



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01 January 2023** Period start date To **31 December 2023** Period end date

Charity name: **Gissing Children's Centre – a community pre-school**

Charity registration number: **1105120**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:- (a) Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for, and to become involved in, the activities of such groups, ensuring that these groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability. (b) Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local area; (c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the objects of the Early Years Alliance.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To provide a high-quality, accessible and inclusive community pre-school facility during term time for local children aged from two years to four years of age or the age they start primary school. To provide additional pre-school sessions during summer holidays in August each year. To operate flexible hours, to meet the childcare needs of families and to meet the learning and development needs of their children.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to this guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	This charity does not award grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The contribution made by volunteers to the charity continues to be substantial eg ongoing work and governance of the management committee both on a day-to-day basis and in organising and running major fundraising events two or three times a year eg an annual Easter event, an annual Autumn event and some input to fundraising opportunities in the summer and at Christmas, usually the village or church fayre. In addition, volunteers supply maintenance work free and obtain many and varied resources for the group, free of charge.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Upskilling of staff members to improve the quality and level of service we provide One of our pre-school leaders embarked on a degree in Early Years through Pen Green. One of our pre-school assistants completed a SENCo (special educational needs co-ordinator) Level 2 qualification through Norfolk County Council.</p> <p>Obtaining of funding to provide a semi-permanent outdoor shelter This enables outdoor learning all year round and is designed to improve the resilience and well-being of the children attending the pre-school.</p> <p>We signed up for national initiatives to improve the quality and support we provide We signed up for the 'Early Talk Boost' programme offered by the Department for Education and delivered by Speech and</p>

		<p>Language UK. NB this programme will now be delivered in 2024/2025 and will support 3 and 4 year olds who may show some delay with their speech and language.</p> <p>We signed up for the Bookstart Pilot 2023 Via The Booktrust and Norfolk County Council to encourage parents to read with their children and enjoy stories – to improve children's wellbeing and their speech and language. This includes the provision of books to families, to share with their children.</p>
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You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See Financial Statements from Newman & Co, Accountants.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	To hold and seek to maintain, reserve funds in the event of unforeseen closure to cover redundancy payments to staff and to cover rent and running costs for up to six months.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Ditto
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	See Financial Statements from Newman & Co, Accountants.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Ditto

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session fees from paying families (unfunded children); • 2 year early years funding from Norfolk County Council; • 3 & 4 year universal and extended early years funding from Norfolk County Council; • SENDIF discretionary inclusion funding, as appropriate, from Norfolk County Council; • Proceeds from fundraising events and activities; • Donations; • Grants and awards.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any substantial and long-term reduction in demand for pre-school places; • If the local authority decreased or withdrew early years funding.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution with formal approved by the Early Years Alliance
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by Members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Signposting to the information and guidance provided by the Charity Commission on their website. Occasional training accessed via Norfolk County Council Early Years Training for Early Years Committees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Gissing Children's Centre – a community pre-school
Other name the charity uses	Gissing Children's Centre
Registered charity number	1105120
Charity's principal address	The Old School Lower Street Gissing Diss Norfolk IP22 5UJ

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	Alison Cullum	Chairperson		
2	Felicity Brown	Secretary		
3	Victoria Jordan	Treasurer		
4	Laura Adam			
5	Linda Nash			
6	Claire Julie Tyler		From 15 th March 2023	
7	Christopher Tyler		From 27 th March 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Alison M Cullen	
Full name(s)	ALISON MARY CULLEN	VICTORIA JORDAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER.

Date

23rd October 2024

THE CHILDRENS CENTRE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Registered charity number 1105120

Newman & Co.
Chartered Accountants
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name: The Gissing Children's Centre Playgroup and Pre-School

Registration Number: 1105120

Trustees/Committee of Management: A Cullum
V Jordan
L Nash
F Brown
L Adam
C J Tyler (Appointed 15 March 2023)
C Tyler (Appointed 27 March 2023)
P Coombes (Appointed 1 February 2024)

Collector/Chairperson: A Cullum

Secretary: F Brown

Treasurer: V Jordan

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Lower Street
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Independent Examiner: Waveney Accountants Limited t/a
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THE CHILDRENS CENTRE **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The charity reference and administrative details including those of the Trustees who also form the Committee of Management are set out on page 1.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Committee of Management to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Committee are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of the Charity are to advance the education of children below compulsory school age within a five mile radius of Gissing.

