christmas fundraiser week which again was well supported. There were many sponsored activities that took place as well as a nativity and a large raffle using donations from parents and local businesses which raised £1,000.

In addition, other fundraising during the year such as commission from photos, weighing in clothes, selling old toys and clothes and a table top sale, Easter funding raised another £1,000.

A staff member continued to be employed using inclusive funding from the local authority for a child with autism.

Trustees remain the same with the addition of Charlotte Chadwick, Deputy Manager who works for the pre-school.

Three meetings were held during the year including the AGM.

Despite the loss in profit this year the charity projects that numbers are increasing and that a surplus will be recorded for 2023 year end. The pre-school is becoming well established in its new location.

BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

FUNDING AND RESERVES POLICY

The main sources of funding come from attendance fees and from the government which are restricted funds. The charity also continued to receive HMRC furlough grant income of £899 (2021: £9,494) for payments of furloughed staff wages. The government income and the apprenticeship grants are the only restricted income.

The charity sets a budget each year based on the number of children who are signed up for the sessions beginning in September. These budgets are assessed and monitored at the regular Trustee meetings and any shortfalls in funding identified. Where funding shortfalls are evident, the Trustees endeavour to obtain new sources of funding to bridge the gap or adjust spending where required.

The charity aims to keep cash reserves equivalent to a minimum of 3 months' expenditure. The Trustees consider this to be a prudent and adequate policy based on their knowledge of the charity. At the year end, cash balances represented around 1.2 months' worth of expenditure and therefore the Trustees will be attempting to keep as tight a control on costs as possible whilst also seeking to increase the charity's incoming resources. All funds in the charity bank account at the year-end were unrestricted and are available for general charitable activities. The reserves policy is monitored on a regular basis to ensure that the charity has enough reserves to continue to operate and fulfil its objectives.

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE

The Charity is governed in accordance with the Model Pre-school Constitution 2011 adopted by the Pre-school Learning Alliance dated 2 August 2016.

Trustees are personally recruited at the AGM as required and are appointed in accordance with the constitution. The Trustees meet a minimum of 3 times per annum, including at the AGM, to discuss the charity's day to day performance, deal with any issues and ensure it continues to achieve its stated objectives.

Training for Trustees is available through the Pre-School Alliance and this is reviewed annually to ensure the Trustees' training needs are met and they have the up-to-date skills and knowledge to fulfil their role.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

**TRUSTEES' REPORT CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

This report was approved by the Trustees on 30/05/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Debra Parr
(Trustee, Chair Person and nominated person for Ofsted)

Trustees Elected:
Mr Christopher David Houghton (Treasurer)
Mrs Debbie Crossley (Committee member)
Ms Charlotte Chadwick (Committee member, appt. 16/01/2023)
Mrs Margaret Johnson (Committee member)
Mrs Sandra Simm (Secretary)
Ms Debra Parr (Chair & nominated person for Ofsted)

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Westhoughton, Bolton

Charity Registration Number: 1045977

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**BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

	2022 Un-restricted £	2022 Restricted	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
INCOME RECEIPTS				
General Charitable Activities				
Attendance fees	14,586	-	14,586	11,070
Registration fees	610	-	610	205
Government funding	-	38,806	38,806	36,354
Uniform	408	-	408	239
Christmas and leavers parties	151	-	151	555
Photos	48	-	48	209
Mother & baby group	523	-	523	80
Donations	-	-	-	369
Apprenticeship Grant	-	1,500	1,500	1,157
HMRC - CJRS	899	-	899	9,494
Fundraising				
Christmas Fayre	1,010	-	1,010	1,104
Other	2,004	-	2,004	2,097
Investment				
Bank interest received	1	-	1	-
Total Income Receipts	<u>20,240</u>	<u>40,306</u>	<u>60,546</u>	<u>62,933</u>
EXPENDITURE PAYMENTS				
Purchases	4,900	-	4,900	7,203
Wages and salaries	4,950	41,375	46,325	40,704
- Specific staff funding	-	-	-	1,157
Pensions	449	-	449	405
Staff training & welfare	1,177	-	1,177	320
Rent, rates, heat & light	9,792	-	9,792	6,768
Insurance	1,652	-	1,652	964
Repairs	92	-	92	999
PPS, Computer, Telephone, Subscriptions	1,890	-	1,890	569
Cleaning	-	-	-	330
Travel & subsistence	25	-	25	139
Advertising	15	-	15	712
Accountancy & payroll	927	-	927	1,260
Sundry	-	-	-	35
Charitable donations	50	-	50	-
Total Expenditure Payments	<u>25,919</u>	<u>41,375</u>	<u>67,294</u>	<u>61,565</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(5,679)</u>	<u>(1,069)</u>	<u>(6,748)</u>	<u>1,368</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of the accounts

**BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 JULY 2022**

		2022 £	2021 £
Accumulated fund at 1 August 2021	Note	24,307	22,939
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts and payments		(6,748)	1,368
Accumulated fund at 31 July 2022	3	<u>17,559</u>	<u>24,307</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Fixed Assets		9,965	9,965
Debtors – deposit paid for premises		1,650	1,650
Creditors – PAYE balance		(801)	-
Cash and bank balances		6,745	12,692
Total assets at 31 July 2022		<u>17,559</u>	<u>24,307</u>

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BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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Brighter Bunnies Pre School Playgroup

England & Wales - Charity number 1045977

Accounts

Registered Charity No: 1045977

**BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

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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.

Sara Brassington FCCA
20/05/2022

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BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR & GOING CONCERN

The year ended 31 July 2021 was again a challenging year for the charity due to Covid-19. Its continued impact meant that prospective parents were reluctant to send new children to the pre-school when it reopened in September 2020. The charity had also previously been given notice that its old premises at the church building in Westthoughton was to be closed and therefore it was required to find new premises to operate from. The charity successfully rebranded and relocated in April/May 2021 and changed its name to Brighter Bunnies Pre School Playgroup.

The charity's new premises have brought some operational concerns in that the rent is much higher than the old premises and it is charged for the full year when previously the charity was only charged for the 38 weeks it was open. Utility costs have also increased considerably in the new financial year and therefore the charity has been incurring a deficit of around £800 a month for a short period of time which has been funded out of existing cash reserves. April 2022 showed a break-even position but the Trustees expect that 2022 will likely show an overall deficit. A significant positive is forecast attendance for September 2022 shows a marked improvement with 18 children a day projected to be attending as opposed to only 6 in September 21. The Trustees are continuing to monitor the funding position closely and are seeking to keep a close control of costs whilst actively looking for ways to increase the charity's income through grants, donations and fundraising activities.

Despite the issues noted above, the charity recorded another small surplus and cash reserves remained stable thanks to the furlough scheme and higher government and attendance fee income. The Trustees are happy with the 2021 results overall and are satisfied that the charity has access to more than enough funds to continue to operate and fulfil its objectives for at least 12 months from signing the balance sheet.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The YouTube channel set up in March 2020 to keep in touch with parents and to help support them during lockdown now has almost 150 subscribers and 300 videos. The success of the channel has helped the charity to embrace digital marketing and it has now

developed a strong online presence across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Google Business with more than 20 5-star reviews of the pre school. Whilst traditional advertising via leaflets and adverts in community publications has continued to be utilised, the Trustees recognise that digital marketing is now a key way of promoting the charity's activities moving forward. The Trustees would like to thank the charity's employees for their help in regard to the digital marketing efforts.

BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

The charity held its annual Christmas fundraiser week which once again was well supported. There were many sponsored activities that took place as well as a nativity and a large raffle using donations from parents and local businesses. All in all, the event raised £1,100.

In addition, other fundraising took place in the form of photo commission, weighing in clothes, selling toys and resources from the old church premises prior to the move and a donation from Arnold Clarke. £700 was made from the sale of the old toys and resources and overall, these activities took in £2,500. The cost of manning the above was covered by employees, families, Trustees and parents with the only cash cost being the provision of food and refreshments for the volunteers. The Trustees would like to thank all those who volunteered their time.

