



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name **NORTH NIBLEY PLAYGROUP**

On accounts for the year
ended

2021

Charity no
(if any)

1054254

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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

[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:

- 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:

Naomi Robertson

Date:

10/06/22

Name:

NAOMI ROBERTSON

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).

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

- ① Coventry bank statement still to be provided to evidence balance in this account.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	1	Sept	2020	To 31 August 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

North Nibley Village Hall	
Innocks Estate	
North Nibley, Dursley, Gloucestershire	
Postcode	GL11 6DP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Julie Dyer	Chair		Committee Members and parent attendees
2	Eleanor Sellers	Treasurer		" as above "
3	Frances Walton	Deputy Treasurer		" as above "
4	Lydia Telka	Secretary		" as above "
5	Penny Momber	Health & Safety Rep		" as above "
6	Julian Powell	Fundraising Rep		"as above"
7	Abbie Pearson	Communications Rep		"as above"
8	Kerry Williams	Committee member		"as above"
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 5 December 1995, as amended on 13 December 2000, 11 June 2008, 16 September 2009 and 3 October 2016. PATA Group Constitution 2019/20 adopted on 12 October 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Group (unincorporated)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected from and by family members and management committee at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- Strong relationship with local primary school [North Nibley Church of England Primary School]. Primarily the Head teacher and Reception teacher.
- Sound relationship with landlord [North Nibley Village Hall Committee]. With a member of the Pre-school Committee representing the setting at meetings.
- Links with local Village Hub [North Nibley Community Hub], who allow the Pre-school to advertise events etc.
- The Pre-school's organisational structure is stated in its constitution, ie. Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 rights 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, regardless of race, culture, religion, disability or means;
- (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 area;
- (c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aim of PATA.

In planning our activities for the year, the management committee keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at all meetings.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Its aim is to advance education for the public benefit by the provision of a pre-school for children aged 2 years to school age living in the Stroud Valley.

To achieve this and our objectives, we undertake the following activities by:

- providing children's places for pre-school activities;
- managing, supporting, developing and paying staff;
- ensuring applications of government nursery grants, fundraising and researching other grant initiatives;
- ensuring Ofsted, Gloucestershire County Council, 'Free for 2s, 3s and 4s' compliance including offering 30 hours free childcare to those parents who are eligible (subject to availability);
- ensuring compliance with the Early Years Foundation Stage and Government Statutory requirements;
- involving the community and parents in group activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers have contributed to the pre-school in the following ways:

- piano accompaniment to children's singing time (once a week);
- gardening – talking to children and involving them planting seeds and growing sunflowers and tomatoes;
- reading stories to the children;
- helping out at fundraising events.

All input by volunteers have been very much appreciated by staff and committee. The children too have enjoyed listening and learning from someone different.

Those volunteers who have given up their valuable time to help organise and/or run fundraising events are a valuable asset and life-line for the pre-school.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Sept 2020 to July 2021.

- Number of children at the start of the Pre-school year in September 2020 was 7, and there were 13 children on the register at the end of July 2021. Plus 20 registered for September 2021. Numbers have increased due to local nursery closing at end August 2021.
- A permanent member of staff was recruited to assist with growing numbers and will join in September 2021.
- PATA Group Constitution 2019/20 was unanimously adopted on 12 October 2020.
- Chair and Administrator successfully completed Safer Recruitment training.
- Administrator attended a free Single Central Record (SCR) training session (webinar). As a result the Pre-school's SCR has been audited and made more robust.
- Administrator attended a free Self-Update Provider Portal (SUPP) training session (webinar). This enabled accurate information to be uploaded onto the SUPP termly.
- Safeguarding Statement written in line with safer recruitment and included in application pack. This Statement has been amended to include Early Help and is available on the pre-school website.
- Completed the Gloucestershire EY Safeguarding Audit. Pre-school's Single Central Record updated. Training attended by Administrator which led to a number of policies being updated.
- Policies – reviewed throughout the year and updated in line with legislation or inspection changes.
- Pre-school organised/involved a small number of fundraising events during the year prior taking account of coronavirus restrictions. Raising vital funds to enable the continued operation of the Pre-school.
 - Sweet cones; Halloween; Christmas raffle
- Coronavirus pandemic cancelled 2 fundraising events, including its main fundraiser - participation at the Nibley Festival. This put considerable strain on the setting's finances.
- Monies received from several establishments, eg. Renishaw Community fund, to support a number of projects and the continued running of the Pre-school; Dursley Round Table and North Nibley Parish Council.
- Conversely, the Pre-school held 1 fundraising event for Children in Need.
- Solid working relationship with North Nibley Village Hall where the Pre-school is held.
- Continuing with strong relationship/collaboration with the Headteacher and staff at North Nibley Church of England Primary School
- The Pre-school committee has forged a stronger relationship/collaboration with North Nibley Church of England Primary School's PTA. Working together at events the Pre-school either participates in at the Primary School, or the Pre-school itself organises.
- Pre-school staff attended a number of training courses and/or webinars during the year particularly in relation to the changes in the Early Years Foundation Stage and the DfE Guidance "Keeping Children Safe in Education" – both from September 2021

