

# THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1087716

## Details

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| Other names | HOWBURY TUMBLERS  |
| Status      | Registered  |
| Legal form  | Other   |
| Registered  | 2001-07-26  |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a> |

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF PRE-SCHOOL AGE (0-5 YEARS) BY PROVIDING A SAFE AND STIMULATING PLAY AND LEARN ENVIRONMENT. 2. TO ENCOURAGE CARERS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE OF THEIR CHILD THROUGH TAKING PART IN GROUP ACTIVITIES, AND THOSE OFFERED BY OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS. 3. TO ENSURE THAT THE GROUP OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN-REGARDLESS OF RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION ABILITY OR MEANS. 4. TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR CARERS AND FAMILIES AND PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREA.

**Activities:** The Howbury Tumblers Parent Carer Toddler Group provides a safe , stimulating play / learn environment for children under five and their parents and carers to enjoy together, and that is accessible to all, irrespective of means, culture, race, religion, gender, or ability. We aim to contribute to the welfare and development of children through activities and by engaging and supporting Parents.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SLADE GREEN
- Bexley

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £47,911 | £38,485     | -      | -         |
| 2024-08-31 | £31,757 | £36,255     | -      | -         |
| 2023-08-31 | £42,805 | £34,962     | -      | -         |
| 2022-08-31 | £36,252 | £33,420     | -      | -         |
| 2021-08-31 | £38,992 | £33,549     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                | Role  | Appointed  |
|---------------------|-------|------------|
| Natalie Buhl        | Chair | 2023-02-15 |
| CHLOE RITCH         |       | 2014-10-28 |
| EMMA ADAMS          |       |            |
| Gayna Saill         |       | 2019-03-26 |
| Katie Moore         |       | 2024-10-02 |
| Lorraine Owen       |       | 2021-09-18 |
| MRS JENNY FAULKENER |       |            |
| MRS SAM NICKLIN     |       |            |
| MRS SAM RAWLINS     |       |            |
| Tabitha Grimes      |       | 2024-10-02 |



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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

|      |    |                   |      |    |                 |     |      |
|------|----|-------------------|------|----|-----------------|-----|------|
|      |    | Period start date |      |    | Period end date |     |      |
| From | 01 | SEPT              | 2024 | To | 31              | AUG | 2025 |

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

Other names charity is known by Tumblers

Registered charity number (if any) **1087716**

Charity's principal address **Slade Green and Howbury Community Centre**

**Chrome Road**

**Slade Green Erith Kent**

**Postcode**

**DA8 2EL**

### 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  | Natalie Buhl                | Chair             |                                   |   |
| 2  | Jenny Faulkner              | Vice Chair        |                                   |   |
| 3  | Emma Stuart                 | Treasurer         |                                   |   |
| 4  | Sam Rawlins                 | Secretary         |                                   |   |
| 5  | Sam Nicklin (Formerly Owen) | Counter signatory |                                   |   |
| 6  | Gayna Sall                  |                   |                                   |   |
| 7  | Chloe Ritch (was Phillips)  |                   |                                   |   |
| 8  | Jezz Vaughn Kelly           |                   | Retired June 2025                 |   |
| 9  | Lorraine Owen               |                   |                                   |   |
| 10 | Tabitha Grimes              |                   | Joined October 2024               |   |
| 12 | Katie Moore                 |                   | Joined October 2024               |   |
| 13 |                             |                   |                                   |   |
| 14 |                             |                   |                                   |   |

### 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   |
|------------------|--------------|---|
| Grants & Funding | Jamie Kesten | BVSC, Engine House Bexley, 2 Veridion Way Erith Kent DA18 4AL |
|                  |              |   |
|                  |              |   |

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

Carole Read – Manager/ lead playleader Clare Tyrrell – Deputy Manager / Lead playleader Lucy Plaskasovitis- Senior Support Playleader Donna Leinster Support Playleader

**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

|   |   |
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| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | CONSTITUTION  |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | A Registered Charity  |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(eg. appointed by, elected by)         | Volunteering opportunities including joining the Committee are advertised on newsletters, our website and via social media. We try to encourage new members onto the Committee, and ask them to express interest in a letter. Interested parties are invited to attend a meeting prior to commitment. Potential members are then nominated and selection based upon a show of hands at a Committee meeting. |

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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| <p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul> | <p>There is a procedure for the induction of new trustees which includes: inviting them to observe a meeting, giving them a copy of the organization structure, constitution, policies, minutes of meetings and rules regarding quorums. Trustees are given our Privacy notice and Personal data consent form. Trustees are encouraged to attend training courses and given access to the local Voluntary services newsletters and publications.</p> <p>Howbury Tumblers reviewed and updated all policies and procedures this year in line with our review policy including Safeguarding Children Policy. Paperwork generated this year was securely destroyed in line with GDPR regulations.</p> <p>Howbury Tumblers continue to work well and closely with Eco Communities, who manage the Centre, to ensure the best services &amp; outcomes for families in Slade Green. Eco Communities recognise Howbury Tumblers is a service much needed and supported by the local community. We have a written agreement to occupy the premises rent free, so we can maintain low cost services for our families in our deprived area. As long as ECO COM manages the Centre I am confident our rent agreement will be honoured. The charity’s greatest risk at present remains the cost of living crisis- we continue to face an uncertain period as families struggle to pay for essentials which could have a huge negative impact on the charity finances. We will continue to look for funding to support families and the charity to support our running costs and to provide a better environment and experiences for our children &amp; families</p> |
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

The Objects of Howbury Tumblers are :

1. To enhance the wellbeing, development and education of pre-school age children ( 0-5 yrs) by providing a safe and stimulating play and learn environment
2. To encourage Parents & Carers to be involved in the development and wellbeing of their child through participation in group activities, and those offered by other agencies and community groups
3. To ensure the group offers opportunities for all children regardless of race, culture, religion, ability or means
4. To encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and carers and promote public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local area

**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)**

Howbury Tumblers gives Parents, Carers and their children under five pre- bookable accesses to its provision from 9.30 to 11.45 pm, and 12.15-2.15 pm, Monday to Friday, term time only, for a small daily charge. Some drop – in families are also accommodated if we have space for them. We have waived fees on occasions for families we know to be going through hardship so that they are able to attend. Family events ( funded) are run in periods of group closure -ie- school holidays, fun, educational and very economically viable, and include provision for older siblings

The Group sells refreshments to users to help finances.

Children's birthday parties are held and charged for as a means to raise funds for the group.

A learning support program provides short and long term work experience placements for school children and placements for childcare students at all levels.

We work to support Parents in their parenting role, providing a listening ear when needed, and signposting to relevant agencies and services when appropriate, and encouraging their involvement in the Group and its activities, and their child's development, building confidence and skills.

We have provided volunteers for local events and activities run by Erith Made, Howbury Friends and other Community Groups

Signposting to other community groups and services, with which we work closely, and with whom we collaborate to provide community events – in the aim of achieving better outcomes for our families, promoting Community participation and cohesion and contributing to wellbeing and health of the family unit and community as a whole.

Fundraising to extend our services and provide better for the children and families in our community. These included selling Cakes, raffles, selling crackers at our local community Christmas Fun day, participating in a Christmas card project, and the Bexley Community lottery

Working with other Groups and agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes in terms of service delivery for our families. This year this has

included our involvement in Bexley SHIELD, Bexley safeguarding Champions, Bexley Children & Young Peoples Network , Northend Ward Neighbourhood Watch, Bexley Voluntary Services Council and our local schools & colleges

### 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.

As well as the management committee members, 3 Parent volunteers and 2 grandparent volunteers have been involved in helping to run the day to day activities and holiday events at Howbury Tumblers. Another volunteer helps out with the website management and administration, purchasing, odd jobs and general caretaking. Another volunteer provides us with assistance with accounting and with Social Media

WE have provided face to face services over 47 weeks this year. Staffs continue to contribute much voluntary time, over 600 hours .Carole Read has contributed in excess of 500 hours – at least 10 hours per week. Clare Eastop, Lucy Plaskasovitis and Donna Leinster contributed around 6 hours of voluntary work a week, in addition to their part time paid hours. Parental Volunteer time contributed is around 65 hours, within Howbury Tumblers, where voluntary work has included helping support children’s learning through crafts & cooking , helping to maintain a safe environment , and helping out with the family events in school holidays, and the other volunteers – helping with website, odd jobs , purchasing etc. around 40 hours across the year. The Committee contributed around 12 hours each individually attending both online (Zoom) and face to face meetings when possible.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025, Howbury Tumblers has:

Provided 47 weeks of face to face services( includes holiday events) , via two bookable sessions daily, giving children access to a wide range of activities and experiences, led by experienced staff from 9.30- 11.45pm and 12.15-2.15pm. Around 685 individual children have attended this year, around 110 children attending every week. A total of 3898 children attended sessions this year.

At our AGM in June 2024, based on that year’s finances, The Committee took the difficult decision to increase attendance costs by £1 for the first attending child in order to safeguard the financial stability of Howbury Tumblers – This came into effect in September 2024. WE did not have one person express concern about this, to our great relief. The finances at the end of this year are more stable and we have not experienced any significant downturn in user numbers or number of visits

Maintained the play & learn environment to a high standard of cleanliness and safety with risk assessments reviewed and added to when necessary

Provided a wide range of arts & crafts materials and resources for Creative activities, and provided cooking activities, both hot and cold.

Provided sensory activities daily with a linked theme to the creative opportunities available that week, to promote the learning potential of each week’s activities, and helping to engage more difficult to reach

children, and individual sensory exploration ( using non shared tactile and other resources ) at our extended circle time

Provided opportunities for outdoor and indoor physical play daily and promoted an active lifestyle to our families through many activities

Provided singing, dancing, bubbles and instruments, and Storytime at each session, again linked to our weekly theme.

Tracked all Children's individual progress, and undertook close tracking and monitoring of children we recognize needed more support, and worked closely with Parents and Carers to effect positive change, signposting to appropriate agencies where necessary- with particular attention paid to their mental health & wellbeing. We also assisted with reports to these agencies – and a school - on a couple of children, using our observations to help them gain a picture of the child and plan intervention. Reported children's progress via reports to BBC Children In Need

Supported a number of adults ( parents) experiencing difficulties in their lives

Supported a number of families with free sessions

Established a new website ( summer 2025) Maintained the website for the Group throughout the year

Produced a monthly newsletter and activity plan, and posted these on our website, on social media, and in hard copy at Tumblers and In the Centre to inform our families , and promote the existence , substance and availability of our services and those of other local Community groups and Centre's

Continued to engage children in our book lending / early reading scheme , and continued our book bank and toy bank

Hosted and supported 8 students for work experience & support in childcare learning, from a variety of local educational establishments

Staff refreshed Safeguarding procedures via online training, also refreshed in Safeguarding against radicalization, Human trafficking & slavery, Unconscious Bias, Honor based violence & forced marriage, Information & cyber Security, Signs of Safety for partner agencies, and Domestic violence.

Staff undertook certificated courses in Paediatric First Aid , Health & safety, and Food hygiene These were due to be renewed after three years since last certification – all were face to face courses.

