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Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited

Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees presents his Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The legal name of the charity is :-Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited
The charity is also known by its operating name, Gingerbread Nursery

The charity's areas of operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with charity number 1087112

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts. and its governing document is a Memorandum and Articles of Association under company legislation.

The Governing Document is dated 27 March 2001

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The trustees are all individuals.

The principal operating address, telephone number and email and web addresses of the charity are:-

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The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is:-

Launde House

Harborough Road , Oadby

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The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

Mr Kamaldeep Kainth - Chairperson

Mr Satbir Alangh - Treasurer

Mrs Parisha Chavda - Staff Liaison Officer

The Trustees in office during the year were:-

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period were as shown above.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

The Gingerbread Nursery's primary charitable purpose is the education of children primarily under statutory school age at affordable prices.

The nursery's vision of inclusion is to ensure that every child's needs are met by providing an interesting, safe, secure and happy environment. All our children are valued as individuals and gain a sense of self-worth, achieve their full potential and can be happy and healthy through play.

The nursery also offer the opportunity to the parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the nursery.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

Activities: Childcare

The Gingerbread Playgroup now has four sites

GB1 is a term time playgroup which provides 38 full time places to local families for children aged two years to five years and is opened Monday to Friday from 9 am - 4 pm.

GB2 is a full time playgroup which provides 98 places for the children aged six months to eight years. The nursery opens Monday to Friday all year around apart from closing for a week in each of the main school holiday periods of Easter, Summer and Christmas. Sessions are from 7:45 am to 5:45 pm.

In March 2019 Gingerbread have opened two new sites in Leicestershire - Gingerbread Mews and Gingerbread Nook.

Nook at the moment is for sale and hasn't been trading; hence the main reason for deficit in 2024.

Activities: Education

Gingerbread Nurseries provides funded early education for two, three and four year old children. The playgroups implement the Early Year Foundation Stage and the staff team meet regularly to provide the children with planned activities around the children's interests and learning needs. The nursery operates a key person system which works very well. The staff knows and understand their key children and parents know and trust their child's key person. When staff identify that children are not achieving a level of development that is typical for their age they actively work with parents so that the children get access to the services and support they need. All the sites are inspected by Ofsted and are assessed as Good.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

The Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup objectives are the advancement of education by offering appropriate play and learning facilities and by offering the opportunity for parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the running of the nursery.

The Trustees consider that Gingerbread's principal objective and activities, described above on this report (childcare and education) are consistent with the Charity's objects.

The Early Learning Entitlement for two year olds allow Gingerbread to offer 15 hours provision to those who qualify. All parents of children aged three years and above, are entitled to 30 hours free early year provision each week (term time).

Children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities are very well supported to make good progress. Staff works extremely closely with parents and other professionals, such as speech and language therapists, to make sure children's development targets are precisely linked to their needs.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The charity's strategies for achieving its aims and objectives in the future.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.

Quality of Staff:

The management team expertly lead an enthusiastic team of staff. The Playgroup places considerable emphasis on staff development by providing them with in house training and off site training for their continued professional development.

Working with Parents:

Parents are welcomed into the playgroup to join in at story time, parents evening and regular family trips. This helps to ensure continuity in children's learning is fully promoted.

The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity.

As the charity is regularly investing resources for learning material and equipment, the children at the nursery make rapid progress in their learning, in relation to their starting points. They are highly motivated and eager to learn.

Due to the regular training of staff, staff are creative and enthusiastic to use their knowledge to effectively plan activities that meet children's needs and interests.

The degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society.

The nursery caters for children from all social and economic backgrounds and so achieves the criteria for public benefit.

Gingerbread is committed to providing the free entitlement to childcare which is funded by the government, and ensures that children attending only the free hour's benefit from the full extent of the activities and resources provided within those sessions, without any additional charges.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The Gingerbread Playgroup encourages applications from the parents. Relevant training is provided.

The charity's organisational structure.

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up on 27/03/2001. It is governed by its governing document, Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The charity consists of the trustees, management team and the staff.

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 March 2025

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2025 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure)	39,623	(29,904)
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	1,015,578	975,984
Total Funds	1,015,578	975,984

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 March 2025 .

Policies on reserves.

The Nursery has unrestricted reserves in form of bank balance of above £400k at the year end which is more than annual running costs of the nursery.

The target level of bank balance for a nursery is three month's running cost. The total reserves at year end are in excess of the set target by Trustees.

Going Concern

The Nursery has unrestricted reserves of £1,015,578 at year end.

There are no long term loans or any long term liabilities. The nursery has positive cash balance.

There are no concerns for the Trustees and Management Committee regarding the Going Concern of the Charitable Company.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfill its obligations in respect of each fund.

