

UPTON ST LEONARDS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1053965

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-03-22

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CARE AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE AND ALSO OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY (VOLUNTARY MANAGED) GROUPS AND BY; (A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY FACILITIES AND TRAINING COURSES, 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 AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;(B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF SUCH NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREA;(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF PATA

Activities: A community based Playgroup and Pre School for young children ages 2 to 4 years old.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £163,000 | £172,000 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £147,276 | £137,737 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £145,032 | £119,748 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £135,646 | £111,586 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £92,003 | £83,470 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------|-------|------------|
| Katy Kear | Chair | 2020-07-01 |
| Lucy Creswell | | 2019-10-01 |
| Sadie Trout | | 2020-07-01 |

UPTON ST LEONARDS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1053965

Accounts



Upton St Leonards Playgroup
& Preschool

10th September 2025

Upton St Leonards Playgroup & Preschool

Treasurers Report

The setting has had another positive financial year in 2024/25, reporting a gross profit of £133k, an increase of £8k compared to 2023/24. However, significant investment was made in landscaping and maintenance during the year, with total costs of £46k. After accounting for these works, the setting reported an overall loss of £38k at year end. Excluding these one-off costs, the underlying financial performance remains in line with the previous year.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2024/25 was £172k, up from £116k in the previous year. Key investments included:

- £41k spent with LPS Landscaping Solutions
- £5.6k spent with Educational Play Environments

These works delivered improvements such as:

- A new trim trail
- A digging pit
- Installation of outdoor barriers

The setting also continued to invest in enrichment activities from external providers, including *Robot Reg Phonics* and *Croc n Roll* music sessions. Families made voluntary contributions towards Forest School sessions, with the remainder funded by the setting. Given the substantial investment in outdoor space, it is proposed that the setting funds training and resources for nominated staff in 2025/26 to deliver Forest School provision in-house.

Income

Overall income increased to £162k (from £147k in 2023/24), largely due to:

- A rise in the number of children attending
- Changes to government funding
- A modest uplift in the local authority hourly funding rate
- A fee increase to £6.75 per hour, the first in over five years, and still aligned with local providers



Upton St Leonards Playgroup
& Preschool

The expansion of the *Free Childcare for Working Parents Scheme* resulted in a significant rise in funded places. In 2024/25, the setting received £29k more in funded income than the previous year and an additional £15k in fee income.

Staffing and Operational Costs

Increases in the National Living Wage and National Insurance contributions contributed to a £14k rise in staff costs. Management wages were also uplifted in line with NLW growth. There was no staff turnover during the year, but a new zero-hours contract was issued to support absence cover and busier periods alongside the individual's further education commitments.

Rent increased by only £1k, with Village Hall trustees applying a minimal uplift, as utility costs remained manageable.

Cash Position and Reserves

At the point of preparing the accounts, the setting held £54k in cash, including £35k in reserves.

Fundraising

As in 2023/24, fundraising activities were intentionally reduced due to ongoing financial stability. Approximately £1k was raised through two sponsored events and a community Halloween disco. For 2025/26, it is proposed that a fundraising schedule is developed in collaboration with a parent/carer fundraising group, recognising the ongoing challenges in recruiting additional committee members.

Outlook for 2025/26

The setting enters the 2025/26 financial year in a strong position and continues to work towards maintaining a £25k contingency. Planned works for the year include replacing the patio and awning to create an improved all-weather outdoor space. Trustees and management will continue to liaise with the Village Hall trustees regarding cost-sharing arrangements in line with tenancy responsibilities and building maintenance obligations



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Upton St Leonards Playgroup

On accounts for the year ended

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| 31 st March 2025 | Charity no (if any) | 1053965 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|

Set out on pages

(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 31/03/2024.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives 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 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.