Had three visits from the Dental Hygiene community nurse, giving practical advice, fun play for the children, and samples to Parents

Had a special Black History project, where some of our African grandparents made hats and other dressing up items for the children and dolls

- Had yearly renewal DBS checks on all staff
- Maintained Privacy Statements to all forms of our Communications with others
- Reviewed all our Policies between January and April 2025.
- Fundraised internally for the group, selling gift crackers and other seasonal items at Howbury Friends Christmas Fayre, and our Father Christmas event raising £310 – with raffles the total raised was £792.88
- Supported Erith Christchurch Festival of lights and had a Howbury Tumblers Christmas tree at the church festival, contributing to charity, encouraging people into church for the event, and promoted our own services to the Community, raising £80 for the Church and Bexley Community hospice
- Raised money for BBC Children IN Need with a cake bake and raffle, raising £180
- Continued selling tickets for the Bexley Community Lottery, and sold tickets to 15 regular supporters, raising around £862 this year. Promoted this regularly on Social media and via newsletters,
- Promoted the Group through social media - a page and Group on Facebook, and on websites such as Bexley Borough Mummies , Club Hub,& Happity
- Continued to support Parents in their parenting role, including those experiencing difficulties with older children – arranging remote and face to face meetings with other agencies we felt could help through our links and work with others and signposting to other support and guidance
- Continued to Support a local families , individual Parents and children in difficult circumstances by providing a listening ear and practical help & advice, and free sessions
- Continued to raise the profile of our group and other agencies and community groups in the local area, enabling more families to access family services
- Continued to seek funding from external funders in the aim of improving our services to children & families, gaining grants from BBC Children In Need, Masonic Charitable Foundation, and ASDA Foundation.
- Provided a second play leader five days a week through funding from Children In Need ( year 1) for the wage of our Assistant Play leaders (started Sept 2024), with around 6-8 hours weekly voluntary time by the funded staff. The year 1 report was submitted , we had the following feedback from CIN
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It was an absolute pleasure to read about the positive impact your organisation has had on the children and young people who access your services. You have provided a really strong overview of your organisation's key learnings and a good range of evaluation and monitoring methods. I found the case studies incredibly moving, and combined with the various data you included regarding other participants, these really helped to paint a picture of how important your organisation is to the local community. The questionnaire form completed by the parents really illuminated how much of a lifeline your services are for so many in the area. Throughout the report, it is clear that children voices are at the heart of your organisation. It was particularly lovely to read that you have been able to create a space where the children can develop at their own pace, and parents and/or carers can reach out for further support if needed. It would be fantastic to organise a project visit in the next coming months, as I would love to meet the team and see the work you're all doing! Once again, thank you for submitting your report and congratulations to the team for all the wonderful work you have done this year!

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- Through our National Lottery Community Fund Grant –The Family Factor we provided a mini beast event for Halloween autumn half term. Each event is split into two sessions to maximize attendance opportunity. We provided around 140 children with special Christmas events – one being an SEN event - with a visit and gift from Santa – split over 5 sessions. We hosted a Farm event and football event at Easter, and First Aid event May Half term week .Summer holidays we ran 4 events, Our amazing animal world, Yoga, forest school and Circus skills. All sessions were £1 per family and all were fully booked.
- Purchased creative and sensory resources using our Skipton Grant. These grants help us enormously in providing quality resources, which are more expensive all the time, and even more so when we are providing for around 120 children a week. They maximize children's opportunities -access to a quality learning environment and individual learning potential.
- Purchased cleaning products through our Wakeham Trust Grant – another important buffer for our finances
- Paid support staff through our BBC Children IN Need Grant 2024
- Purchased face to face staff training courses through our Masonic Foundation Grant in Health & safety in the workplace, and Food Hygiene
- Purchased equipment and creative resources through our ASDA Foundation Grant

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Trustees try to maintain general reserves of at least £20,000 in order to have sufficient funds to maintain the Charity's cash flow, to cover unforeseen costs and to meet its commitments should the charity need to wind up.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

ou **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.

Our main source of income is daily fees paid by parents and carers for their children's attendance. We have always been totally committed to keeping this as low as possible in order that we remain accessible to families in our identified area of need - Slade Green- the most deprived area in Bexley – however looking at our finances last year it was decided that after around 15 years we must increase attendance fees, and from September 2024 the cost for the first child in a family was raised by £1.- still the cheapest (full service) group to access in Bexley. We can see from this years finances that this has helped the financial stability of Tumblers – we need to ensure the survival of our charity into the future, as we have again this year been made aware so many times, by Parent testimonies, how important the group has been to them, their child, and the positive impact on both, in terms of wellbeing, mental & physical health. We also have some income from the sale of refreshments; Fundraising is another small source of income, as are holding children's birthday parties. Grant funding continues to be an important source of income, particularly for the support staff wages, and for the purchase of activity and sensory resources - We will continue to apply for grant funding for projects and equipment, and fundraise internally to help finances.

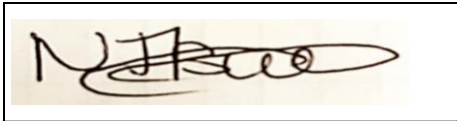

Our expenditure in its entirety supports the key objectives of our Group.

**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

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|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Signature(s)                        |  |  |
| Full name(s)                        | Natalie Buhl  | Samantha Rawlins   |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair   | Secretary  |
| Date                                | 14/10/2025  |  |



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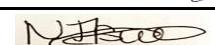
## Receipts and payments accounts

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date<br>01.09.24 | To | Period end date<br>31/08/25 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Parent/Carers Subscriptions                    | 14,237.00                              |                                      |                                     |                                 | 13,080.90                     |
| Refreshment Sales                              | 1,261.03                               |                                      |                                     |                                 | 1,738.35                      |
| Outreach Income                                |  |                                      |                                     |                                 | -                             |
| Income from Childrens parties                  | 405.00                                 |                                      |                                     |                                 | 190.00                        |
| Bexley Community Lottery                       | 861.50                                 |                                      |                                     |                                 | 874.00                        |
| Fundraising & Donations                        | 942.88                                 |                                      |                                     |                                 | 1,003.55                      |
| GRANTS   |  |                                      |                                     |                                 | -                             |
| <b>Children In Need Grant 2024</b>             |  | 26,324.00                            |                                     |                                 | 13,270.00                     |
| <b>ASDA FOUNDATION</b>                         |  | 2,000.00                             |                                     |                                 | 1,100.00                      |
| Masonic charitable Foundation                  |  | 1,880.00                             |                                     |                                 | 500.00                        |
| Other Income                                   |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | 17,707                                 | 30,204                               | -                                   | -                               | 31,757                        |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                          | 17,707                                 | 30,204                               | -                                   | 47,911                          | 31,757                        |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Staff Wages                                    | 14,392.76                              | 15,602.42                            |                                     | 29,995.18                       | 28,627.99                     |
| Tax/NI   | 628.49                                 |                                      |                                     | 628.49                          | 67.33                         |
| Toys, Books & Play Equipment                   |  | 1,174.56                             |                                     | 1,174.56                        | 558.61                        |
| Refreshments Supplies                          | 372.23                                 |                                      |                                     | 372.23                          | 685.62                        |
| Activity resources Costs                       |  | 1,637.35                             |                                     | 1,637.35                        | 2,072.25                      |
| Insurance                                      | 458.39                                 |                                      |                                     | 458.39                          | 435.23                        |
| External providers costs                       |  | 3,176.00                             |                                     | 3,176.00                        | 1,770.00                      |
| Payroll Service                                | 344.40                                 |                                      |                                     | 344.40                          | 331.20                        |
| Cleaning                                       | 236.00                                 | 131.19                               |                                     | 367.19                          | 178.07                        |
| Subscriptions & Website                        | 21.60                                  |                                      |                                     |                                 | 567.36                        |
| Rent/ Room Hire                                |  | 100.00                               |                                     |                                 | 260.00                        |
| Postage & Printing/Stationery                  |  | 13.99                                |                                     |                                 | 212.29                        |
| DBS Fees & BVSC membership                     | 15.70                                  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Donations                                      | 80.00                                  |                                      |                                     |                                 | 209.00                        |
| Other expenditure                              | 100.00                                 |                                      |                                     |                                 | 280.00                        |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | 16,650                                 | 21,836                               | -                                   | 38,485                          | 36,255                        |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b> | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| <b>Total payments</b>                          | 16,650                                 | 21,836                               | -                                   | 38,485                          | 36,255                        |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>              | 1,058                                  | 8,368                                | -                                   | 9,426                           | - 4,498                       |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>              |  |                                      | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>             | 41,024                                 | 11,912                               | -                                   |                                 |                               |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                | 42,081                                 | 20,280                               | -                                   | 9,426                           | 7,843                         |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories  | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>  | Cash at bank   | 42,101.10                          | 20,260.67                        | -                               |
|   | Cash in hand   | 20                                 |                                  | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>  | <b>42,121.10</b>                   | <b>20,260.67</b>                 |                                 |
|   | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))   | Agreement Error                    | Agreement Error                  | OK                              |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                             | <b>Details</b>   | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|   | None   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                                 | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   | None   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>         | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   | Books, Toys & Play equipment   | unrestricted                       | -                                | 6,000                           |
|   |  | restricted                         | -                                | 12,000                          |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | 18,000                          |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                                       | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|   | None   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature  | Print Name                         | Date of approval                 |                                 |
|   | E.Stuart      | Emma Stuart ( Treasurer)           | 14-Oct-25                        |                                 |
|   | Natalie Buhl  | Natalie Buhl ( Chair)              | 14-Oct-25                        |                                 |



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

The Howbury Tumblers

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1087716

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

27/10/2025

Name:

Genevieve Jones

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

Association of Accounting Technicians

(if any):

**Address:**

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A

**THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1087716

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

|      |    |                   |      |    |                 |     |      |
|------|----|-------------------|------|----|-----------------|-----|------|
|      |    | Period start date |      |    | Period end date |     |      |
| From | 01 | SEPT              | 2023 | To | 31              | AUG | 2024 |

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

Other names charity is known by Tumblers

Registered charity number (if any) **1087716**

Charity's principal address **Slade Green and Howbury Community Centre**

**Chrome Road**

**Slade Green Erith Kent**

**Postcode**

**DA8 2EL**

### 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  | Natalie Buhl                | Chair           |                                   |   |
| 2  | Jenny Faulkner              | Vice Chair      |                                   |   |
| 3  | Emma Stuart                 | Treasurer       |                                   |   |
| 4  | Sam Rawlins                 | Secretary       |                                   |   |
| 5  | Sam Nicklin (Formerly Owen) |                 |                                   |   |
| 6  | Laura Hulott                |                 | Retired June 2024                 |   |
| 7  | Chloe Ritch (was Phillips)  |                 |                                   |   |
| 8  | Jezz Vaughn Kelly           |                 |                                   |   |
| 9  | Gayna Sall                  |                 |                                   |   |
| 10 | Lorraine Owen               |                 |                                   |   |
| 12 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 13 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 14 |                             |                 |                                   |   |

### 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   |
|------------------|-------------|---|
| Grants & Funding | Carol Penny | BVSC, Engine House Bexley, 2 Veridion Way Erith Kent DA18 4AL |
|                  |             |   |
|                  |             |   |

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

Carole Read – Manager/ lead playleader Clare Tyrrell – Deputy Manager / Lead playleader Lucy Plaskasovitis- Senior Support Playleader Donna Leinster Support Playleader

**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | CONSTITUTION  |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | A Registered Charity  |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(eg. appointed by, elected by)         | Volunteering opportunities including joining the Committee are advertised on newsletters, our website and via social media. We try to encourage new members onto the Committee, and ask them to express interest in a letter. Interested parties are invited to attend a meeting prior to commitment. Potential members are then nominated and selection based upon a show of hands at a Committee meeting. |

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul> | <p>There is a procedure for the induction of new trustees which includes: inviting them to observe a meeting, giving them a copy of the organization structure, constitution, policies, minutes of meetings and rules regarding quorums. Trustees are given our Privacy notice and Personal data consent form. Trustees are encouraged to attend training courses and given access to the local Voluntary services newsletters and publications.</p> <p>Howbury Tumblers reviewed and updated all policies and procedures this year in line with our review policy including Safeguarding Children Policy. Paperwork generated this year was securely destroyed in line with GDPR regulations.</p> <p>Howbury Tumblers continue to work well and closely with Eco Communities, who manage the Centre, to ensure the best services &amp; outcomes for families in Slade Green. Eco Communities recognise Howbury Tumblers is a service much needed and supported by the local community. We have a written agreement to occupy the premises rent free, so we can maintain low cost services for our families in our deprived area. As long as ECO COM manages the Centre I am confident our rent agreement will be honoured. The charity’s greatest risk at present remains the cost of living crisis- we continue to face an uncertain period as families struggle to pay for essentials which could have a huge negative impact on the charity finances. We will look for funding to support families and the charity if opportunities become available, although funding for pre-school children’s projects has been difficult to find this year.</p> |
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

The Objects of Howbury Tumblers are :

1. To enhance the wellbeing, development and education of pre-school age children ( 0-5 yrs) by providing a safe and stimulating play and learn environment
2. To encourage Parents & Carers to be involved in the development and wellbeing of their child through participation in group activities, and those offered by other agencies and community groups
3. To ensure the group offers opportunities for all children regardless of race, culture, religion, ability or means
4. To encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and carers and promote public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local area

**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)**

Howbury Tumblers gives Parents, Carers and their children under five pre- bookable accesses to its provision from 9.30 to 12.00 pm, and 12.15-2.15 pm, Monday to Friday, term time only, for a small daily charge. Some drop – in families are also accommodated if we have space for them. We have waived fees on occasions for families we know to be going through hardship so that they are able to attend. Holiday family sessions are run in periods of group closure, and include provision for older siblings

The Group sells refreshments to users to help finances.