Plans For the Future

The Charitable Company will continue to upgrade or replace furniture, toys and other fixtures and fittings as well as the play areas. The main objective is to achieve consistently high quality provision across all sites.

Details of The Independent Examiner

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Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP 2015.

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 10 to 27.

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2015 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities 2015.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 30 December 2025.

Kamaldeep Kainth

Mr Kamaldeep Kainth - Chairperson
Director and Trustee

Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 10 to 25 for the year ended 31 March 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2015) as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commission for England & Wales, effective January 2015 (The SORP), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As described on page 7, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under any legal provision, or otherwise, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the procedures in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and;
- c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commission for England & Wales, under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, setting out the duties of an Independent Examiner in relation to the conducting of an Independent Examination. An Independent Examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the Independent Examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Attention is drawn to the accounting policy stating that, notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, and in order to accord with current best practice, the Trustees have determined to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP 2015. I concur with this approach, and any references in my report to the regulations should be read subject to this comment.

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above , in connection with my examination, I can confirm that :-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Act and in accordance with any directions given by the Commission under subsection (5)(b) of that section which are applicable;

and that no matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :-

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;

- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and The Charities Act 2011 and;

- that the accounts comply with section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the financial statements be prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective January 2015)

have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in my report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached;



Jitender Kaur - Independent Examiner

Member of ICAEW

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This report was signed on 30 December 2025

Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	939,983	-	939,983	796,822
Other trading activities	55	-	55	3,208
Investments	7,075	-	7,075	7,765
Other	-	-	-	1,000
Total income	947,113	-	947,113	808,795
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	5,402
Charitable activities	907,520	-	907,520	833,297
Total expenditure	907,520	-	907,520	838,699
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	39,593	-	39,593	(29,904)
Net income after transfers	39,593	-	39,593	(29,904)
Net movement in funds	39,593	-	39,593	(29,904)
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward	975,985	-	975,985	1,005,889
Total funds carried forward	1,015,578	-	1,015,578	975,985

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet. A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses. All the current year and prior year transactions were unrestricted income and expenses and no further analysis is required.

All the prior year transactions were unrestricted items, and no further analysis is required

The notes attached on pages 17 to 25 form an integral part of these accounts.

	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Income & Endowments from:			
Donations & Legacies	-	-	-
Charitable activities	796,822	-	796,822
Other trading activities	3,208	-	3,208
Investments	7,765	-	7,765
Other	1,000	-	1,000
	-	-	-
Total income	808,795	-	808,795
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5,402	-	5,402
Charitable activities	833,297	-	833,297
	-	-	-
Total expenditure	838,699	-	838,699
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(29,904)	-	(29,904)
Reconciliation of funds:-			
Total funds brought forward	1,005,889	-	1,005,889
Total funds carried forward	975,985	-	975,985
All activities derive from continuing operations			

Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025 as required by the Companies Act 2006**

	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Income</i>		
Income from operations	939,068	800,030
Investment income		
Interest receivable	7,075	7,765
Other operating income	-	1,000
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	946,143	808,795
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	946,143	808,795
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	896,663	823,201
Depreciation and amortisation	6,949	9,096
Fundraising costs	-	5,402
Governance costs	2,908	1,000
Total expenditure in the year	906,520	838,699
Net income before tax in the financial year	39,623	(29,904)
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	39,623	(29,904)
Retained surplus for the financial year	39,623	(29,904)

All activities derive from continuing operations

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 17 to 25 form an integral part of these accounts.

Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	8	114,452	120,476
Tangible assets	9	507,364	446,791
Total fixed assets		<u>621,816</u>	<u>567,267</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		4,600	4,600
Debtors	11	40,262	127,710
Cash at bank and in hand		418,896	309,878
Total current assets		<u>463,758</u>	<u>442,188</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(69,996)</u>	<u>(33,470)</u>
Net current assets		393,762	408,718
The total net assets of the charity		<u>1,015,578</u>	<u>975,985</u>

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

Restricted funds

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Revenue Funds	16	1,015,578	975,985
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Designated Funds

Total charity funds		<u>1,015,578</u>	<u>975,985</u>
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The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP. The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the examiner is on page 9.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Kamaldeep Kainth

Mr Kamaldeep Kainth

Chair

Approved by the board of trustees on 30 December 2025

The notes attached on pages 17 to 25 form an integral part of these accounts.

Accounts - Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited.