Coronavirus specific achievements.

Through the lockdowns 5 Nov to 2 Dec 2020 and 6 Jan to 8 Mar 2021 and during reduced relaxation of restrictions until 21 June 2021, the Pre-school continued to operate – open its full 30 hours. No COVID-19 cases reported.

- Action plans continue to be updated and version controlled on a monthly basis;
- 1 member of staff remained on furlough for the whole of the Pre-school year.
- Committee meetings remained being held via Zoom. No clause in the governing document to prevent this. This enabled the Pre-school Trustees to continue to demonstrate good governance of the setting.
- “one-setting” rule in place Autumn 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 terms. All being well, this is hope to be removed by 1 September 2021
- Successfully applied and received COVID grant from PATA (Feb 21). Monies used to buy mud kitchen and sensory fruit (£179.98)
- The setting had to temporarily close (1.5 days) in July due to a staff member’s child’s year bubble being sent home from secondary school.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The management committee aim to preserve a reserve of £7,000 to provide working capital in periods of low activity and income to provide funds for future expansion. The Pre-school also has a fund of £15,000 reserved specifically for the case of setting closure to pay redundancy and other debts.

Policy on reserves written and ratified by committee – in line with Charity Commission requirements.

The amount in the reserves fund was reviewed and deemed by the Committee to be adequate.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of funds:

- nursery grant from Gloucestershire County Council for 15 hours (universal) and 30 hours (extended) entitlement
- fees paid by parents for children under nursery grant age or for hours over nursery grant 15 hours per week (universal)
- hold at least two fundraising events a year.

Funds raised have been used to pay outstanding balance for the refurbishment of the children's toilets in the Village Hall. As well as purchasing new mobile storage cabinets and replacing IT equipment.

Section F

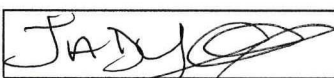
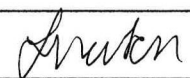
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JULIE DYER	Frances Walton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Treasurer
Date	14/6/22	

	A	B	C	D
1	North Nibley Pre-school Treasurer's report - September 2020 (2020-21)			
2	Bank account summary			
3	Current account	£16,211.20		
4	Savings account	£0.00	Savings moved into current a/c 2019	
5	Coventry	£15,697.22		
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7	Summary of account activity			
8	Income			
9	GCC Grant	£18,850.04		
10	Fees and Deposits	£21,563.02		
11	Other Grants	£529.98	Renishaw 350; 179.98 PATA	
12	Toddlers fees	£0.00		
13	Interest	£0.00		
14	Fundraising	£1,139.07		
15	Donations	£0.00		
16	Uniform	£16.75		
17	Other income	£242.05		
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19	Total	£42,340.91		
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21	Expenditure			
22	Wages	£25,301.74		
23	HMRC & Pension	£4,418.98		
24	consumables	£393.11		
25	refreshments	£197.44		
26	equipment	£576.63		
27	mileage	£0.00		
28	Insurance	£348.90		
29	Hall fees and waste	£4,731.31		
30	Uniforms	£195.06		
31	Fund raising costs	£75.95		
32	admin	£621.66		
33	courses	£72.00		
34	Toddlers consumables	£0.00		
35	Other	£340.72		
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37	Total	£37,273.50		
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39	Total income less expenditure	£5,067.41		
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