REVIEW OF THE CHARITY'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year and financial position of the charity are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

RESERVES POLICY

The funds in the bank account are retained to ensure that the Children's Centre has the funds to meet six months normal expenditure for the charity in the event of reduced levels of funding, or any other unforeseen circumstances.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

In all decision making the Committee have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is governed by its constitution document adopted on 28th October 2002 and subsequently amended on 9th December 2013 and 10th February 2016.

The committee is made up of volunteers who give up their time to take on roles and the leader of the centre. The committee have no formal training or induction and roles are taken and learnt as the year progresses.

Day-to-day management is delegated to L Nash.

This report was approved by the Committee of Management on.....29th October.....2024

(Signed).....*Aislin M Cullum*.....
A Cullum - Collector/Chairperson

THE CHILDRENS CENTRE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Childrens Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material aspect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Leslie Newman FCA

Address: Newman & Co,
4b Church Street
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Norfolk
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Date: 31/10/2024

THE CHILDRENS CENTRE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
INCOME				
Fees	23,501	-	23,501	24,652
Fund-raising	3,124	-	3,124	2,901
Interest Received	446	-	446	52
Nursery Vouchers	127,206	-	127,206	100,112
Donation	4,010	-	4,010	3,040
Grants	377	800	1,177	924
Sundry Income	175	-	175	,
	<u>£158,839</u>	<u>£800</u>	<u>£159,639</u>	<u>£131,681</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Wages	122,083	-	122,083	114,153
Pension	3,964	-	3,964	2,366
Professional Fees	1,224	-	1,224	803
Maintenance	438	-	438	387
Rent	9,326	-	9,326	8,033
Consumables	5,497	-	5,497	7,196
Insurance	1,195	-	1,195	1,334
Photocopying & Stationery	79	-	79	299
IT and internet	762	-	762	177
Telephone	154	-	154	240
Adverts	214	-	214	183
Equipment Purchases	2,094	1,571	3,665	1,536
Sundries	280	-	280	918
Training	1,353	-	1,353	2,470
Membership	684	-	684	616
Clothing & Uniform	314	-	314	747
Light, Heat & Water	3,970	-	3,970	2,767
Waste	1,176	-	1,176	1,210
	<u>£154,807</u>	<u>£1,571</u>	<u>£156,378</u>	<u>£145,435</u>

THE CHILDRENS CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
NET INCOME FOR YEAR	3,261	(13,754)
FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022	27,717	41,471
FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	<u>£30,978</u>	<u>£27,717</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	28,689	24,549
RESTRICTED FUNDS	2,289	3,168
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	<u>£30,978</u>	<u>£27,717</u>

Represented by
Balances at:

HSBC – Account 1	7,340	2,839
HSBC – Account 2	32,141	31,042
HSBC – Account 3	59	12
Cash	76	76
Debtors and Prepayments	2,675	2,557
Accruals	(11,313)	(8,809)
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	<u>£30,978</u>	<u>£27,717</u>

..... *Alison M. Culham*

Approved by the Committee on *29th October* 2024

THE CHILDRENS CENTRE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Gissing Children's Centre is a constitution adopted on 28 October 2002 as amended on 9 December 2013 as amended on 10 February 2016.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.5 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

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1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. Trustees remuneration

Payments of £23,683 (2022 – £23,569) were made to trustees under the terms of employment contract which are agreed by the committee.

3. Staff Costs

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 12 (2022 - 13).

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.5 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

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1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. Trustees remuneration

Payments of £23,683 (2022 – £23,569) were made to trustees under the terms of employment contract which are agreed by the committee.

3. Staff Costs

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 12 (2022 - 13).

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