For the second year running a staff member was employed using inclusive funding from the local authority for a child with autism and, as part of the charity's commitment to employee's personal growth and development, further training courses were run to help strengthen and enhance their skills.

FUNDING AND RESERVES POLICY

The main sources of funding come from attendance fees and from the government which is restricted funds. The charity also continued receive HMRC furlough grant income of £9,494 (2020: £7,726) for payments of furloughed staff wages. The government income and the apprenticeship grants are the only restricted income.

The charity sets a budget each year based on the number of children who are signed up for the sessions beginning in September. These budgets are assessed and monitored at the regular Trustee meetings and any shortfalls in funding identified. Where funding shortfalls are evident, the Trustees endeavour to obtain new sources of funding to bridge the gap.

The charity aims to keep cash reserves equivalent to a minimum of 3 months' expenditure. The Trustees consider this to be a prudent and adequate policy based on their knowledge of the charity. At the year end, cash balances represented around 2.5 months' worth of expenditure and therefore the Trustees will be attempting to keep as tight a control on costs as possible whilst also seeking to increase the charity's incoming resources. All funds in the charity bank account at the year-end were unrestricted and are available for general charitable activities. The reserves policy is monitored on a regular basis to ensure that the charity has enough reserves to continue to operate and fulfil its objectives.

COVID-19

The impact of Covid-19 is not as significant as it was at the end of 2020 and the charity has already made the necessary adjustments in order to mitigate the challenges and changes it presented. The trustees continue to monitor the position with regard to Covid-19 including

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**BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

	2021 Un- restricted £	2021 Restrict ed	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
INCOME RECEIPTS				
General				
Charitable				
Activities				
Attendance fees	11,070	-	11,070	6,459
Registration fees	205	-	205	330
Government funding	-	36,354	36,354	31,230
Uniform	239	-	125	125

Football	-	-	-	533
Christmas and leavers parties	555	-	555	315
Photos	209	-	209	74
Mother & baby group	80	-	80	296
Donations	369	-	369	-
Apprenticeship Grant	-	1,157	1,157	-
HMRC - CJRS	9,494	-	9,494	7,726
Fundraising				
Christmas Fayre	1,104	-	1,104	1,133
Other	2,097	-	2,097	3,874
Investment				
Bank interest received	-	-	-	8
Total Income Receipts	25,422	37,511	62,933	52,103
EXPENDITURE PAYMENTS				
Purchases	7,203	-	7,203	3,295
Wages and salaries	4,350	36,354	40,704	37,178
- Specific staff funding	-	1,157	1,157	1,385
Pensions	405	-	405	982
Staff training	320	-	320	594
Rent	6,768	-	6,768	1,710
Insurance	964	-	964	619
Repairs	999	-	999	450
PPS, Computer, Telephone	569	-	569	1,192
Cleaning	330	-	330	94
Travel & subsistence	139	-	139	150
Advertising	712	-	712	255
Accountancy & payroll	1,260	-	1,260	852
Sundry	35	-	35	564
Charitable donations	-	-	-	60
Total Expenditure Payments	24,054	37,511	61,565	49,380
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	1,368	-	1,368	2,723

**The notes on page 7 form part of the accounts
BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 JULY 2021**

		2021 £	2020 £
Accumulated fund at 1 August 2020	Note	22,939	20,216
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts and payments		1,368	2,723

Accumulated fund at 31 July 2021	3	<u>24,307</u>	<u>22,939</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Fixed Assets		9,965	9,965
Debtors - deposit paid for premises		1,650	-
Cash and bank balances		12,692	12,974
Total assets at 31 July 2021		<u>24,307</u>	<u>22,939</u>

**The notes on page 7 form part of the accounts
BRIGHTER BUNNIES PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

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Brighter Bunnies Pre School Playgroup

England & Wales - Charity number 1045977

Accounts

Registered Charity No: 1045977

**DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

**EKW GROUP
1 Pavilion Square
Cricketers Way
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**DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

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DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

I report on the accounts of Daisy Hill Pre School Playgroup for the year ended 31 July 2020, which are set out on pages 5-7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) 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 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An independent 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 you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required under an audit, and consequently no audit opinion is expressed on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2020.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and can confirm that, no material matters have come to my attention which give 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 the 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.