Children's birthday parties are held and charged for as a means to raise funds for the group.

A learning support program provides short and long term work experience placements for school children and placements for childcare students at all levels.

We work to support Parents in their parenting role, providing a listening ear when needed, and signposting to relevant agencies and services when appropriate, and encouraging their involvement in the Group and its activities, and their child's development, building confidence and skills.

Arranging Social events for parents.

We have provided volunteers for local events and activities run by Slade Green Big Local, Howbury Friends and other Community Groups

Signposting to other community groups and services, with which we work closely, and with whom we collaborate to provide community events – in the aim of achieving better outcomes for our families, promoting Community participation and cohesion and contributing to wellbeing and health of the family unit and community as a whole.

Fundraising to extend our services and provide better for the children and families in our community. These included selling Cakes, raffles, selling crackers at our local community Christmas Fun day, participating in a Christmas card project, and the Bexley Community lottery.

Working with other Groups and agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes in terms of service delivery for our families. This year this has included our involvement in Bexley SHIELD, Bexley safeguarding Champions, Bexley Children & Young Peoples Network , Northend Ward Neighbourhood Policing & Neighbourhood Watch, Bexley Voluntary Services Council and until December 2023 the Slade Green BIG Local Partnership, planning and implementing local aid and intervention- daily foodbank and clothing/ toy / book bank, and some large scale community events. Slade Green Big Local has now come to an end after ten years, for which entire period Carole Read was Chairperson of the partnership.

**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.

As well as the management committee members, 4 Parent volunteers have been involved in helping to run the day to day activities and holiday events at Howbury Tumblers. Another volunteer helps out with the website management and administration, purchasing, odd jobs and general caretaking. Another volunteer provides us with assistance with accounting and with Social Media

WE have provided face to face services over 44 weeks this year. Staffs continue to contribute much voluntary time, over 600 hours .Carole Read has contributed in excess of 500 hours – at least 10 hours per week. Clare Eastop, Lucy Plaskasovitis and Donna Leinster contributed around 6 hours of voluntary work a week, in addition to their part time paid hours. Parental Volunteer time contributed is around 80 hours, within Howbury Tumblers, where voluntary work has included helping support children’s learning through crafts & cooking , helping to maintain a safe environment , and helping out with the family events in school holidays, and the other volunteers – helping with website, odd jobs , purchasing etc. around 40 hours across the year. The Committee contributed around 12 hours each individually attending both online (Zoom) and face to face meetings when possible.

**Section D Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

During the year 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024, Howbury Tumblers has:

Provided 44 weeks of face to face services, via two bookable sessions daily, giving children access to a wide range of activities and experiences, led by experienced staff from 9.30- 12.00pm and 12.15- 2.15pm. Around 700 individual children have attended this year, around 120 children attending every week.

Provided this for no extra cost– because of Grants we have been able to maintain attendance fees despite our own costs for resources etc increasing a lot. WE have not raised attendance costs for around 13 years, keeping us as accessible as possible to our disadvantaged families. However at our AGM in June, based on this year’s finances, The Committee took the difficult decision to increase attendance costs by £1 for the first attending child , in order to safeguard the financial stability of Howbury Tumblers – This will come into effect in September 2024

Maintained the play & learn environment to a high standard of cleanliness and safety with risk assessments reviewed and added to when necessary

Provided a wide range of arts & crafts materials and resources for Creative activities, and provided cooking activities, both hot and cold.

Provided sensory activities daily with a linked theme to the creative opportunities available that week, to promote the learning potential of each week's activities, and helping to engage more difficult to reach children, and individual sensory exploration ( using non shared tactile and other resources ) at our extended circle time

Provided opportunities for outdoor and indoor physical play daily and promoted an active lifestyle to our families through many activities

Provided singing, dancing and instruments , and Storytime at each session

Tracked all Children's individual progress, and undertook close tracking and monitoring of children we recognize needed more support, and worked closely with Parents and Carers to effect positive change, signposting to appropriate agencies where necessary- with particular attention paid to their mental health & wellbeing. We also assisted with reports to these agencies – and a school - on a couple of children, using our observations to help gain a picture of the child and plan intervention.

Supported a number of adults ( parents) experiencing difficulties in their lives

Supported a number of families with free sessions

Produced a monthly newsletter and activity plan, and posted these on our website, on social media, and in hard copy at Tumblers and In the Centre to inform our families , and promote the existence , substance and availability of our services and those of other local Community groups and Centre's

Continued to engage children in our book lending / early reading scheme , and continued our book bank and toy bank

Hosted and supported 5 students for work experience & support in childcare learning, from a variety of educational establishments

Staff refreshed Safeguarding procedures via online training, also refreshed in Safeguarding against radicalization, Human trafficking & slavery, Honor based violence & forced marriage, Information & cyber Security, Signs of Safety for partner agencies, and Domestic violence.

Applied for and was fortunate to receive a LIFE- VAC unit from the Oliver Steeper Foundation – an anti-choking device. All staff completed online training in the use of this equipment, which is located in the Parents area of the setting, fully accessible and with full instructions so that anyone can use this in an emergency

Had four visits from the Dental Hygiene community nurse, giving practical advice, fun play for the children, and samples to Parents

- Had yearly renewal DBS checks on all staff
- Maintained Privacy Statements to all forms of our Communications with others
- Reviewed all our Policies between March and August 2024.
- Fundraised internally for the group, selling gift crackers and cakes and other seasonal items at Howbury Friends Christmas Fayre, and our Father Christmas event raising £424 – with raffles the total raised was £713
- Supported Erith Christchurch Festival of lights and had a Howbury Tumblers Christmas tree at the church festival, contributing to charity, encouraging people into church for the event, and promoted our own services to the Community, raising £77 for the Church and Bexley Community hospice
- Raised money for BBC Children IN Need with a cake bake and raffle, raising £132
- Continued selling tickets for the Bexley Community Lottery, and sold tickets to 14 regular supporters, raising around £874 this year. Promoted this regularly on Social media and via newsletters,
- Maintained the website for the Group.
- Promoted the Group through social media - a page and Group on Facebook, and on websites such as Bexley Borough Mummies , Club Hub,& Happity
- Continued to support Parents in their parenting role, including those experiencing difficulties with older children – arranging remote and face to face meetings with other agencies we felt could help through our links and work with others and signposting to other support and guidance
- Continued to Support a local families , individual Parents and children in difficult circumstances by providing a listening ear and practical help & advice
- Continued to raise the profile of our group and other agencies and community groups in the local area, enabling more families to access family services
- Continued to seek funding from external funders in the aim of improving our services to children & families, gaining grants from Local Giving Magic Little Grant, Skipton Charitable Foundation, and Big Lottery Community Fund. We await an outcome of an application to Boots Charitable Trust..
- Provided a second play leader five days a week through funding from Children In Need ( year 3) for the wage of our Assistant Play leaders (started July 2022), with around 6-8 hours weekly voluntary time by the funded staff. This grant is now

completed, we had the following feedback from CIN :

- **‘ Thank you so much for this brilliant report and for explaining the slight underspend - much appreciated! A really insightful evaluation (I've now learned about the Leuven Scale!) from what is clearly a much needed, highly valued, provision in Bexley. Thank you for all your hard work and congratulations on the successful delivery of this grant!’**
- Successfully secured another 3 years funding from BBC Children In Need to pay the wages of the support play leaders – Grant will start in September 2024 until May 2024.
- Through our Big Lottery Community Fund Grant –We Are Family we provided a mini beast events for Halloween autumn half term. We provided around 140 children with a special Christmas event with a visit and gift from Santa – split over 5 sessions. We hosted a first Aid event and February Half Term, and Football event & animal experience at Easter – all sessions were 31 per family and all were fully booked.
- With Funding from Magic Little Grant Scheme we provided a diverse and rich range of creative and sensory materials for children to do crafts and exploration – this included cooking.
- Purchased creative, sensory and cooking resources through our William Kendall Grant- carried over from year 23/24.
- Purchased creative and sensory resources using the Skipton Grant award ( Feb 24) .These grants helped us enormously in providing quality resources, which are more expensive all the time, and even more so when we are providing for around 120 children a week. They enabled us to not increase attendance costs to our families, so very important, whilst maximizing children’s access to a quality learning environment and individual learning potential.
- Purchased cleaning products through our Wakeham Trust Grant – another important buffer for our finances
- Successfully secured another grant through Big Lottery Community Fund Grant –The Family Factor – and provided 8 summer events , engaging over 250 children who took part in Forest school, Yoga, circus skills workshops and a Boogie Baba disco day !. This is a two year grant.

#### Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The Trustees try to maintain general reserves of at least £20,000 in order to have sufficient funds to maintain the Charity’s cash flow, to cover unforeseen costs and to meet its commitments should the charity need to wind up.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

ou **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.

Our main source of income is daily fees paid by parents and carers for their children’s attendance. We have always been totally committed to keeping this as low as possible in order that we remain accessible to families in our identified area of need - Slade Green- the most deprived area in Bexley – however looking at our finances this year it was decided that after around 15 years we must increase the attendance fees, and from September 2024 the cost for the first child in a family will go up by £1.- still making us the cheapest (full service) group to access in Bexley. We need to ensure the survival of our charity into the future, as we have again this year been made aware so many times, by Parent testimonies, how important the group has been to them, their child, and the positive impact on both, in terms of wellbeing, mental & physical health. We also have some income from the sale of refreshments; Fundraising is another small source of income, as are holding children’s birthday parties. Grant funding continues to be an important source of income, particularly for the support staff wages, and for the purchase of activity and sensory resources - We will continue to apply for grant funding for projects and equipment, and fundraise internally to help finances.

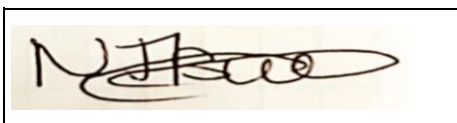
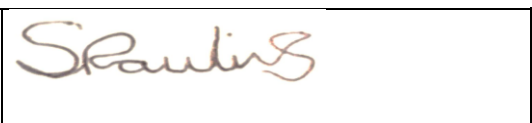
Our expenditure in its entirety supports the key objectives of our Group.

**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

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Signature(s)</b>                        |  |  |
| <b>Full name(s)</b>                        | Natalie Buhl  | Samantha Rawlins   |
| <b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b> | Chair   | Secretary  |
| <b>Date</b>                                | 02/10/2024  |  |