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Signed:  **Date:** 26/10/2025

Name: Laura Pitt

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

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Upton St Leonards Playgroup
Unaudited Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Upton St Leonards Playgroup

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Year ended 31 March 2025

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GL4 5UA
United Kingdom

Date: 26 October 2025

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Profit and Loss Account

Year ended 31 March 2025

| | | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Note | | |
| Turnover | 2 | 162,169 | 147,276 |
| Cost of sales | 2 | 28,857 | 22,120 |
| Gross profit | | <u>133,312</u> | <u>125,156</u> |
| Expenditure | 2 | | |
| Premises costs | | 14,387 | 12,684 |
| Staff costs | | 115,397 | 101,921 |
| Office costs | | 437 | 628 |
| Legal and professional | | 234 | - |
| Repairs and maintenance | | 40,556 | - |
| General expenses | | 1,041 | 300 |
| Finance charges | | (361) | 84 |
| | | <u>171,691</u> | <u>115,617</u> |
| (Loss)/profit for the year | | <u>(38,379)</u> | <u>9,539</u> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Balance Sheet

31 March 2025

| | | 2025 | 2024 |
|----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Note | | |
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 3 | 2,976 | 2,976 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 4 | 189 | 1,842 |
| Cash at bank | | 53,906 | 90,209 |
| | | <u>54,095</u> | <u>92,051</u> |
| Current liabilities | 5 | (4,040) | (3,617) |
| Net current assets | | <u>50,055</u> | <u>88,434</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>53,031</u> | <u>91,410</u> |
| Financed by: | | | |
| Capital account | 6 | <u>53,031</u> | <u>91,410</u> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

BASIS OF PREPARATION

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TANGIBLE ASSETS

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2 Profit and loss account analysis

TURNOVER

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Nursery Education Funding | 139,397 | 110,394 |
| Childrens fees | 19,756 | 34,989 |
| Fundraising | 1,073 | 1,515 |
| Other receipts | 1,943 | 378 |
| | <u>162,169</u> | <u>147,276</u> |

COST OF SALES

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Materials | 23,258 | 22,120 |
| Other direct costs | 5,599 | - |
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Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2025

EXPENDITURE

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| Repairs and maintenance | | |
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| General expenses | | |
| Training costs | 912 | 300 |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2025

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| General insurance | 78 | - |
| Sundry expenses | 51 | - |
| | <u>1,041</u> | <u>300</u> |

| | 2025 | 2024 |
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| Finance charges | | |
| Bank charges | 88 | 84 |
| Other finance charges | (449) | - |
| | <u>(361)</u> | <u>84</u> |

3 Tangible assets

| | Fixtures and fittings |
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| | £ |
| Cost | |
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| Depreciation | |
| At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 | <u>-</u> |
| Net book value | |
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| At 31 March 2024 | <u>2,976</u> |

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2025

4 Debtors

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------|------|-------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade debtors | 189 | 1,842 |

5 Current liabilities

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | 4,040 | 3,617 |

6 Capital account

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| At 1 April 2024 | 91,410 | 81,871 |
| Net (loss)/profit for the year | (38,379) | 9,539 |
| At 31 March 2025 | 53,031 | 91,410 |



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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Upton St Leonards Playgroup

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Year ended 31 March 2025

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Accounts



Upton St Leonards Playgroup
& Preschool

14th October 2024

Upton St Leonards Playgroup & Preschool AGM

Treasurers Report

The setting has had another sound year financially in 2023/24, building on a continued year on year profit, but reporting a reduced overall net profit in 23/24 of £9.5k (compared to £25k in 22/23.) This is driven by a sustained increase in staff costs as result of a significant rise in National Living Wage and NI and pension contributions. Staff numbers remain the same with no current vacancies.

Numbers remain fairly static across playgroup and preschool, although playgroup has capacity to increase numbers due to use of Annex space. There was slight reduction in EYFS funding from GCC but negated by slightly higher income from fees. The setting also noted a reduction in deprivation and SEN funding from GCC reflective of the current playgroup/preschool cohort needs. The setting anticipates this will change from 24/25 as the EYFS funding will be more accessible to more families. The committee had agreed to retain fees at current levels during 23/24 but would look to review in 24/25 should the National Living Wage etc continue to rise at similar levels.