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Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

		2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by /(used in) operating activities as shown below	A	<u>164,079</u>	<u>(119,719)</u>
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>			
Interest received		7,075	7,765
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(61,498)	(123,968)
Net cash used in investing activities	B	<u>(54,423)</u>	<u>(116,203)</u>
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>			
Net cash provided by financing activities	C	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Overall cash provided by /(used in)all activities	A+B+C	<u>109,656</u>	<u>(235,922)</u>
Cash movements			
Change in cash and cash equivalents from activities in the year ended 31 March 2025		109,656	(235,922)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2024		307,520	543,440
Rounding Difference			
Cash at bank and in hand less overdrafts at 31 March		<u>417,176</u>	<u>307,518</u>

Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2025 - Continued

Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

Net income/(expenditure) as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities	39,593	(29,904)
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Adjustments for :-

Depreciation charges	925	2,755
Amortisation charges	6,024	6,341
Write downs of investments	-	-
Net losses/(gains) on investment assets	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(7,075)	(7,765)
Decrease in stocks	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	87,448	(92,389)
Increase in creditors, excluding loans	37,164	1,243

Net cash provided by /(used in) operating activities	A	<u>164,079</u>	<u>(119,719)</u>
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Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash in hand at for the year ended 31 March 2025	418,896	309,878
Notice deposits - (less than 3 months)	-	-
Credit card balance	(1,720)	(2,358)
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>417,176</u>	<u>307,520</u>

Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2015)) and 'The FRS102 Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 2015', (The SORP 2015), and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP 2015 in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the charitable company will have the ability to continue its operations as a going concern.

Policies relating to categories of income and income recognition.

Nature of income

Income from Charitable Activities is the fees paid for the Childcare.

Categories of Income

Income is categorised as income from exchange transactions (contract income) and income from non-exchange transactions (gifts), investment income and other income.

Income from exchange transactions is received by the charity for goods or services supplied under contract or where entitlement is subject to fulfilling performance related conditions. The income the charity receives is approximately equal in value to the goods or services supplied by the charity to the purchaser.

Income from a non-exchange transaction is where the charity receives value from the donor without providing equal value in exchange, and includes donations of money, goods and services freely given without giving equal value in exchange.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

Accounting for deferred income and income received in advance

Where terms and conditions relating to income have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet any terms or conditions otherwise within its control, income is not recognised but is deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms or conditions imposed can be met.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated..

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their original cost value, or subsequent revaluation, or if donated, as described above. Cost value includes all costs expended in bringing the asset into its intended working condition.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets to their anticipated residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Leasehold premises and building improvements	0	% straight line
Equipment, Fixture and Fittings	25	% straight line

Stocks and work in progress

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with the normal accounting principles, modified when necessary in accordance with the guidance given in SORP.

Financial instruments including cash and bank balances

Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held and counted at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank statements.

Leasing and hire purchase contracts and commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions - defined contribution schemes

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Liability to taxation

As a registered charity, the organisation is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applied towards the charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	6,949	9,096
Pension costs	22,459	7,026

5 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	632,172	549,897
Employer's National Insurance for all staff	38,870	31,223
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	22,459	7,026
Trustees Remuneration	-	-
Total salaries, wages and related costs	693,501	588,146

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents	2025	2024
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	31	31

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

One employees received emoluments (excluding pension costs) in excess of £60,000 per annum.

6 Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the costs of which are shown above.

Under the Pensions Act 2008, every employer in the UK must put certain staff into a pension scheme and contribute towards it. Gingerbread set up a pension scheme with People's Pension for automatic enrolment. The scheme started from 01 February 2016.

7 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

8 Intangible Fixed Assets	2025	2024
	£	£
Goodwill:		
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	153,072	153,072
At 31 March 2025	153,072	153,072
Amortisation		
At 1 April 2024	32,596	26,255
Provided during the year	6,024	6,341
At 31 March 2025	38,620	32,596
Net book value	114,452	120,476

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Building Improvements	Equipment, Fixture and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	444,644	136,908	-	581,552
Additions	59,824	1,674	-	61,498
At 31 March 2025	504,468	138,582	-	643,050
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	-	134,761	-	134,761
Charge for the year	-	925	-	925
At 31 March 2025	-	135,686	-	135,686
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	504,468	2,896	-	507,364
At 31 March 2024	444,644	2,147	-	446,791

10 Stocks & Work in Progress

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks before write downs	4,600	4,600
	4,600	4,600

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	83,917
Prepayments and accrued income	10,262	13,543
Other debtors	30,000	30,250
	40,262	127,710

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Credit Cards	1,720	2,358
Trade creditors	12,615	10,677
Accruals	4,230	4,600
Deferred Income - Unrestricted & designated funds	32,772	-
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	9,602	12,669
Other creditors	9,057	3,166
	69,996	33,470

13 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 April 2024	975,984	1,005,888
Surplus/(loss) after tax for the year	39,593	(29,904)
At 31 March 2025	1,015,577	975,984