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| Charity Name<br>The Howbury Tumblers | No (if any)<br>1087716 |
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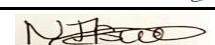
## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |                               |    |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date<br>01.09.23 | To | Period end date<br>31/08/2024 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Parent/Carers Subscriptions                    | 13,080.90                              |                                      |                                     | 13,080.90                       | 16,000.50                     |
| Refreshment Sales                              | 1,738.35                               |                                      |                                     | 1,738.35                        | 2,116.95                      |
| Outreach Income                                |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | -                             |
| Income from Childrens parties                  | 190.00                                 |                                      |                                     | 190.00                          | 325.00                        |
| Bexley Community Lottery                       | 874.00                                 |                                      |                                     | 874.00                          | 1,175.50                      |
| Fundraising & Donations                        | 1,003.55                               |                                      |                                     | 1,003.55                        | 3,900.57                      |
| GRANTS   |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | 18,973.00                     |
| <b>TNL Community Fund</b>                      |  | 13,270.00                            |                                     | 13,270.00                       |                               |
| Skipton Grant                                  |  | 1,100.00                             |                                     | 1,100.00                        |                               |
| LocalGiving Magic little Grant                 |  | 500.00                               |                                     | 500.00                          |                               |
| Other Income                                   |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | 313.42                        |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>16,887</b>                          | <b>14,870</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>31,757</b>                   | <b>42,805</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                          | <b>16,887</b>                          | <b>14,870</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>31,757</b>                   | <b>42,805</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Staff Wages                                    | 16,891.50                              | 11,736.49                            |                                     | 28,627.99                       | 27,240.92                     |
| Tax/NI   | 67.33                                  | -                                    |                                     | 67.33                           | 1.71                          |
| Toys, Books & Play Equipment                   | 1.75                                   | 556.86                               |                                     | 558.61                          | 483.77                        |
| Refreshments Supplies                          | 552.35                                 | 133.27                               |                                     | 685.62                          | 874.38                        |
| Activity resources Costs                       | -                                      | 2,072.25                             |                                     | 2,072.25                        | 2,725.95                      |
| Insurance                                      | 435.23                                 |                                      |                                     | 435.23                          | 402.99                        |
| External providers costs                       | -                                      | 1,770.00                             |                                     | 1,770.00                        | 1,783.00                      |
| Payroll Service                                | 331.20                                 |                                      |                                     | 331.20                          | 329.00                        |
| Cleaning                                       | -                                      | 178.07                               |                                     | 178.07                          | 463.93                        |
| Subscriptions & Website                        | 567.36                                 |                                      |                                     | 567.36                          | 21.60                         |
| Rent/ Room Hire                                | -                                      | 260.00                               |                                     | 260.00                          | -                             |
| Postage & Printing/Stationery                  | 181.01                                 | 31.28                                |                                     | 212.29                          | 70.96                         |
| DBS Fees & BVSC membership                     | -                                      |                                      |                                     |                                 | 12.80                         |
| Donations                                      | 209.00                                 |                                      |                                     | 209.00                          | 313.41                        |
| Other expenditure                              | 280.00                                 |                                      |                                     | 280.00                          | 237.75                        |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>19,517</b>                          | <b>16,738</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>36,255</b>                   | <b>34,962</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b> | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| <b>Total payments</b>                          | <b>19,517</b>                          | <b>16,738</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>36,255</b>                   | <b>34,962</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>              | <b>- 2,630</b>                         | <b>- 1,868</b>                       | <b>-</b>                            | <b>- 4,498</b>                  | <b>7,843</b>                  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>              |  |                                      | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>             |  |                                      | -                                   |                                 |                               |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                | <b>- 2,630</b>                         | <b>- 1,868</b>                       | <b>-</b>                            | <b>- 4,498</b>                  | <b>7,843</b>                  |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories  | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>  | Cash at bank   | 41,023.62                          | 11,911.82                        | -                               |
|   | Cash in hand   | 20                                 |                                  | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>  | <b>41,043.62</b>                   | <b>11,911.82</b>                 | <b>52,955.44</b>                |
|   | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))   | Agreement Error                    | Agreement Error                  | Agreement Error                 |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                             | <b>Details</b>   | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|   | None   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                                 | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   | None   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>         | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   | Books, Toys & Play equipment   | unrestricted                       | -                                | 6,000                           |
|   |  | restricted                         | -                                | 10,000                          |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | 16,000                          |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                                       | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|   | None   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature  | Print Name                         | Date of approval                 |                                 |
|   | E.Stuart      | Emma Stuart ( Treasurer)           | 02-Oct-24                        |                                 |
|   | Natalie Buhl  | Natalie Buhl ( Chair)              | 02-Oct-24                        |                                 |



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

The Howbury Tumblers

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1087716

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

10/09/2024

Name:

Genevieve Jones

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

Association of Accounting Technicians

(if any):

**Address:**

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A

**THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1087716

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

|             |           |                   |             |           |                 |            |             |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
|             |           | Period start date |             |           | Period end date |            |             |
| <b>From</b> | <b>01</b> | <b>SEPT</b>       | <b>2022</b> | <b>To</b> | <b>31</b>       | <b>AUG</b> | <b>2023</b> |

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

Other names charity is known by Tumblers

Registered charity number (if any) **1087716**

Charity's principal address **Slade Green and Howbury Community Centre**

**Chrome Road**

**Slade Green Erith Kent**

**Postcode**

**DA8 2EL**

### 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  | Natalie Shaw                | Chair           | 01/09/22-15/02/2023               |   |
| 2  | Natalie Buhl                | Chair           | From 15/02/2023                   |   |
| 3  | Jenny Faulkner              | Vice Chair      |                                   |   |
| 4  | Emma Stuart                 | Treasurer       |                                   |   |
| 5  | Sam Rawlins                 | Secretary       |                                   |   |
| 6  | Sam Nicklin (Formerly Owen) |                 |                                   |   |
| 7  | Laura Hulott                |                 |                                   |   |
| 8  | Chloe Ritch (was Phillips)  |                 |                                   |   |
| 9  | Jezz Vaughn Kelly           |                 |                                   |   |
| 10 | Gayna Sall                  |                 |                                   |   |
| 12 | Lorraine Owen               |                 |                                   |   |
| 13 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 14 |                             |                 |                                   |   |

### 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   |
|------------------|-------------|---|
| Grants & Funding | Carol Penny | BVSC, Engine House Bexley, 2 Veridion Way Erith Kent DA18 4AL |
|                  |             |   |
|                  |             |   |

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

Carole Read – Manager/ lead playleader Clare Tyrrell – Deputy Manager / Lead playleader Lucy Plaskasovitis- Senior Support Playleader Donna Leinster Support Playleader

## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | CONSTITUTION  |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | A Registered Charity  |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(eg. appointed by, elected by)         | Volunteering opportunities including joining the Committee are advertised on newsletters, our website and via social media. We try to encourage new members onto the Committee, and ask them to express interest in a letter. Interested parties are invited to attend a meeting prior to commitment. Potential members are then nominated and selection based upon a show of hands at a Committee meeting. |

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul> | <p>There is a procedure for the induction of new trustees which includes: inviting them to observe a meeting, giving them a copy of the organization structure, constitution, policies, minutes of meetings and rules regarding quorums. Trustees are given our Privacy notice and Personal data consent form. Trustees are encouraged to attend training courses and given access to the local Voluntary services newsletters and publications.</p> <p>Howbury Tumblers reviewed and updated all policies and procedures this year in line with our review policy including Safeguarding Children Policy. Paperwork generated this year was securely destroyed in line with GDPR regulations.</p> <p>Howbury Tumblers continue to work well and closely with Eco Communities, who manage the Centre, to ensure the best services &amp; outcomes for families in Slade Green. Eco Communities recognise Howbury Tumblers is a service much needed and supported by the local community. We have a written agreement to occupy the premises rent free, so we can maintain low cost services for our families in our deprived area. As long as ECO COM manages the Centre I am confident our rent agreement will be honoured. The charity’s greatest risk at present is the cost of living crisis- we face an uncertain period as families will struggle to pay for essentials which could have a huge negative impact on the charity finances. We will look for funding to support families and the charity if opportunities become available.</p> |
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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The Objects of Howbury Tumblers are :

1. To enhance the wellbeing, development and education of pre-school age children ( 0-5 yrs) by providing a safe and stimulating play and learn environment
2. To encourage Parents & Carers to be involved in the development and wellbeing of their child through participation in group activities, and those offered by other agencies and community groups
3. To ensure the group offers opportunities for all children regardless of race, culture, religion, ability or means
4. To encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and carers and promote public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local area

**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)**

Howbury Tumblers gives Parents, Carers and their children under five pre- bookable accesses to its provision from 9.30 to 12.00 pm, and 12.15-2.15 pm, Monday to Friday, term time only, for a small daily charge. Some drop – in families are also accommodated if we have space for them. We have waived fees on occasions for families we know to be going through hardship so that they are able to attend. Holiday family sessions are run in periods of group closure, and include provision for older siblings

The Group sells refreshments to users to help finances.

Children’s birthday parties are held and charged for as a means to raise funds for the group.

A learning support program provides short and long term work experience placements for school children and placements for childcare students at all levels, including Skills for Growth.

We work to support Parents in their parenting role, providing a listening ear when needed, and signposting to relevant agencies and services when appropriate, and encouraging their involvement in the Group and its activities, and their child’s development, building confidence and skills.

Arranging Social events for parents. We provide volunteers for local events and activities run by Slade Green Big Local, Howbury Friends and other Community Groups

Signposting to other community groups and services, with which we work closely, and with whom we collaborate to provide community events – in the aim of achieving better outcomes for our families, promoting Community participation and cohesion and contributing to wellbeing and health of the family unit and community as a whole.

Fundraising to extend our services and provide better for the children and families in our community. These included selling Cakes, raffles, selling crackers at our local community Christmas Fun day, participating in a Christmas card project, promoting Amazon Smile and the Bexley Community lottery.

Working with other Groups and agencies to achieve the best possible

outcomes in terms of service delivery for our families. This year this has included our involvement in Bexley SHIELD, Bexley safeguarding Champions, Bexley Children & Young Peoples Network , Northend Ward Neighbourhood Policing & Neighbourhood Watch, Bexley Voluntary Services Council and in the Slade Green BIG Local Partnership, planning and implementing local aid and intervention- this year in the provision of a daily foodbank and clothing/ toy / book bank, and some large scale community events.

### 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.

As well as the management committee members, 4 Parent volunteers have been involved in helping to run the day to day activities and holiday events at Howbury Tumblers. Another volunteer helps out with the website management and administration, purchasing, odd jobs and general caretaking, and being our Santa. Another volunteer provides us with assistance with accounting and with Social Media

WE have provided face to face services over 46 weeks this year. Staffs continue to contribute much voluntary time, over 600 hours .Carole Read has contributed in excess of 500 hours – at least 10 hours per week - and also over 50 hours for Slade Green Big Local Partnership, having the role of Chair. Clare Eastop, Lucy Plaskasovitis and Donna Leinster contributed around 6 hours of voluntary work a week, in addition to their part time paid hours. Parental Volunteer time contributed is around 60 hours, within Howbury Tumblers, where voluntary work has included helping with the family events in school holidays, and the other volunteers – helping with website, odd jobs , purchasing etc. around 40 hours across the year. The Committee contributed around 12 hours each individually attending both online (Zoom) and face to face meetings when possible.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023, Howbury Tumblers has:

- Provided 46 weeks of face to face services, two bookable sessions daily, giving children access to a wide range of activities and experiences, led by experienced staff from 9.30-12.00pm and 12.15-2.15pm. Around 700 individual children have attended this year, averaging 150 a week.
- Provided this for no extra cost– because of Grants we have been able to maintain attendance fees despite our own costs for resources etc increasing a lot. WE have not raised costs for 1 on 2 children to attend for around 12 years, keeping us as accessible as possible to our disadvantaged families.
- Maintained the play & learn environment to a high standard of cleanliness and safety – with enhanced and ongoing cleaning taking place
- Provided a wide range of arts & crafts materials and resources

for Creative activities, and provided cooking activities, both hot and cold.

- Provided sensory activities daily with a linked theme to the creative opportunities available that week, to promote the learning potential of each week's activities, and helping to engage more difficult to reach children, and individual sensory exploration ( using non shared tactile and other resources ) at our extended circle time
- Did a literacy project, with crafts to explore and enjoy a particular book each week, with a lot of reading, and we was proud to host an author in the setting for one lucky group, when she came to read her book. We also hosted two online book reading sessions, through our Facebook Group, for bedtime stories, where another author read her books to the children.
- Provided opportunities for outdoor and indoor physical play daily and promoted an active lifestyle to our families through many activities
- Provided singing, dancing and instruments , and Storytime at each session
- Tracked all Children's individual progress, and undertook close tracking and monitoring of children we recognize needed more support, and worked closely with Parents and Carers to effect positive change, signposting to appropriate agencies where necessary- with particular attention paid to their mental health & wellbeing. We also assisted with reports to these agencies on a couple of children, using our observations to help gain a picture of the child and plan intervention.
- Supported a number of adults and children experiencing difficulties in their lives
- Supported a number of families with free sessions
- Produced a monthly newsletter and activity plan, and posted these on our website, on social media, and in hard copy at Tumblers and In the Centre to inform our families , and promote the existence , substance and availability of our services and those of other local Community groups and Centre's
- Continued to engage children in our book lending / early reading scheme , and continued our book bank and toy bank
- Hosted and supported 4 students for work experience & support in childcare learning, from a variety of educational establishments, including Shooters Hill College
- Staff refreshed Safeguarding procedures via online training, also refreshed in Human trafficking & slavery, and Domestic violence.
- Sold a reduced range of refreshments to raise funds for the group

- Hosted a visit from our Grant manager at BBC Children In Need – Maeve loved our setting and was in tears at some points – a lovely visit for all of us
- Had four visits from the Dental Hygiene community nurse, giving practical advice, fun play for the children, and samples to Parents
- Had yearly renewal DBS checks on all staff , and on our new regular volunteer
- Maintained Privacy Statements to all forms of our Communications with others
- Reviewed all our Policies between March and August 2023.
- Fundraised internally for the group, selling gift crackers and cakes and other seasonal items at our Father Christmas event raising £304 – with raffles the total raised was £660
- Supported Erith Christchurch Festival of lights and had a Howbury Tumblers Christmas tree at the church festival, contributing to charity, encouraging people into church for the event, and promoted our own services to the Community, raising £67 for the Church and Bexley Community hospice
- Raised money for BBC Children IN Need with a cake bake and raffle, raising £246.41
- Continued selling tickets for the Bexley Community Lottery, and sold tickets to 16 regular supporters, raising around £1175 this year. Promoted this regularly on Social media and via newsletters
- Through our supporters voting for us, received 2 payments of £1000 from Movement for Good! This has been a tremendous help to us this year.
- Continued the Amazon Smile sales commission scheme, raising around £100
- Maintained the website for the Group Promoted the Group through social media - a page and Group on Facebook, and on websites such as Bexley Borough Mummies , Club Hub,& Happity
- Continued involvement in the Slade Green Big Local Partnership, assisting to steer our Community in this 10 year pathway and encourage local people to be involved in decision making. Carole Read has sustained the role of the Chair of Slade Green Big Local Partnership, and this role this year has been participating in and chairing meetings, and making decisions about aid for our community- planning and helping at events - making decisions about the foodbank and community swap shop for clothes, toys and other goods. We ran three large scale community events this year. Slade Green Big Local has now come to an end, and after 12 years of planning and

practical help, Carole has now been retired from these duties.

