

## Pitshanger Playcentre 2024

The Playcentre is run by a committee of Parents/Carers who attend the Playcentre. The roles include Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraiser and general committee members.

We employ a manager to run the centre and have one lady who comes in for an hour to sing at our singing sessions once a week and have part time help when needed by volunteers. We especially welcome young volunteers and this is an important role in our local community.

The Playcentre is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and adopts its constitution.

We are open all year round and run play sessions for parents/carers to enjoy with their children. We are open every morning and afternoon in the summer and every morning and Wednesday afternoon in winter.

We cater for children eight and under in the school holidays and five and under during term time. We offer parents/carers support and advice in the sometimes-difficult task of raising children. We provide a safe, clean, stimulating environment for children to play with lots of toys both inside and outside which parents/carers can enjoy playing with their children.

We especially welcome families new to our community often with English as a second language and offer support while they settle into London life. We are often the first place they visit as locals always recommend visiting us. We can then offer advice and support and refer them to local services if needed.

We support local registered childminders and nannies in the area. We work with and are supported by our local Community Association who recognise our vital role within our community.

We held two Saturday play sessions which our families loved. It provided an opportunity for parents that are working during the week to attend with their children.

In the coming year we will offer badly needed support to families with young children. We hope to continue getting support from local business and work with other local community groups. We hope to have more music events in the Playcentre.

Our committee is as follows:

• Chair Jill Harvey • Treasurer Louise Woodward • Secretary Marie Jones

Other members: • Amanda Wakefield • Roisin Doheny • Lucinda Waite

Pitshanger Community Playcentre
Charity Number 1047674
Accounts for the period 1st Jan 2024 to 31st Dec 2024

Statement of receipts and payments	This Year				Last Year
	Year to 31 Dec 2024				2023
	£ Restricted	£ Designated	£ Unrestricted	£ Total	£ Total
Income					
Fees			17,761.29	17,761.29	17,748.77
Donations			2,498.50	2,498.50	2,842.64
Grants	1,600.00		0.00	1,600.00	0.00
Parties			4,855.00	4,855.00	4,580.00
Fundraising events			384.87	384.87	963.01
Total	1,600.00	0.00	25,499.66	27,099.66	26,134.42
Expenditure					
Wages			14,794.00	14,794.00	14,950.00
Cash Wages	430.00		2,010.00	2,440.00	3,150.00
Professional Fees			278.84	278.84	450.70
Tax and NI			1,172.38	1,172.38	1,411.70
Pension			847.29	847.29	739.63
Rent			3,623.91	3,623.91	7,333.38
Electricity			1,165.39	1,165.39	1,612.00
Telecoms			369.07	369.07	309.93
Sundries/food			660.49	660.49	557.41
Art, craft and activity Supplies	143.21		361.44	504.65	523.79
Equipment and toys			47.27	47.27	592.74
Fundraising expenses			22.26	22.26	256.48
Maintenance and repairs			629.05	629.05	352.31
Insurance			322.68	322.68	446.87
Total	573.21	0.00	26,304.07	26,877.28	32,686.94
Net Income / (Spend)	1,026.79	0.00	(804.41)	222.38	(6,552.52)

Statement of Assets and Liabilites

Funds held

	Opening Balance	Received in Year	Spent in year	Closing Balance	
General Funds	5696.16	25,499.66	(26,304.07)	4,891.75	
Restricted Funds					
Amara's Fund	783.99	0.00	0.00	783.99	Note 1
PCA Grant for Crafts	0.00	500.00	(143.21)	356.79	Note 2
PCA Grant for Judit - singing	0.00	1,000.00	(430.00)	570.00	Note 2
PCA Grant for Jody - performing	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	Note 2
	783.99	1,600.00	(573.21)	1,810.78	
Total Funds	6,480.15	27,099.66	(26,877.28)	6,702.53	

Represented by

	Opening Balance	Movement in year	Closing Balance
Bank and cash			
Lloyds Bank account	6383.98	212.63	6,596.61
PayPal	8.79	3.17	11.96
Cash held	87.38	6.58	93.96
	6,480.15	222.38	6,702.53

- Note 1

There is no spending from Amara's fund in the year, so the balance of £783.99 is unchanged since the end of 2024.
- Note 2

The Pitshanger Community Association made a grant of £1,600 to the Playcentre in the year, of this £1,000 is to be spent on the singing sessions with Judit, £500 on craft material and £100 on a music session with Jody. We have spent £573.21 in the year and will carry forward the remaining £1026.79 to spend in 2025.
- Note 3

Ealing Coucil have withdrawn the subsidy which the Playcentre has always had, effectively doubling its rent in real terms, however, we overpaid last year (2023) and a credit brought forward into 2024, the rental cost will be £8000 per year from 2025 onwards.



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

PITSHANGER COMMUNITY PLAY CENTRE

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/12/2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1047674

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 (the Charities Act) 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 Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) 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 Charity 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 (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:**

29/9/2025

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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