14 No related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties in the year.

15 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 March 2025	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Intangible Assets	114,452	-	-	114,452
Tangible Fixed Assets	507,364	-	-	507,364
Investments at valuation:-				
Current Assets	463,758	-	-	463,758
Current Liabilities	(69,996)	-	-	(69,996)
	1,015,578	-	-	1,015,578
At 1 April 2024	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Intangible Assets	120,476	-	-	120,476
Tangible Fixed Assets	446,791	-	-	446,791
Investments at valuation:-				
Current Assets	442,188	-	-	442,188
Current Liabilities	(33,470)	-	-	(33,470)
	975,985	-	-	975,985

16 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 15 , analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2024 £	Movement in funds in 2025 See Note 17 £	Transfers between funds in 2025 £	Funds carried forward to 2026 £
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted revenue funds	975,985	39,593	-	1,015,578
Total unrestricted and designated funds	975,985	39,593	-	1,015,578
Total charity funds	975,985	39,593	-	1,015,578

17 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 16

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2025	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted and designated funds:-</i>				
Unrestricted revenue funds	947,113	(907,520)	-	39,593
	<u>947,113</u>	<u>(907,520)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,593</u>

18 The purposes for which the funds as detailed in note 16 are held by the charity are:-

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted revenue funds

These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, ar reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are f restrictions on their use.

19 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

Gingerbread Cottage Playgroup Limited

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classssified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

20 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Primary purpose and ancillary trading				
Childcare Fees	933,630	-	933,630	795,191
Registration and Uniform Sale	6,353	-	6,353	1,631
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	939,983	-	939,983	796,822

21 Total Income from charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds £ 2025	Current year Restricted Funds £ 2025	Current year Total Funds £ 2025	Prior Year Total Funds £ 2024
Total income from charitable trading	939,983	-	939,983	796,822
Total from charitable activities	939,983	-	939,983	796,822

22 Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	2025 Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	2025 Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	2025 Current year Total Funds 2025 £	2024 Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Income from fundraising events	55	-	55	3,208
Total from other activities	55	-	55	3,208

23 Investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Bank Interest Receivable	7,075	-	7,075	7,765
Total investment income	7,075	-	7,075	7,765

24 Other income and gains

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Summary of Other income			-	
Apprenticeship Fund	-	-	-	1,000
Total other income	-	-	-	1,000

25 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	631,223	-	631,223	545,395
Employers' NI - Charitable activities	38,870	-	38,870	31,223
Defined contribution pension costs - charitable activities	22,459	-	22,459	7,026
Temporary Staff - Charitable Activities	949	-	949	4,502
Food Cost	13,183	-	13,183	12,370
Activities Cost	5,500	-	5,500	7,706
Total direct spending	712,184	-	712,184	608,222

26 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>Employee costs not included in direct costs</i>				
Training and welfare - staff	10,168	-	10,168	9,094
Staff Uniform	46	-	46	79
<i>Premises Expenses</i>				
Rent payable under operating leases	90,343	-	90,343	99,595
Rates and water charges	2,032	-	2,032	13,722
Light heat and power	21,733	-	21,733	22,551
Cleaning and waste management	9,423	-	9,423	6,896
Premises repairs, renewals and	10,128	-	10,128	23,119
<i>Administrative overheads</i>				
Telephone, fax and internet	7,461	-	7,461	7,254
Stationery and printing	1,571	-	1,571	1,055
Membership subscriptions	592	-	592	596
Equipment expensed	1,604	-	1,604	3,984
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-
Software licences and expenses	6,619	-	6,619	10,291
Advertising and marketing	4,077	-	4,077	3,096
Liability and contents insurance	8,732	-	8,732	3,103

Sundry expenses	10	-	10	1,389
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Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner

Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	5,579	-	5,579	5,578
Legal fees	680	-	680	35
HR Consultancy fees	20	-	20	1,250
Other legal and professional	6,310	-	6,310	2,021

Financial costs

Bank charges	259	-	259	271
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Other Costs

Depreciation & Amortisation in total for	6,949	-	6,949	9,096
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Support costs before reallocation	194,336	-	194,336	224,075
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Total support costs	194,336	-	194,336	224,075
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The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

27 Other Expenditure - Governance costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees	1,000		1,000	1,000

28 Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Total direct spending	712,184	-	712,184	608,222
Total support costs	194,336	-	194,336	224,075
Total Governance costs	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Total charitable expenditure	907,520	-	907,520	833,297

29 Expenditure on raising funds and costs of investment management

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Cost of fundraising activities	-	-	-	5,402
Total fundraising costs	-	-	-	5,402

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