- Continued to support Parents in their parenting role, including those experiencing difficulties with older children – arranging remote and face to face meetings with other agencies we felt could help through our links and work with others and signposting to other support and guidance
- Continued to Support a local families , individual Parents and children in difficult circumstances by providing a listening ear and practical help & advice
- Continued to raise the profile of our group and other agencies and community groups in the local area, enabling more families to access family services
- Continued to seek funding from external funders in the aim of improving our services to children & families, gaining grants from Local Giving Magic Little Grant, Slade Green Big Local, and Wakeham Trust.
- Provided a second play leader five days a week through funding from Children In Need for the wage of our Assistant Play leaders (started July 2022), with around 6-8 hours weekly voluntary time by the funded staff, and successfully secured this funding - year 3 to pay the wages of the support play leaders until May 2024. We had feedback from CIN after the review of our year 2 report: [-The report provides rich and very specific examples and case studies provided to help demonstrate how all three of the differences have been achieved. Clear to see the work that is done with both the parent/ carer and the child to ensure the best outcomes for the child. Excellent case study provided to help demonstrate this further. Great to see such a range of positive activities and support continually on offer. Good learnings around communication and developing ways to support those from all ethnicities and cultures.- Well done to the whole team on another fantastic year of delivery.](#)
- Through our Big Lottery Community Fund Grant – Invite engage inspire Unite we provided two meet the mini beast events for Halloween autumn half term. We provided around 140 children with a special Christmas event with a visit and gift from Santa – split over 5 sessions. We hosted a farm event at Easter with farm animals attending in our garden over 2 sessions with 80 children attending
- With Funding from Magic Little Grant Scheme we provided a diverse and rich range of creative and sensory materials for children to do crafts and exploration – this included cooking.
- Purchased creative, sensory and cooking resources through our William Kendall Grant- some has carried over into year 23/24. These grants helped us enormously in providing quality resources, which are more expensive all the time, and even more so when we are providing for around 150 children a week. They enabled us to not increase attendance costs to our

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

families, so very important.

- Purchased cleaning products through our Wakeham Trust Grant – another important buffer for our finances
- Held a 2 session family event May half term, meet the owls, through a grant from Slade Green Big Local
- Successfully secured another grant through Big Lottery Community Fund Grant – We are Family – and provided 8 summer events , engaging over 280 children who took part in Forest school, Yoga and dance, and circus skills workshops and a Boogie Baba disco day !

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees try to maintain general reserves of at least £15,000 in order to have sufficient funds to maintain the Charity's cash flow, to cover unforeseen costs and to meet its commitments should the charity need to wind up.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

ou **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.

Our main source of income is daily fees paid by parents and carers for their children's attendance. We are committed to keeping this as low as possible in order that we remain accessible to families in our identified area of need - Slade Green- the most deprived area in Bexley. We also have some income from the sale of refreshments, but again, we must remain cost effective to our clients. Fundraising is important – bringing in around £1700 per year through the Bexley Lottery and Amazon smile commission- this scheme has now come to an end . Another small source of income is through birthday parties. Grant funding continues to be an important source of income, particularly for the support staff wages, and for the purchase of activity and sensory resources - We will continue to apply for grant funding for projects and equipment, and fundraise internally to help finances.

Our expenditure in its entirety supports the key objectives of our Group.

## Section F



## Other optional information

The longstanding Chairperson of our Committee – Natalie Shaw -stepped down this year due to work commitments –her children no longer attend as they are older now. We welcomed a new chair -Natalie Buhl.

**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Signature(s)</b>                        |  |  |
| <b>Full name(s)</b>                        | Natalie Buhl  | Samantha Rawlins   |
| <b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b> | Chair   | Secretary  |
| <b>Date</b>                                | 27 September 2023   |  |



Charity Name  
The Howbury Tumblers

No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts


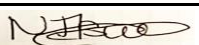
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### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Parent/Carers Subscriptions                    | 16,001                                 |                                      |                                     | 16,001                          | 12,243                        |
| Refreshment Sales                              | 2,117                                  |                                      |                                     | 2,117                           | 2,054                         |
| Outreach Income                                |  |                                      |                                     | -                               |                               |
| Income from Childrens parties                  | 325                                    |                                      |                                     | 325                             | 313                           |
| Bexley Community Lottery                       | 1,176                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,176                           | 1,066                         |
| Fundraising & Donations                        | 3,901                                  |                                      |                                     | 3,901                           | 1816.64                       |
| GRANTS   |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | -                             |
| Children In Need cost of living grant          |  | 500                                  |                                     | 500                             | 10,000                        |
| Big Lottery Community Fund                     |  | 6,723                                |                                     | 6,723                           | 6,210                         |
| Children In Need year 3                        |  | 10000                                |                                     | 10,000                          | 400                           |
| Wakeham trust grant                            |  | 500                                  |                                     | 500                             | 1,280                         |
| Slade Green Big Local                          |  | 750                                  |                                     | 750                             | 270                           |
| LocalGiving Magic little Grant                 |  | 500                                  |                                     | 500                             | 500                           |
| Other Income                                   | 313                                    |                                      |                                     | 313                             | 100                           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>23,832</b>                          | <b>18,973</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>42,805</b>                   | <b>36,252</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                          | <b>23,831.94</b>                       | <b>18,973</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>42,805</b>                   | <b>36,252</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Staff Wages                                    | 15,014                                 | 12,227                               |                                     | 27,241                          | 24,604                        |
| Tax/NI   | 2                                      |                                      |                                     | 2                               |                               |
| Toys, Books & Play Equipment                   | 102                                    | 382                                  |                                     | 484                             | 1,031                         |
| Refreshments Supplies                          | 746                                    | 128                                  |                                     | 874                             | 683                           |
| Activity resources Costs                       |  | 2,726                                |                                     | 2,726                           | 1,997                         |
| Insurance                                      | 403                                    |                                      |                                     | 403                             | 362                           |
| External providers costs                       |  | 1,783                                |                                     | 1,783                           | 3,480                         |
| Payroll Service                                | 329                                    |                                      |                                     | 329                             | 276                           |
| Cleaning                                       | 273                                    | 191                                  |                                     | 464                             | 103                           |
| Subscriptions & Website                        | 22                                     |                                      |                                     | 22                              | 396                           |
| Rent/ Room Hire                                |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | 151                           |
| Postage & Printing/Stationery                  | 13                                     | 58                                   |                                     | 71                              | 35                            |
| DBS Fees & BVSC membership                     | 13                                     |                                      |                                     | 13                              | -                             |
| Donations                                      | 313                                    |                                      |                                     | 313                             | 105                           |
| Other expenditure                              | 238                                    |                                      |                                     | 238                             | 196                           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>17,467</b>                          | <b>17,496</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>34,962</b>                   | <b>33,420</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b> | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total payments</b>                          | <b>17,467</b>                          | <b>17,496</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>34,962</b>                   | <b>33,119</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>              | <b>6,365</b>                           | <b>1,477</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>7,843</b>                    | <b>3,133</b>                  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>              |  |                                      | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>             |  |                                      | -                                   |                                 |                               |

|                                 |       |       |   |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| <i>Cash funds this year end</i> | 6,365 | 1,477 | - | 7,843 | 6,507 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories   | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|--|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>   | Cash at bank   | 43648.39                           | 13,785                           | -                               |
|  | Cash in hand   | 20                                 |                                  | -                               |
|  |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|  | <b>Total cash funds</b>  | <b>43,668</b>                      | <b>13,785</b>                    | <b>.</b>                        |
|  | <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>                            | Agreement Error                    | Agreement Error                  | #VALUE!                         |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>  | <b>Details</b>   | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|  | None   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|  |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>  | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|  | None   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|  |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>                        | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|  | Books, Toys & Play equipment   | unrestricted                       | -                                | 8,000                           |
|  |  | restricted                         | -                                | 10,000                          |
|  |  |                                    | -                                | 18,000                          |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>  | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|  | None   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|  |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|  |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|  |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
| <small>Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees</small> | <b>Signature</b>   | <b>Print Name</b>                  | <b>Date of approval</b>          |                                 |
|  | E.Stuart      | Emma Stuart ( Treasurer)           | 27-Sep-23                        |                                 |
|  | Natalie Buhl  | Natalie Buhl ( Chair)              | 27-Sep-23                        |                                 |



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Howbury Tumblers

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

|                              |                                |         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 | <b>Charity no<br/>(if any)</b> | 1087716 |
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**Respective  
responsibilities of trustees  
and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's  
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

15/10/2023

**Name:**

Genevieve Jones

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body (if**

Association of Accounting Technicians

any):

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Address:</b> | 71 St Marks Avenue |
|                 | Gravesend Kent     |
|                 | DA11 9LN           |



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A

**THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1087716

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

|             |                   |             |             |           |                 |            |             |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
|             | Period start date |             |             |           | Period end date |            |             |
| <b>From</b> | <b>01</b>         | <b>SEPT</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>To</b> | <b>31</b>       | <b>AUG</b> | <b>2022</b> |

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

Other names charity is known by Tumblers

Registered charity number (if any) **1087716**

Charity's principal address **Slade Green and Howbury Community Centre**

**Chrome Road**

**Slade Green Erith Kent**

**Postcode**

**DA8 2EL**

### 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  | Natalie Shaw                | Chair           |                                   |   |
| 2  | Jenny Faulkner              | Vice Chair      |                                   |   |
| 3  | Emma Stuart                 | Treasurer       |                                   |   |
| 4  | Sam Rawlins                 | Secretary       |                                   |   |
| 5  | Sam Nicklin (Formerly Owen) |                 |                                   |   |
| 6  | Laura Hulott                |                 |                                   |   |
| 7  | Chloe Ritch (was Phillips)  |                 |                                   |   |
| 8  | Abigail Pennial             |                 | Retired Feb 2022                  |   |
| 9  | Vikki Russell               |                 | Retired June 2022                 |   |
| 10 | Jezz Vaughn Kelly           |                 |                                   |   |
| 11 | Gayna Saill                 |                 |                                   |   |
| 12 | Natalie Buhl                |                 | Joined June 2022                  |   |
| 13 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 14 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 15 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 16 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 17 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 18 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 19 |                             |                 |                                   |   |

### 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   |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Grants & Funding | Carol Penny<br>Jacqueline Jobb | BVSC, Crayford Manor House Mayplace Road East,<br>Crayford Kent DA1 4HB |
|                  |                                |   |
|                  |                                |   |

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

Carole Read – Manager/ lead playleader    Clare Tyrrell – Deputy Manager / Lead playleader    Lucy Plaskasovitis- Senior Support Playleader    Donna Leinster Support Playleader

# Section B      Structure, governance and management

## Description of the charity's trusts

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | CONSTITUTION  |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | A Registered Charity  |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(eg. appointed by, elected by)         | Volunteering opportunities including joining the Committee are advertised on newsletters, our website and via social media. We try to encourage new members onto the Committee, and ask them to express interest in a letter. Interested parties are invited to attend a meeting prior to commitment. Potential members are then nominated and selection based upon a show of hands at a Committee 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.