Sara Brassington FCCA
28 May 2021

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DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR & GOING CONCERN

The year ended 31 July 2020 was again a challenging year for the charity especially due to Covid-19. A small surplus has been recorded for this year but the government and general income for attendance fees was lower due to lockdowns. The reduction in incoming funds was offset by control over the costs and tightening back where able. The cash reserves have improved which is due to government grants that were provided. The Trustees are very pleased with the way the charity has been able to overcome a difficult year and are satisfied that it has access to more than enough funds to continue to operate and fulfil its objectives for at least 12 months from signing the balance sheet.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The charity held its annual Christmas fundraiser week which once again was well supported. During the week there were many sponsored activities that took place including a dance off, penalty shoot-outs, singing in Sainsbury's, a raffle as well as a tea and coffee morning with a nativity performance in the church hall. The event raised just over £1,100 which the Trustees were very pleased with.

The pre-school closed on 20th March 2020 for lockdown and did not re-open as the parents did not wish their children to come back during the summer term despite the government allowing them to re-open. The trustees are very proud of the way they staff, parents and children have responded to the challenges of this year.

Before the Covid-19 restrictions, the charity continued to work with Football 1st Academy to provide football coaching for the children on a weekly basis up to the end of February 2020. It is pleasing to see that this benefited the physical development of the children. Despite the scheme not being able to operate weekly at the pre-school, in order to continue benefiting the children, the staff volunteered to create a YouTube channel with their newly designed logo and new name 'Brighter Bunnies', with over 100 educational videos, including fitness, singing and story time. They also set up a WhatsApp parents group which enabled them to continue to support and keep in touch with parents and children. The charity also carried out assessments and individual learning planners for all children along with providing resources to support parents with home learning.

DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

Last year the charity started a mother, baby and toddler group on Wednesday afternoons to let people in the area know where it is and to help recruit new children. This was well attended with some families attending every week. The Trustees continued the group up to the end of February 2020.

As part of their commitment to employer's personal growth and development they have received several training courses over the year to strengthen and enhance their skills and development. They also employed a staff member with the inclusive funding from the local authority to support their children with special educational needs.

The Pre-School's future at their current premises was unsustainable in the long term due to the Covid pandemic and the uncertainty of the future of the church so they have relocated to a nearby building which was used until very recently as a kids before and after school and holiday club which is in a much more prominent location in the town and next door to a local primary school. The trustees are hopeful that the new location combined with rebranding and renaming the Pre School to "Brighter Bunnies" will attract more new children and families. The Pre School has looked to mitigate an operational risk by relocating to the new premises under a 5 year lease.

FUNDING AND RESERVES POLICY

The main sources of funding comes from attendance fees and from the government which is restricted funds. This year the charity also received HMRC furlough grant income of £7,726 for payments of furloughed staff wages. The government income is the only restricted income.

The charity sets a budget each year based on the number of children who are signed up for the sessions beginning in September, after the summer holidays. These budgets are assessed and monitored at the regular Trustee meetings and any shortfalls in funding identified. Where funding shortfalls are evident, the Trustees endeavour to obtain new sources of funding to bridge the gap.

The charity aims to keep cash reserves equivalent to a minimum of 3 month's expenditure. The Trustees consider this to be a prudent and adequate policy based on their knowledge of the charity. At the year end, cash balances represented between 3 and 4 months' worth of expenditure. All funds in the charity bank account at the year-end were unrestricted and are available for general charitable activities. The reserves policy is monitored on a regular basis to ensure that the charity has enough reserves to continue to operate and fulfil its objectives.