Overall expenditure, other than staffing, has remained broadly in line with 22/23, with a slight increase in cost of materials. Rent has slightly increased this year given the increased number of sessions in the annex building and a minimal uplift in the hourly rate because of utility bill increases.

There has been a noted reduction in fundraising, but this was due to planned reduction in activities in 23/24 given the success of previous years and continued financial stability. The setting completed 2 fundraising sponsored events which raised £1.5k. It is proposed a fundraising schedule is developed with a parent/carer fundraising group for the 24/25 academic year, as the setting plans to spend a proportion of the current fundraising savings on the implementation of the Forest School, Trim Trail and Digging Pit areas which will cost circa £30k. This proposal has been supported by the village hall trustees in principal and they have also suggested a contribution towards the cost of the replacement fencing and gates.

At the time of the accounts being prepared the setting had £92k cash at the bank, across both the current and savings account – with approx. £35k in the savings account.

The Treasurer notes that the insurance cost for 23/24 was coded in Quickbooks incorrectly at the time of preparing the accounts and the cost (£500) was included within the overall direct expenses. This is a slight increase in cost due to additional cover being added to the policy for trustee liability cover.



**Upton St Leonards Playgroup
& Preschool**

The setting looks to be going into 24/25 financial year in a strong position, noting that the setting continues to save profits to ensure we have £25k contingency in the bank, as per the constitution, but rising staff costs have started to become a pressure. The setting is considering restructuring its playgroup and preschool offer in 24/25, which will reduce playgroup sessions, but increase preschool sessions, which are often near capacity and are mostly attended by children funded by EYFS government funding. This will be undertaken within current staffing roles but may impact work patterns and potentially incur some additional costs that should be mitigated by additional funding income.

Upton St Leonards Playgroup
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Profit and Loss Account

Year ended 31 March 2024

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|----------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Note | | |
| Turnover | 2 | 147,276 | 145,032 |
| Cost of sales | 2 | 22,120 | 20,248 |
| Gross profit | | <u>125,156</u> | <u>124,784</u> |
| Expenditure | 2 | | |
| Premises costs | | 12,684 | 12,058 |
| Staff costs | | 101,921 | 85,479 |
| Office costs | | 628 | 838 |
| General expenses | | 300 | 1,009 |
| Finance charges | | 84 | 116 |
| | | <u>115,617</u> | <u>99,500</u> |
| Profit for the year | | <u>9,539</u> | <u>25,284</u> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

| | | 2024 | 2023 |
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| Fundraising | 1,515 | 2,242 |
| Other receipts | 378 | 111 |
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COST OF SALES

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Materials | <u>22,120</u> | <u>20,248</u> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2024

EXPENDITURE

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Premises costs | | |
| Rent | 12,684 | 12,058 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
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| Wages and salaries | 101,921 | 85,479 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Office costs | | |
| Administration costs | 628 | 838 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| General expenses | | |
| Training costs | 300 | 703 |
| General insurance | - | 306 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| | 300 | 1,009 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Finance charges | | |
| Bank charges | 84 | 116 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2024

3 Tangible assets

| | Fixtures and fittings £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cost | |
| At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 | 2,976 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Depreciation | |
| At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 | - |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 March 2024 | 2,976 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| At 31 March 2023 | 2,976 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

4 Debtors

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade debtors | 1,842 | - |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

5 Current liabilities

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | 3,617 | 3,770 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2024

6 Capital account

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| At 1 April 2023 | 81,871 | 56,587 |
| Net profit for the year | 9,539 | 25,284 |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>91,410</u> | <u>81,871</u> |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Upton St Leonards Playgroup

On accounts for the year ended

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| 31 st March 2024 | Charity no (if any) | 1053965 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|

Set out on pages

(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 31/03/2024.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives 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 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

Gloucester, GL4 5UA

Section B

Disclosure

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UPTON ST LEONARDS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1053965

Accounts



Upton St Leonards Playgroup
& Preschool

13th August 2023

Upton St Leonards Playgroup & Preschool AGM

Treasurers Report

The setting has had another great year financially in 2022/23, building on a continued year on year increase in profits since the Covid pandemic, reporting a £25k net profit, up £1k from 2021/22.