There is a procedure for the induction of new trustees which includes: giving them a copy of the organization structure, constitution, policies, minutes of meetings and rules regarding quorums. Trustees are given our Privacy notice and Personal data consent form. Trustees are encouraged to attend training courses and given access to the local Voluntary services newsletters and publications.

Howbury Tumblers reviewed and updated all policies and procedures this year in line with our review policy. New policies were added including an Extreme Heat Policy. Paperwork generated this year was securely destroyed in line with GDPR regulations.

Howbury Tumblers continue to work well and closely with Eco Communities, who manage the Centre, to ensure the best services & outcomes for families in Slade Green. Eco Communities recognise Howbury Tumblers is a service much needed and supported by the local community. We have a written agreement to occupy the premises rent free, so we can maintain low cost services for our families in our deprived area. As long as ECO COM manage the Centre I am confident our rent agreement will be honoured. The charity's greatest risk at present is the cost of living crisis- we face an uncertain period as families will struggle to pay for essentials which could have a huge negative impact on the charity finances. We will look for funding to support families and the charity if opportunities become available. Some Covid- safe measures remain, as we have found we are able to better manage numbers and keep people safe this way. Another outbreak may also have impact on our income and service, especially restrictions are re-introduced at a local / national level.

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

The Objects of Howbury Tumblers are :

1. To enhance the wellbeing, development and education of pre-school age children ( 0-5 yrs) by providing a safe and stimulating play and learn environment
2. To encourage Parents & Carers to be involved in the development and wellbeing of their child through participation in group activities, and those offered by other agencies and community groups
3. To ensure the group offers opportunities for all children regardless of race, culture, religion, ability or means
4. To encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and carers and promote public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local area

**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)**

Howbury Tumblers gives Parents, Carers and their children under five pre- bookable accesses to its provision from 9.30 to 12.00 pm, and 12.15-2.15 pm , Monday to Friday, term time only, for a small daily charge. Some drop – in families are also accommodated if we have space for them.. We have waived fees on occasions for families we know to be going through hardship so that they are able to attend. Holiday family sessions are run in periods of group closure, and include provision for older siblings

The Group sells refreshments to users to help finances.

Children’s birthday parties are held and charged for as a means to raise funds for the group.

A learning support program provides short and long term work experience placements for school children and placements for childcare students at all levels, including Skills for Growth.

We work to support Parents in their parenting role, providing a listening ear when needed, and signposting to relevant agencies and services when appropriate, and encouraging their involvement in the Group and its activities, and their child’s development, building confidence and skills.

Arranging Social events for parents. Howbury provides volunteers for local events and activities run by Slade Green Big Local, Howbury Friends and other Community Groups

Signposting to other community groups and services, with which we work closely, and with whom we collaborate to provide community events – in the aim of achieving better outcomes for our families, promoting Community participation and cohesion and contributing to wellbeing and health of the family unit and community as a whole.

Fundraising to extend our services and provide better for the children and families in our community. These included selling Cakes, raffles, selling crackers at our local community Christmas Fun day, participating in a Christmas card project, promoting Amazon Smile and the Bexley Community lottery.

Working with other Groups and agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes in terms of service delivery for our families. This year this has included our involvement in Bexley SHIELD , Bexley Community Champions , Bexley Children & Young Peoples Network , Northend Ward Neighbourhood Policing & Neighbourhood Watch, Bexley Voluntary Services Council and in the Slade Green BIG Local Partnership, planning and implementing local aid and intervention- this year in the provision of a daily foodbank and clothing/ toy / book bank, and some large scale community events.

**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.

As well as the management committee members, 4 Parent volunteers have been involved in helping to run the day to day activities and holiday events at Howbury Tumblers. Another volunteer helps out with the website management and administration, purchasing and general caretaking, and another with assistance with accounting and with Social Media

With Covid restrictions eased, we were able to provide face to face services over a full year – 44 weeks. Staff continue to contribute much voluntary time, over 600 hours .Carole Read has contributed in excess of 400 hours – at least 10 hours per week - and also over 20 hours for Slade Green Big Local Partnership, having the role of Chair. Clare Eastop, Lucy Plaskasovitis and Donna Leinster contributed around 6 hours of voluntary work a week, in addition to their part time paid hours. Parental Volunteer time contributed is around 60 hours, within Howbury Tumblers, where voluntary work has included helping with the family events in school holidays, and the other volunteers – helping with website, odd jobs , purchasing etc around 40 hours across the year. The Committee contributed around 12 hours each individually attending both online (Zoom) and face to face meetings when possible.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022, Howbury Tumblers has:

- Provided 44 weeks of face to face services, two bookable sessions daily, giving children access to a wide range of activities and experiences, led by experienced staff from 9.30-12.00pm and 12.15-2.15pm. Around 580 individual children have attended this year, averaging 125 a week.
- Maintained the play & learn environment to a high standard of cleanliness and safety – with enhanced and ongoing cleaning taking place minute to minute – with an extra clean between
- Implemented updated COVID risk assessment and working plan, so that we were able to deliver services as safely as possible – this included maintaining enhanced regular cleaning regimes, and controlling user numbers at sessions, whilst maximizing participation opportunity.
- Provided all child spaces at £1 per child, through grant funding, until January 2022 when funding ran out.
- Provided a wide range of arts & crafts materials and resources for Creative activities, which were delivered in a Covid safe manner , and focused on wellbeing
- Provided Covid safe sensory activities daily on our sensory table, with a linked theme to the creative opportunities available that week, to promote the learning potential of each week's activities, and helping to engage more difficult to reach children, and individual sensory exploration ( using non shared tactile and other resources ) at our extended circle time, which

focused on children's wellbeing

- Provided opportunities for outdoor and indoor physical play daily and promoted an active lifestyle to our families through many activities
- Provided Covid- safe singing, dancing and instruments at each session
- Tracked all Children's individual progress, and undertook close tracking and monitoring of children we recognize needed more support, and worked closely with Parents and Carers to effect positive change, signposting to appropriate agencies where necessary- with particular attention paid to their mental health & wellbeing
- Supported a number of adults and children experiencing difficulties in re- socialization
- Supported a number of families with free sessions
- Produced a monthly newsletter and activity plan, and posted these on our website, on social media, and in hard copy at Tumblers and In the Centre to inform our families , and promote the existence , substance and availability of our services and those of other local Community groups and Centre's
- Continued to engage children in our book lending / early reading scheme
- Hosted a student for 100 hours of work experience & support in childcare learning, from North West Kent College
- Engaged staff in training in Paediatric First Aid, Emergency First Aid in the Workplace, Health & safety, and Food Hygiene. 2 Parents and 1 Trustee were also able to take part in all of these courses, and also the manager of the Community Centre , free of charge. Online training included FGM, Human trafficking & slavery, and safeguarding.
- Provided around 130 children with a special Christmas event with a visit and gift from Santa – split over 4 sessions to be Covid- secure. Children were all given a selection Box through our local Morrison's Community Giving Scheme
- With Funding from Magic Little Grant Scheme added a music wall and channeling wall to our outdoor equipment
- Provided 10 weeks of free baby ballet and dance classes to around 24 families and 32 individual children , and 34 free phonics sessions held in Tumblers to around 122 individual children, over two sessions a week, through Comic Relief / Groundwork grant funding until the grant funds finished.
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- Purchased a new vacuum cleaner, MP3 player , new oven for cooking activities, and laminator with a grant from Slade Green Big Local
- Provided through Big Lottery Community Foundation, 14 sessions of 7 events - Multi Sports, First Aid, Recycling/ Diamond Jubilee , animal experience, Forest School , Yoga & dance , and circus skills events , hosting up to 35 children per session in a covid secure manner
- Sold a reduced range of refreshments to raise funds for the group- only selling sealed drinks , sweets and crisps to be Covid- secure
- Had yearly renewal DBS checks on all staff
- Maintained Privacy Statements to all forms of our Communications with others
- Reviewed all our Policies between March and July 2022. Added policies : protecting Children from radicalisation , Safeguarding Deaf and disabled children and young people, Safeguarding children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and Safeguarding children who come from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities
- Continued to seek funding from external funders in the aim of improving our services to children & families, gaining grants from Local Giving Magic Little Grant , Slade Green Big Local Grant, National Lottery Community Fund and William Kendall grant 2022
- Fundraised internally for the group, selling gift crackers and cakes and other seasonal items at our Father Christmas event raising £353 and by our Christmas card project with Chameleon Create
- Supported Erith Christchurch Festival of lights and had a Howbury Tumblers Christmas tree at the church festival, contributing to charity, encouraging people into church for the event, and promoted our own services to the Community, raising £140 for the Church and Bexley Community hospice
- Hosting an Easter raffle raising £250 for Save The Children Ukraine Fund
- Held a soft toy raffle raising funds for Our amazing animal world, raising £70 for their rescue Centre
- Raised money for BBC Children IN Need with a cake bake and raffle, raising £325
- Continued selling tickets for the Bexley Community Lottery, and sold tickets to 16 regular supporters, raising around £1065 this year. Promoted this regularly on Social media and via

newsletters

- Joined the Amazon Smile sales commission scheme, raising around £100
- Established a relationship with a local Usbourne Books representative, who raised £94 for us to buy new books, with money donated from local businesses
- Participated in the Local Giving match fund scheme, raising around £671 from donations and match funding.
- Participated in BBC Children In Need training program about effective communication, receiving a £500 donation for all staff participating
- Successfully Applied for Bexley Green points recycling scheme, selected as one of five Bexley charities who will receive a proportion of the total award pot later this year
- Provided a second play leader five days a week through funding from Children In Need for the wage of our Assistant Play leaders (started July 2021), with around 6-8 hours weekly voluntary time by the funded staff, and successfully secured this funding - year 2 to pay the wages of the support playleaders until May 2023
- Maintained the website for the Group Promoted the Group through social media - a page and Group on Facebook, and on websites such as Bexley Borough Mummies , Club Hub,& Happity
- Continued involvement in the Slade Green Big Local Partnership, assisting to steer our Community in this 10 year pathway and encourage local people to be involved in decision making. Carole Read has sustained the role of the Chair of Slade Green Big Local Partnership, and this role this year has been participating in and chairing meetings, and making decisions about aid for our community- this has again mostly been achieved by the running of the ( daily ) foodbank and through the community swap shop for clothes, toys and other goods. We have ran two large scale community events this year.
- Continued to support Parents in their parenting role, including those experiencing difficulties with older children – arranging remote and face to face meetings with other agencies we felt could help through our links and work with others and signposting to other support and guidance
- Continued to Support a local families , individual Parents and children in difficult circumstances by providing a listening ear and practical help & advice
- Made one requested referral to the Bexley MASH team- leading to a network of support being established for a family struggling with their problems

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

- Continued to raise the profile of our group and other agencies and community groups in the local area, enabling more families to access family services

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees try to maintain general reserves of at least £15,000 in order to have sufficient funds to maintain the Charity's cash flow, to cover unforeseen costs and to meet its commitments should the charity need to wind up.

### 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.

Our main source of income is daily fees paid by parents and carers for their children's attendance. We are committed to keeping this as low as possible in order that we remain accessible to families in our identified area of need - Slade Green- the most deprived area in Bexley. We also have some income from the sale of refreshments, but again, we must remain cost effective to our clients. Fundraising is important – bringing in around £1500 per year through the Bexley Lottery and Amazon smile commission. Another small source of income is through birthday parties. Grant funding continues to be an important source of income, particularly for the support staff wages, and for the purchase of activity and sensory resources - We will continue to apply for grant funding for projects and equipment, and fundraise internally to help finances.

Our expenditure in its entirety supports the key objectives of our Group.