COVID-19

The Covid-19 virus has made a big impact on the charity, however they have made the necessary adjustments in order to overcome the challenges and changes needed. It has in fact helped them achieve projects they may not have completed before, such as creating a YouTube channel for the children and parents who will be able to benefit even when the restrictions are eased. The trustees remain cautious following the guidelines in order to keep the children and staff safe in the school premises. The Pre School management were also able to secure the finances of the charity by negotiating significant rent reductions, undertaking fundraising; and investing in making the Pre School environment Covid safe, through providing new cleaning tools, resources and implementing new procedures.

**DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
TRUSTEES' REPORT CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE

The Charity is governed in accordance with the Model Pre-school Constitution 2011 adopted by the Pre-school Learning Alliance dated 2 August 2016.

Trustees are personally recruited at the AGM as required and are appointed in accordance with the constitution. The Trustees meet a minimum of 3 times per annum including a virtual meeting in May 2020. As well as at the AGM to discuss the charity's day to day performance, deal with any issues and ensure it continues to achieve its stated objectives.

Training for Trustees is available through the Pre-School Alliance and this is reviewed annually to ensure the Trustees' training needs are met and they have the up to date skills and knowledge to fulfil their role.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 28 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by Debra Parr (Chair Person and nominated person for Ofsted)

Debra Parr
Trustee

Trustees Elected:

- Mr Christopher David Houghton (Treasurer)**
- Mr Christopher Richard Hickey (Committee member)**
- Mrs Audrey Ashton (Committee member)**
- Margaret Johnson (Committee member)**
- Mrs Sandra Simm (Secretary)**
- Ms Debra Parr (Chair & nominated person for Ofsted)**

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Westhoughton, Bolton

Charity Registration Number: 1045977

Principal Address: Westhoughton United Reformed Church
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**DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

	2020 Un-restricted £	2020 Restricted	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
INCOME RECEIPTS				
General Charitable Activities				
Attendance fees	6,459	-	6,459	13,518
Registration fees	330	-	330	510
Government funding	-	31,230	31,230	25,826
Uniform	125	-	125	92
Football	533	-	533	639
Christmas cards & leavers party	315	-	315	345
Photos	74	-	74	143
Mother & baby group	296	-	296	284
Big Lottery grant	-	-	-	5,420
HMRC - CJRS	7,726	-	7,726	-
Fundraising				
Christmas Fayre	1,133	-	1,133	1,108
Other	3,874	-	3,874	1,154
Investment				
Bank interest received	8	-	8	-
Total Income Receipts	<u>20,873</u>	<u>31,230</u>	<u>52,103</u>	<u>49,039</u>
EXPENDITURE PAYMENTS				
Purchases	3,295	-	3,295	5,247
Wages and salaries	7,333	29,845	37,178	38,325
- Specific staff funding	-	1,385	1,385	-
Pensions	982	-	982	-
Staff training	594	-	594	-
Rent	1,710	-	1,710	8,613
Insurance	619	-	619	611
Repairs	450	-	450	1,888
Printing, postage & stationery	1,192	-	1,192	1,189
Cleaning	94	-	94	131
Travel & subsistence	150	-	150	145
Advertising	255	-	255	937
Accountancy	852	-	852	-
Sundry	564	-	564	1,128
Charitable donations	60	-	60	-
Total Expenditure Payments	<u>18,150</u>	<u>31,230</u>	<u>49,380</u>	<u>58,214</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>2,723</u>	=	<u>2,723</u>	<u>(9,175)</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of the accounts

**DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 JULY 2020**

		2020 £	2019 £
Accumulated fund at 1 August 2019	Note	20,216	29,391
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts and payments		<u>2,723</u>	<u>(9,175)</u>
Accumulated fund at 31 July 2020	3	<u>22,939</u>	<u>20,216</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Fixed Assets		9,965	9,965
Cash and bank balances		12,974	10,251
Total assets at 31 July 2020		<u>22,939</u>	<u>20,216</u>

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DAISY HILL PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

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