Expenditure is slightly higher in 22/23 driven by the investment in resources and new equipment at the setting, this has included investment in outdoor play equipment, new toy and resource storage and commencing external EYFS organisations providing additional opportunities within the setting i.e., Boogie Babies, Forest School. Additionally with support of a Levelling Up Grant awarded to the trustees of the USL Village Hall the setting financially supported the refurbishment of the children's bathroom space and changing facilities.

Income has increased as the setting has more registered children than previous years and there have been more children receiving additional SEN associated funding and an increase in deprivation funding. Funding via playgroup and preschool fees has remained static, as although overall numbers have increased, the number of children paying fees is the same as the previous year. The increase in income has therefore arisen from the increase in number of children accessing 2- and 3-year funding via GCC. The setting decided to keep setting fees at £6 per hour in 22/23, but GCC increased the hourly rate, although this was lower than the national uplift delegated to local authorities for distribution to local settings. There is an expectation that fee income will continue to remain static or slightly decrease in 23/24 and funded GCC income will increase given the proposed changes to government childcare funding.

Rent has slightly increased this year given the increased number of sessions in the annex building. The village hall trustees have not passed on any additional utility costs in year but is expected during 23/24.

Staff costs have increased by £6k driven by an uplift in wages in line with the national living wage and additional hours picked up by staff across both playgroup and preschool as it was decided not to recruit the preschool vacancy and cover the hours internally by staffing working across sessions.

There has been a noted reduction in fundraising, but this was due to planned reduction in activities in 22/23 given the success of the previous year and continued financial stability. The setting completed 3 fundraising sponsored events which raised £3k. It is proposed a fundraising schedule is developed with a parent/carer fundraising group for the 23/24 academic year.



**Upton St Leonards Playgroup
& Preschool**

At the time of the accounts being prepared the setting had £83k cash at the bank, across both the current and savings account. £10k was transferred to the savings account, bringing the total to £35k in savings.

The setting looks to be going into 23/24 financial year in a strong position, noting that the setting continues to save profits to ensure we have £25k contingency in the bank, as per the constitution and we continue to look to fund an outside Forest School extension and refurbishment and replacement fencing for our outside spaces, with the support of the village hall trustees.

Upton St Leonards Playgroup
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Brothertons Accountants Ltd

Commercial House, 2 Abbeymead Avenue, GLOUCESTER,
Gloucestershire, GL4 5UA, United Kingdom

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Report to the proprietor on the preparation of the unaudited accounts of
Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Year ended 31 March 2023

In accordance with your instructions, I have compiled the accounts on the following pages from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to me.

I have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently I do not, therefore, express any opinion on the accounts.

Brothertons Accountants Ltd

Commercial House
2 Abbeymead Avenue
GLOUCESTER
Gloucestershire
GL4 5UA
United Kingdom

Date: 15 September 2023

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Profit and Loss Account

Year ended 31 March 2023

| | | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Note | | |
| Turnover | 2 | 145,032 | 135,646 |
| Cost of sales | 2 | 20,248 | 19,483 |
| Gross profit | | <u>124,784</u> | <u>116,163</u> |
| Expenditure | 2 | | |
| Premises costs | | 12,058 | 11,618 |
| Staff costs | | 85,479 | 78,988 |
| Office costs | | 838 | 387 |
| General expenses | | 1,009 | 979 |
| Finance charges | | 116 | 132 |
| | | <u>99,500</u> | <u>92,104</u> |
| Profit for the year | | <u><u>25,284</u></u> | <u><u>24,059</u></u> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Balance Sheet

31 March 2023

| | | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Note | | |
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 3 | 2,976 | 2,976 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 4 | - | 746 |
| Cash at bank | | 82,665 | 56,659 |
| | | <u>82,665</u> | <u>57,405</u> |
| Current liabilities | 5 | (3,770) | (3,794) |
| Net current assets | | <u>78,895</u> | <u>53,611</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>81,871</u> | <u>56,587</u> |
| Financed by: | | | |
| Capital account | 6 | <u>81,871</u> | <u>56,587</u> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost basis and on a basis which enables the profits to be calculated in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

TANGIBLE ASSETS

Tangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset.