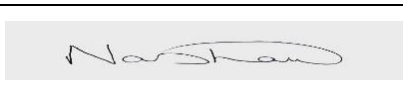

## Section F Other optional information

Two Committee members stepped down this year due to work commitments – their children no longer attend as they are older now – Vikki Russell and Abi Pennial. We welcomed a new trustee to the committee, Natalie Buhl who has been attending Tumblers since lockdown restrictions allowed us to re-open.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|  |   |                  |   |
|--|---|------------------|---|
| <b>Signature(s)</b>                        |  | S Rawlins        |  |
| <b>Full name(s)</b>                        | Natalie Shaw  | Samantha Rawlins |   |
| <b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b> | Chair   | Secretary        |   |
| <b>Date</b>                                | 22/09/2022  |                  |   |



Charity Name  
The Howbury Tumblers

No (if any)  
1087716

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01.09.21 To 31.08.22

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Parent/Carers Subscriptions                    | 12,243                                 |                                      |                                     | 12,243                          | 2,013                         |
| Refreshment Sales                              | 2,054                                  |                                      |                                     | 2,054                           | 859                           |
| Outreach Income                                |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Income from Childrens parties                  | 313                                    |                                      |                                     | 313                             | -                             |
| Bexley Community Lottery                       | 1,066                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,066                           | 730                           |
| Fundraising & Donations                        | 1,817                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,817                           | 2355.36                       |
| HMRC Furlough scheme                           |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | 9,881                         |
| GRANTS   |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | -                             |
| Children In Need 2021                          |  | 10,000                               |                                     | 10,000                          | 10,000                        |
| Big Lottery Community Fund                     |  | 6,210                                |                                     | 6,210                           | 173                           |
| Comic Relief / Groundwork                      |  | 400                                  |                                     | 400                             | 3,600                         |
| William Kendall grant                          |  | 1,280                                |                                     | 1,280                           | 7,728                         |
| Slade Green Big Local                          |  | 270                                  |                                     | 270                             |                               |
| LocalGiving Match Fund Grant                   |  | 500                                  |                                     | 500                             | 441                           |
| Other Income                                   | 100                                    |                                      |                                     | 100                             | 1,212                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>17,592</b>                          | <b>18,660</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>36,252</b>                   | <b>38,992</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                          | <b>17,591.79</b>                       | <b>18,660</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>36,252</b>                   | <b>38,992</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Staff Wages                                    | 9,123                                  | 15,482                               |                                     | 24,604                          | 21,306                        |
| Tax/NI   |  |                                      |                                     |                                 | 3                             |
| Toys, Books & Play Equipment                   | 235                                    | 797                                  |                                     | 1,031                           | 2,713                         |
| Refreshments Supplies                          | 648                                    | 35                                   |                                     | 683                             | 259                           |
| Activity resources Costs                       | 154                                    | 1,842                                |                                     | 1,997                           | 1,583                         |
| Insurance                                      | 362                                    |                                      |                                     |                                 | 320                           |
| External providers costs                       |  | 3,480                                |                                     |                                 | 5,005                         |
| Payroll Service                                | 276                                    |                                      |                                     |                                 | 276                           |
| Cleaning                                       | 103                                    |                                      |                                     |                                 | 762                           |
| Subscriptions & Website                        | 396                                    |                                      |                                     |                                 | 16                            |
| Rent/ Room Hire                                |  | 151                                  |                                     |                                 | 125                           |
| Postage & Printing/Stationery                  | 16                                     | 19                                   |                                     | 35                              | 67                            |
| DBS Fees & BVSC membership                     |  |                                      |                                     |                                 | 50                            |
| Donations                                      | 105                                    |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Other expenditure                              | 196                                    |                                      |                                     |                                 | 1,064                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>11,614</b>                          | <b>21,806</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>33,420</b>                   | <b>33,420</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b> | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total payments</b>                          | <b>11,614</b>                          | <b>21,806</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>33,420</b>                   | <b>32,485</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>              | <b>5,978</b>                           | <b>- 3,146</b>                       | <b>-</b>                            | <b>2,832</b>                    | <b>6,507</b>                  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>              |  |                                      | -                                   | -                               | -                             |

A6 Cash funds last year end

*Cash funds this year end*

|  |       |   |       |   |       |       |
|--|-------|---|-------|---|-------|-------|
|  |       |   | -     |   |       |       |
|  | 5,978 | - | 3,146 | - | 2,832 | 6,507 |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories  | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>  | Cash at bank   | 36781.25                           | 12,810                           | -                               |
|   | Cash in hand   | 20                                 |                                  | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>36,801</b>                      | <b>12,810</b>                    |                                 |
|   | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error                    | Agreement Error                  | OK                              |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                             | <b>Details</b>   | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|   | None   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                                 | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   | None   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>         | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   | Books, Toys & Play equipment                           | unrestricted                       | -                                | 6,000                           |
|   |  | restricted                         | -                                | 10,000                          |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | 16,000                          |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                                       | <b>Details</b>   | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|   | None   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | <b>Signature</b>                                       | <b>Print Name</b>                  | <b>Date of approval</b>          |                                 |
|   | E.Stuart   | Emma Stuart ( Treasurer)           | 20-Sep-22                        |                                 |
|   | Natalie Shaw   | Natalie Shaw ( Chair)              | 20-Sep-22                        |                                 |



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

The Howbury Tumblers

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1087716

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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

18/10/2022

Name:

Genevieve Jones

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

Association of Accounting Technicians

(if any):

Address:

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A

**THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1087716

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

|             |           |                   |             |           |                 |            |             |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
|             |           | Period start date |             |           | Period end date |            |             |
| <b>From</b> | <b>01</b> | <b>SEPT</b>       | <b>2020</b> | <b>To</b> | <b>31</b>       | <b>AUG</b> | <b>2021</b> |

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **THE HOWBURY TUMBLERS**

Other names charity is known by Tumblers

Registered charity number (if any) **1087716**

Charity's principal address **Slade Green and Howbury Community Centre**

**Chrome Road**

**Slade Green Erith Kent**

**Postcode**

**DA8 2EL**

### 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  | Natalie Shaw                | Chair           |                                   |   |
| 2  | Jenny Faulkner              | Vice Chair      |                                   |   |
| 3  | Emma Stuart                 | Treasurer       |                                   |   |
| 4  | Sam Rawlins                 | Secretary       |                                   |   |
| 5  | Sam Nicklin (Formerly Owen) |                 |                                   |   |
| 6  | Laura Hulott                |                 |                                   |   |
| 7  | Chloe Ritch (was Phillips)  |                 |                                   |   |
| 8  | Abigail Pennial             |                 |                                   |   |
| 9  | Vikki Russell               |                 |                                   |   |
| 10 | Jezz Vaughn Kelly           |                 |                                   |   |
| 11 | Gayna Sall                  |                 |                                   |   |
| 12 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
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| 17 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 18 |                             |                 |                                   |   |
| 19 |                             |                 |                                   |   |

### 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   |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Grants & Funding | Vikki Wilkinson<br>Carol Penny | BVSC, Crayford Manor House Mayplace Road East,<br>Crayford Kent DA1 4HB |
|                  |                                |   |
|                  |                                |   |
|                  |                                |   |

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

Carole Read – Manager Clare Tyrrell – Deputy Manager Lucy Plaskasovitis- Senior Playleader

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

A Registered Charity

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Vacant posts are advertised in a newsletter, on our website and via social media. We try to encourage new members onto the Committee, and ask them to express interest in a letter. Interested parties are invited to attend a meeting prior to commitment. Potential members are then nominated and selection based upon a show of hands at a Committee 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.

There is a procedure for the induction of new trustees which includes: giving them a copy of the organization structure, constitution, policies, minutes of meetings and rules regarding quorums. Trustees are given our Privacy notice and Personal data consent form. Trustees are encouraged to attend training courses and given access to the local Voluntary services newsletters and publications.

Howbury Tumblers reviewed and updated all policies and procedures this year in line with our review policy. Paperwork generated this year surplus to the new regulations was securely destroyed.

Howbury Tumblers continue to work closely with Eco Communities, who manage the Centre, to ensure the best services & outcomes for families in Slade Green. Eco Communities recognise Howbury Tumblers is a service much needed and supported by the local community, and we have a written agreement to occupy the premises rent free, so we can maintain low cost services for our families from this deprived area. We have a good working relationship with Eco Communities and as long as they are running the Centre I am confident our rent agreement will be honoured. The charity's greatest risk at present remains the COVID crisis- we have been very well supported throughout this period by relief grants – and the HMRC furlough scheme – but as restrictions have eased, grants available for our sector have shrunk back again – support has effectively come to an end – which Covid most certainly has not -and we face an uncertain period as cases are still very high, and we will undoubtedly have absences from booked sessions which could have a huge negative impact on the charity finances. Our ongoing Covid- safe measures remain, as do our restrictions on attendance numbers, which again impacts on our income. We may also need to close sessions if staff become unwell and

without the support of the furlough scheme staff will be unable to receive any remuneration for their sickness period

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

The Objects of Howbury Tumblers are :

1. To enhance the wellbeing, development and education of pre-school age children ( 0-5 yrs) by providing a safe and stimulating play and learn environment
2. To encourage Parents & Carers to be involved in the development and wellbeing of their child through participation in group activities, and those offered by other agencies and community groups
3. To ensure the group offers opportunities for all children regardless of race, culture, religion, ability or means
4. To encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and carers and promote public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local area

### 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)

Historically Howbury Tumblers gives Parents, Carers and their children under five drop – in access to its provision from 9.30 to 2.30 Monday to Friday, term time only, for a small daily charge. Holiday family sessions are run in periods of group closure, and include provision for older siblings. However, due to implementing Covid safe measures, in September 2020 we introduced a booking system for track & trace purposes and to control user numbers, and introduced two daily sessions , enabling us to effectively clean between sessions and ensure public safety as far as possible.

The Group sells refreshments to users to help finances.

Children's birthday parties are held and charged for as a means to raise funds for the group.

A learning support program provides short and long term work experience placements for school children and placements for childcare students at all levels, including Skills for Growth.

We work to support Parents in their parenting role, providing a listening ear when needed, and signposting to relevant agencies and services when appropriate, and encouraging their involvement in the Group and its activities, and their child's development, building confidence and skills.

Arranging Social events for parents. Howbury provides volunteers for local events and activities run by Slade Green Big Local, Howbury Friends and other Community Groups

Signposting to other community groups and services, with which we work closely, and with whom we collaborate to provide community events – in the aim of achieving better outcomes for our families, promoting Community participation and cohesion and contributing to wellbeing and

health of the family unit and community as a whole.

Fundraising to extend our services and provide better for the children and families in our community. This included selling Cakes, raffles, selling crackers at our local community Christmas Fun day, participating in a Christmas card project and photography week, and joining Amazon Smile and the Bexley Community lottery.

Working with other Groups and agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes in terms of service delivery for our families. This year this has included our involvement in Bexley SHIELD , Bexley Community Champions , Bexley Children & Young Peoples Network , Northend Ward Neighbourhood Policing & Neighbourhood Watch, Bexley Voluntary Services Council and in the Slade Green BIG Local Partnership, planning and implementing local aid and intervention- this year notably in the provision of a daily foodbank and clothing/ toy / book bank.

**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.

As well as the management committee members, 3 Parent volunteers have been involved in helping to run the day to day activities and holiday events at Howbury Tumblers. Another volunteer helps out with the website management and administration, purchasing and general caretaking, and another with assistance with accounting and with Social Media

The Staff have, this year, been furloughed for half of the group's usual annual operating time, usually around 43 weeks - over the 23 weeks we were able to provide face to face services, staff continue to contribute much voluntary time, over 550 hours. Carole Read has contributed in excess of 350 hours, and also over 30 hours for Slade Green Big Local Partnership, having the role of Chair. Clare Eastop, Lucy Plaskasovitis and Donna Leinster contributed around 8 hours of voluntary work a week, in addition to their part time paid hours. Parental Volunteer time contributed is around 30 hours, within Howbury Tumblers, where voluntary work has included helping with the remote events we set up at Christmas and Easter, and the other volunteers around 40 hours across the year.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021, Howbury Tumblers has:

