

ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS

Charity Number – 1055267

CHARITY TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 2022

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**ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP, Brotherhood Hall, Lyefield Road East, Charlton
Kings GL53 8AU - Charity No: 1055267**

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – 2021 – 2022

Chairperson: Raymond Dowling
Treasurer: Jenny Bicknell
Secretary: Ann Roberts

A lovely year, getting back to normal after Covid. We still maintained our cleaning routines and thought it was best to still get parents to drop their child at the gates to keep everyone as safe as possible. Come the end of year are school leavers mainly fed into Charlton Kings Infants School with a couple of visits to help them get to know their new surroundings in September. Being very boy heavy it was a busy end to the school year.

In the summer holidays we had a pergola put up in the playgroup, making use of the sail posts. This was going to be a great asset to our outdoor area – for shade in the summer. We also had a small picket fence put up to contain the grass area. This area would be used for more quiet activities which we could monitor more easily. A very big thank you to Rich (parent) for doing this for us.

Our numbers starting back in September 2021 were reasonable for such a notoriously quiet term. Everyone settled in including the new starters. We had Ofsted looming this coming year. It had been 5 years since our last inspection, so Sally and the team made use of the time making sure everything was absolutely spot on.

In January 2022 Lorraine Cleevely left the setting, moving out of the area to start a new chapter in her life. Georgina England came to join the team, later that month, and has settled in nicely.

We embarked on fully redesigning our website. In previous months we thought that a quick makeover may do the trick, but we soon realised that everything was pretty much out of date. We had a lovely offer from a parent to sort everything out, completely 'starting' again. We now have a wonderful new website. Sally had noticed that the enquiries had increased since the holding page had been removed and the website went live.

In May Paula finally qualified as a Level 3 practitioner, making the total staff members with this qualification 3 out of the 5 people employed.

Thank you to Sally and her team for all the hard work they have done over the past year.

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - 2021 – 2022

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We were very aware that this financial year would be challenging, as ever.

Fund raising was in our minds. Steffi and Paula raised just over £600 by running the Oxford Half Marathon. Sponsorship came from parents, friends and family. Our wreath making evening was a great success before Covid, so we decided to make 5 or 6 wreaths in a garage and then put them on sale at Playgroup. This raised £150. All the money was spent on the Pergola, picnic bench, new playhouse and outside mud kitchen.

Our biggest cost is wages. The government upping the NMW to £8.91 per hour (minimum for over 23yr) puts pressure on charity run settings. We knew we were looking at a big increase in April 2022 of £9.50 per hour. Put £8.91 up against the funding amount that we get from the government of £4.07, it is easy to see it is a big gap to fill – just over 2 children to each member of staff per hour to cover the staff cost alone (most children are funded). With 3 other settings providing childcare within ¼ mile of each other, competition is strong. We constant monitor the hourly rate of the other settings and are very mindful of any savings we can make.

We managed to put £2,000 into our deposit account. Having had to use our contingency during lockdown, we were keen to replenish this as soon as possible. This account currently stands at £2708.79.

We are thankful that The Brotherhood has kept our rent the same - £1950.00 p.a. The utilities are currently locked into 3yr and 5yr contracts. This gives some stability while everything else is going up.

Going forward we hope that the funding rate is given a significant boost to help with running costs, because most of our children use the funding route from January each year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Marys Playgroup Charlton Kings

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 May 2022.

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 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.

Jack Hayman ACA

13 March 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st May 2022

Income	2022	2021
Fees	20,676.09	34,325.42
Grant Funding	44,014.16	41,851.91
CJRS Grant	-	126.34
Hall Hire	210.00	-
Fund Raising & Commission	990.07	171
Donations	-	50
Deposit from Savings A/C and Interest	0.20	0.17
Total Income	<u>£65,890.52</u>	<u>£76,524.84</u>
Out Goings		
Staff Costs	53,129.70	52,708.26
Accommodation Costs	7,635.21	4,488.21
Activities	2,431.79	803.18
Equipment & Stationery	1,936.37	2,347.02
Consumables	1,309.89	1529.37
Subscriptions	159.88	252.44
Bookkeeping	40.00	50.00
Training	275.00	300.00
Entertainment/Gifts	-	400
Total Out Goings	<u>£66,917.84</u>	<u>£62,878.48</u>
Bank account balances at start of year	31,928.31	18,281.95
Total income less out goings	-1,027.32	13,646.36
Bank account balance at end of year	<u>£30,900.99</u>	<u>£31,928.31</u>
Made up of		
Bank Current account	28,182.70	31,189.20
Bank Deposit account	2,708.79	708.59
Petty Cash	9.50	30.52
	<u>£30,900.99</u>	<u>£31,928.31</u>

All of the funds of the Charity are unrestricted and are raised with the express intention of providing the playgroup with funding for the benefit of the children.