2 Profit and loss account analysis

TURNOVER

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Nursery Education Funding | 112,480 | 92,238 |
| Childrens fees | 30,199 | 30,187 |
| Grants | - | 4,600 |
| Fundraising | 2,242 | 5,701 |
| Other receipts | 111 | 2,920 |
| | <u>145,032</u> | <u>135,646</u> |

COST OF SALES

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Materials | <u>20,248</u> | <u>19,483</u> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

EXPENDITURE

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Premises costs | | |
| Rent | 12,058 | 11,618 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Staff costs | | |
| Wages and salaries | 85,479 | 78,988 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Office costs | | |
| Administration costs | 838 | 387 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| General expenses | | |
| Training costs | 703 | 675 |
| General insurance | 306 | 304 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| | 1,009 | 979 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Finance charges | | |
| Bank charges | 116 | 132 |
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Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

3 Tangible assets

| | Fixtures and fittings £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cost | |
| At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 | 2,976 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Depreciation | |
| At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 | - |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 March 2023 | 2,976 |
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| At 31 March 2022 | 2,976 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

4 Debtors

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade debtors | - | 746 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

5 Current liabilities

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | 3,770 | 3,794 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

6 Capital account

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| At 1 April 2022 | 56,587 | 32,528 |
| Net profit for the year | 25,284 | 24,059 |
| At 31 March 2023 | <u>81,871</u> | <u>56,587</u> |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Upton St Leonards Playgroup

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no (if any) 1053965

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 15/09/2023

Name: Laura Pitt

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

FCCA

(if any):

Address:

Section B

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UPTON ST LEONARDS PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1053965

Accounts



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

UPTON ST LEONARDS PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2021

Charity no (if any)

1053965

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

21/7/21

Name:

LAURA PITT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ACCA

(if any):

Address:

BROTHERTONS ACCOUNTANTS
2 COMMERCIAL HOUSE, ABBEYMEAD AVENUE,
GLOUCESTER, GL4 5UA.

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Upton St Leonards Playgroup

Charity Number: 1053965

| Period Start Date | 01/04/2020 | 31/03/2021 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| RECEIPTS | Previous Year | Current Year |
| | £ | £ |
| Nursery Education Funding | 69,907.25 | 63,144.93 |
| Childrens Fees | 14,328.06 | 18,545.62 |
| Grants | | 3,000.00 |
| Deprivation Grants | 1,737.95 | |
| Furlough Scheme | | 2,875.39 |
| Fundraising | 3,807.87 | 2,660.16 |
| Milk Refund | 21.50 | 28.42 |
| Other Receipts | 2,872.54 | 1,747.55 |
| Interest | | 1.04 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 92,675.17 | 92,003.11 |

| PAYMENTS | Previous Year | Current Year |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Employment Costs | 70,398.60 | 67,567.30 |
| Premises Costs - Rent | 13,114.35 | 8,523.90 |
| Insurance | 480.91 | 541.75 |
| Training Costs | 661.50 | 97.50 |
| Administration | 621.34 | 241.05 |
| Consumables | 9,226.89 | 6,498.83 |
| Sundries | | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 94,503.59 | 83,470.33 |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS | - | 1,828.42 | 8,532.78 |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Cash funds last year end | 23,074.43 | 21,246.01 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash funds this year end | 21,246.01 | 29,778.79 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

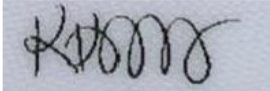
| | £ |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Bank Accounts and Cash | 30,177.43 |
| Debtors | 2,300.00 |
| Liabilitues | 3,673.25 |
| NET CASH RESERVES | 28,804.18 |
| Value of Buildings and Equipment | 2,976.00 |

NET ASSETS

31,780.18

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Katy Kear
Chair
07/07/2021

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Upton St Leonards Playgroup and Pre school AGM 2021