- Provided 23 weeks of face to face services, two bookable sessions daily, giving children access to a wide range of activities and experiences, led by experienced staff from 9.30-11.30 am and 12.15-2.15pm
- Implemented a new COVID risk assessment and working plan, so that we were able to deliver services as safely as possible – this included enhanced regular cleaning regimes, controlling user numbers at sessions, and introducing two sessions a day to maximize participation opportunity.
- Provided all child spaces at £1 per child, through grant funding, for the whole 23 operational weeks.
- Provided a wide range of arts & crafts materials and resources for Creative activities, which were delivered in a Covid safe manner
- Provided Covid safe sensory activities daily on our sensory table, with a linked theme to the creative opportunities available that week, to promote the learning potential of each week's activities, and helping to engage more difficult to reach children, and individual sensory exploration ( using non shared tactile and other resources ) at our extended circle time, which focused on children's wellbeing
- Provided opportunities for outdoor and physical play daily
- Provided Covid- safe singing, dancing and instruments

whenever possible

- Tracked all Children's individual progress, and undertook close tracking and monitoring of children we recognize needed more support, and worked closely with Parents and Carers to effect positive change, signposting to appropriate agencies where necessary- with particular attention paid to their mental health & wellbeing
- Supported a number of adults and children experiencing difficulties in re- socialization
- Supported a number of families with free sessions
- Promoted an active lifestyle to our families through many activities
- Provided 23 weeks of free baby ballet and dance classes to around 30 families and 40 individual children , and free phonics sessions held in Tumblers to around 78 individual children, over two sessions a week, through grant funding
- Provided free, remote live sessions, run through our Facebook group , of both phonics and baby ballet, throughout lockdown , engaging families at a difficult time, and reaching over 100 families some of the sessions – that were also accessible after the live, and hence increased engagement – this was available to any members of our Facebook group , Howbury Tumblers, through grant funding
- Produced a monthly newsletter and activity plan, and posted these on our website, on social media, and in hard copy at Tumblers and In the Centre to inform our families , and promote the existence , substance and availability of our services and those of other local Community groups and Centre's
- Provided creative & other activities focused on wellbeing
- Continued to engage children in our book lending / early reading scheme
- Provided over 120 children an opportunity to see Father Christmas in a Covid- safe outdoor event, run over 4 sessions , with each child receiving a book and gift pack
- Provided over 120 children with the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny in a Covid- safe outdoor event, run over 4 sessions , with each child receiving a book and gift pack
- Maintained the play & learn environment to a high standard of cleanliness and safety – with enhanced and ongoing cleaning taking place minute to minute – with an extra clean between sessions
- Sold a reduced range of refreshments to raise funds for the group- only selling sealed drinks , sweets and crisps to be

Covid- secure

- Had yearly renewal DBS checks on all staff
- Staff and 3 volunteers completed full certificated training in Paediatric First Aid, Emergency First aid at Work, Health & Safety and Food Safety
- Employed Donna Leinster in April 2021 when Julie Evelin left our employment to look after grandchildren.
- Reviewed GDPR policies – in order that Tumblers is fully compliant with legislation and took steps to remain fully compliant, such as destroying all paperwork no longer within the policy limits
- Reviewed our COVID-19 Risk assessment and working plan
- Maintained Privacy Statements to all forms of our Communications with others
- Continued to seek funding from external funders in the aim of improving our services to children & families
- Fundraised internally for the group, selling gift crackers and cakes and other seasonal items at our Father Christmas event and Easter event, and by our Christmas card project with Chameleon Create
- Raised money for BBC Children IN Need with a remote raffle and duck race , raising £120
- Continued selling tickets for the Bexley Community Lottery, and sold tickets to 16 regular supporters, raising around £730 this year. Promoted this regularly on Social media and via newsletters
- Joined the Amazon Smile sales commission scheme, raising around £100
- Participated in the LocalGiving match fund scheme, raising around £440 from donations and match funding.
- Achieved two regular donors in the above scheme, each contributing £10 a month to Howbury Tumblers
- Received £1000 from Bexley Green points recycling scheme, selected as one of five Bexley charities who received a proportion of the total award pot
- Provided a second play leader five days a week through funding from Children In Need for the wage of our Assistant Play leaders (started September 2017), with around 6-8 hours weekly voluntary time by the funded staff.
- Successfully secured another 3 years grant funding from BBC Children IN Need, to pay the wage of a second playleader

covering opening hours at Tumblers – the grant started in July 2021.

- Provided Covid- secure Christmas and Easter events through our Big Lottery Community Fund Grant- Learning Live- and finally four face to face events, run over 8 sessions, in the summer holidays, as originally planned, engaging around 65 individual children per event
- Provided dance & phonics, remote and face to face sessions for our toddlers, from our Comic Relief Groundwork Grant funding , promoting learning & physical & social skills and tackling exclusion due to poverty, free of charge to our children, using trusted and experienced providers.
- We were able to use remaining funds in our Co-op Community Foundation grant for cleaning and PPE, – the costs of which have risen 300% due to increased Covid measures -
- Completed our COVID Relief Grant from Slade Green Big Local, using it to purchase cleaning products and PPE and to refresh our First Aid kit
- Was able to begin to use our William Kendall foundation grant for creative and sensory resources - £2000- the whole of which was carried over from 2020/21
- Completed our Wakeham trust grant for sensory resources, - £110.03 was carried over from 2020/21
- Applied for a Grant for Outdoor equipment from Postcode Lottery Trust Magic little Grant, and received £500 for play equipment , which has been spent entirely on the resources, which will improve the quality of outdoor play for our children and contribute to better physical & mental wellbeing
- Completed our BBC Children In Need COVID Relief grant received last accounting year to pay the wage of both senior play leaders for around 4 months – however as we had another long lockdown, it was agreed we use the funds to provide a large item of outdoor equipment, and paid for staff training as detailed previously.
- Was successful in achieving a Bexley Covid relief Grant, run by BVSC – which has paid the wages of the lead two staff, and will do so until approx. December 2021 – enabling us to reduce admission costs to £1 per child per session for the duration, thus tackling poverty and adverse effects of the pandemic and improving access and participation in a high quality learning environment to children in our deprived community
- Maintained the website for the Group Promoted the Group through social media - a page and Group on Facebook, and on websites such as Bexley Borough Mummies , Club Hub,& Happity
- Supported Erith Christchurch Festival of lights and had a Howbury Tumblers Christmas tree at the church festival,

contributing to charity, encouraging people into church for the event, and promoted our own services to the Community

- Continued involvement in the Slade Green Big Local Partnership, assisting to steer our Community in this 10 year pathway and encourage local people to be involved in decision making. Carole Read has sustained the role of the Chair of Slade Green Big Local Partnership, and this role this year has been confined to participating in and chairing Zoom meetings, and making decisions about COVID aid for our community- this has again mostly been achieved by the running of the ( daily ) foodbank and through the community swap shop for clothes, toys and other goods.
- Received a Civil recognition Volunteering award and trophy from The Mayor of Bexley
- Continued to support Parents in their parenting role, including those experiencing difficulties with older children – arranging remote and face to face meetings with other agencies we felt could help through our links and work with others and signposting to other support and guidance
- Continued to Support a local families , individual Parents and children in difficult circumstances by providing a listening ear and practical help & advice
- Made one referrals to the Bexley MASH team- a requested referral, and led to a network of support being established for a family struggling with their problems
- Continued to raise the profile of our group and other agencies and community groups in the local area, enabling more families to access family services
- Furloughed all (4) staff members when the COVID pandemic once again forced us into closure and lockdown, claiming 80% wages for staff through this scheme, to protect the finances of the group into the future.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees try to maintain general reserves of at least £15,000 in order to have sufficient funds to maintain the Charity's cash flow, to cover unforeseen costs and to meet its commitments should the charity need to wind up.

### 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.

Our main source of income is daily fees paid by parents and carers for their children's attendance. We are committed to keeping this as low as possible in order that we remain accessible to families in our identified area of need - Slade Green- the most deprived area in Bexley. We also have some income from the sale of refreshments, but again, we must remain cost effective to our clients. Our other source of income is through birthday parties – at this time we are not able to offer these - we hope to resume these through the next year. We have for years had some income from the provision of sessional staffing for outreach work for Northend Wellbeing Centre and other Children's Centre's. Sadly at this time all the Centre's are facing closure due to Local Council cut backs, and if so, which is looking very likely, we will lose this small source of income. We have safeguarded the finances through the pandemic by closing the group and furloughing staff, and by applying for funding to help us get back into operations. We will continue to apply for grant funding for projects and equipment, and fundraise internally to help finances.

Our expenditure in its entirety supports the key objectives of our Group.

## 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

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Signature(s)</b>                        |  | S Rawlins  |
| <b>Full name(s)</b>                        | Natalie Shaw  | Samantha Rawlins  |
| <b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b> | Chair   | Secretary   |
| <b>Date</b>                                | 24/9/2020   |   |



|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Charity Name<br>The Howbury Tumblers | No (if any)<br>1087716 |
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## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |                               |    |                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date<br>01.09.20 | To | Period end date<br>31.08.21 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Parent/Carers Subscriptions                    | 2,013                                  |                                      |                                     | 2,013                           | 6,159                         |
| Refreshment Sales                              | 859                                    |                                      |                                     | 859                             | 1,333                         |
| Outreach Income                                |  |                                      |                                     |                                 | 3,412                         |
| Income from Childrens parties                  |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | 102                           |
| Bexley Community Lottery                       | 730                                    |                                      |                                     | 730                             | 713                           |
| Fundraising & Donations                        | 2,355                                  |                                      |                                     | 2,355                           | 417.77                        |
| HMRC Furlough scheme                           | 9,881                                  |                                      |                                     | 9,881                           | 8,568                         |
| GRANTS   |  |                                      |                                     | -                               | 18,393                        |
| Children In Need 2021                          |  | 10,000                               |                                     | 10,000                          |                               |
| Big Lottery Community Fund                     |  | 173                                  |                                     | 173                             |                               |
| Comic Relief / Groundwork                      |  | 3600                                 |                                     | 3,600                           |                               |
| Bexley Covid relief grant                      |  | 7,728                                |                                     | 7,728                           | -                             |
| LocalGiving Match Fund Grant                   |  | 441                                  |                                     | 441                             | -                             |
| Other Income                                   | 1,212                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,212                           | 515                           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>17,050</b>                          | <b>21,942</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>38,992</b>                   | <b>39,611</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                          | <b>17,050.35</b>                       | <b>21,942</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>38,992</b>                   | <b>39,611</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                             |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Staff Wages                                    | 10,597                                 | 10,709                               |                                     | 21,306                          | 25,526                        |
| Tax/NI   | 3                                      |                                      |                                     | 3                               | -                             |
| Toys, Books & Play Equipment                   | 873                                    | 1,840                                |                                     | 2,713                           | 885                           |
| Refreshments Supplies                          | 259                                    |                                      |                                     | 259                             | 620                           |
| Activity resources Costs                       | 707                                    | 2,291                                |                                     | 1,583                           | 872                           |
| Insurance                                      | 320                                    |                                      |                                     | 320                             | 306                           |
| External providers costs                       |  | 5,005                                |                                     | 5,005                           |                               |
| Payroll Service                                | 276                                    |                                      |                                     | 276                             | 301                           |
| Cleaning                                       | 149                                    | 613                                  |                                     | 762                             | 590                           |
| Subscriptions & Website                        | 16                                     |                                      |                                     | 16                              | 304                           |
| Rent/ Room Hire                                | -                                      | 125                                  |                                     | 125                             | 579                           |
| Postage & Printing/Stationery                  | 37                                     | 30                                   |                                     | 67                              | 44                            |
| DBS Fees & BVSC membership                     | 50                                     |                                      |                                     | 50                              | -                             |
| Other expenditure                              | 1,064                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,064                           | 4,385                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               | <b>12,937</b>                          | <b>20,612</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>33,549</b>                   | <b>34,415</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b> | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total payments</b>                          | <b>12,937</b>                          | <b>20,612</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>33,549</b>                   | <b>30,029</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>              | <b>4,114</b>                           | <b>1,329</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>5,443</b>                    | <b>9,582</b>                  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>              |  |                                      | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>             |  |                                      | -                                   |                                 |                               |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                | <b>4,114</b>                           | <b>1,329</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>5,443</b>                    |                               |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories   | Details   | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>   | Cash at bank  | 30777.31                           | 15,981                           | -                               |
|  | Cash in hand  | 20                                 |                                  | -                               |
|  |   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|  | <b>Total cash funds</b>   | <b>30,797</b>                      | <b>15,981</b>                    | <b>46,778.62</b>                |
|  | <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small> | Agreement Error                    | Agreement Error                  | Agreement Error                 |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>  | <b>Details</b>  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|  | None  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|  |   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>  | <b>Details</b>  | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|  | None  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|  |   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>                        | <b>Details</b>  | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|  | Books, Toys & Play equipment  | unrestricted                       | -                                | 10,000                          |
|  |   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|  |   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>  | <b>Details</b>  | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|  | None  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|  |   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|  |   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|  |   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
| <small>Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees</small> | <b>Signature</b>  | <b>Print Name</b>                  | <b>Date of approval</b>          |                                 |
|  | E.Stuart  | Emma Stuart ( Treasurer)           | 27-Sep-21                        |                                 |
|  | Natalie Shaw  | Natalie Shaw ( Chair)              | 27-Sep-21                        |                                 |



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

The Howbury Tumblers

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1087716

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

02/11/2021

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**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

N/A