8th July 2021, 7pm, held via Zoom

Attendees

| Name | Role |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chantelle Martin (CM) | Playgroup Manager/Staff Rep |
| Debbie Hardy (DH) | Playgroup Deputy Manager/Staff Rep |
| Katy Kear (KK) | Committee Member - Chair |
| Sadie Trout (ST) | Committee Member – Treasurer |
| Lucy Cresswell (LC) | Committee Member - Secretary |

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Financial reports- by Sadie Trout
3. Chair report- by Katy Kear
4. Committee voting
5. Any other business
6. Meeting close

1. Welcome and Introductions

KK opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. She noted that the purpose of the AGM was to provide an overview of what had happened at the setting over the last 12 months and re-elect committee members or new members into committee roles. KK emphasised that in order to adhere to the constitution, electing members into the 3 key roles (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) was imperative in order for the setting to continue to run. KK introduced herself and the current committee members.

2. Financial Report

ST presented the end of year account position for 2020/21. She noted that the total income for the period was circa. £92k and expenditure was circa. £83k, which left a net position of £8.5k. The key points to note included:

- The setting had finished the year in a much more favourable position than the previous financial year. Although the pandemic had had a significant impact on the running and income of the setting, particularly with regards to fees and funding, additional financial support for settings from GCC and a grant from the Lady Downe Trust had contributed to the improved closing position.
- The most significant improvement was driven by the longer sessions for playgroup and the additional session on Wednesdays. Moving to monthly invoicing has also increased cash flow which helped the setting at the beginning of the year when cash was a challenge.

- Rent relief when the setting was forced to close also helped reduced running costs and gradual phased return of staff from the furlough scheme was also supportive when income was reduced.
- It was also noted that there were more children attending the setting with additional needs and/or MyPlan which also attracted additional funding to support resources/staffing requirements to meet the children's needs.
- Fundraising had been challenging during the year due to restrictions, but families had really supported the few events that had taken place and so although fundraising profits were lower than previous year, they had still made a significant contribution. Penny Pots continue to be a valuable source of fundraising and will be continued into the next academic year.

ST noted that this was the first full year she had been in post and therefore the first set of accounts she had produced for the setting. She noted that although she had tried to follow the format created by the previous Treasurer, there was a variance in coding/categorising of payments in QuickBooks and so the accounts overview included headings that items had not been categorised against in year. She noted these categories would be continued into 2021/22 and the Excel spreadsheet overview noted where categorisations had changed.

ST thanked the management team for their support in recovering the financial position and their hard work to offer longer and additional sessions to increase income, whilst working to reduce running costs.

3. Chairs Report

KK presented her Chair's report (attached to minutes). She gave an overview of the challenges faced in year as a charity run playgroup and the impacts of the pandemic and steps taking to maintain the running of the setting. KK thanked the staff for their hard work and continuing to provide such a great setting for the children to attend and thrive, she also passed thanks on behalf of the committee to all of our families for the support, patience and kindness they have shown the setting during the last year at such an uncertain and challenging time.

4. Election of New Committee

KK noted that she hadn't received any expressions of interest for any committee roles outside of the current committee members. The committee agreed that expanding the committee was to be an immediate priority for the new academic year and a new approach was needed to attract additional members.

- It is proposed that Katy Kear continues her role as Chairperson.

Proposer: Katy Kear

Seconded: Sadie Trout

- It is proposed that Sadie Trout continues her role as Treasurer.

Proposer: Sadie Trout

Seconded: Lucy Cresswell

- It is proposed that Lucy Cresswell continues her role as Secretary.

Proposer: Lucy Cresswell

Seconded: Sadie Trout

KK suggested that whilst the roles of the committee have met the minimum legal requirements to enable the setting to continue to operate, there are still a number of roles that are still vacant. This is something we will be focusing on as a committee over the next academic year. KK noted the committee were pulling together a fund raising event schedule for next year and a letter will be sent out for those parents who would kindly like to help and get involved.

5. AOB

No further business was discussed.

6. Meeting closed

KK closed the AGM.