

# FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1112599

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2005-12-29

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Fleetville Community Centre  
Royal Road  
St. Albans  
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**Website** [www.fleetvillecommunityplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.fleetvillecommunityplaygroup.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** 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 FACILITIES AND TRAINING COURSES, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF 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 AREAS(C) INSTIGATING AND ADHERING TO AND FURTHERING THE AIM OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

**Activities:** Pre-school nursery/playgroup for local families, running 4 mornings and 4 afternoons a week, only during term-time

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE FLEETVILLE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£109,236	£83,010	-	-
2024-08-31	£71,856	£73,467	-	-
2023-08-31	£86,622	£91,861	-	-
2022-08-31	£87,727	£80,139	-	-
2021-08-31	£90,656	£77,935	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Kirti Somerville</b>	Chair	2024-11-13
Camilla Kristina Harmer		2025-11-10
Chloe Felicity Jennings		2025-11-10
Jadwiga Grazyna Mallios		2025-11-10
Neil Robbins		2025-11-10
Nichola Wilkins		2025-11-10
Sarah Kim Daghestani		2024-11-13

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# Accounts

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**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Fleetville Community Playgroup

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/08/25	Charity no (if any)	1112599
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Set out on pages

6 and 7  
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

Name:

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

ACMA qualified (membership not maintained)

Address:

97 Sandpit Lane  
St Albans  
AL1 4BN

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

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

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

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Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Kirti Sommerville, Co-Chair Sarah Dagestani, Co-Chair Gabrielle Farran, Secretary Catherine Stemple, Treasurer (Resigned 31 July 2025) Adela Stemple, Treasurer (Appointed 01 August 2025) Debbie Stallan, Playgroup Manager

### Section B Structure, governance and management

#### Description of charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The Playgroup's governing document is the Charity Commission Model constitution adopted by the members of the Pre-school Learning Allowance – 1096526, on 29 February 2016.
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Trustee selection methods	Trustees are elected or re-elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, held in November

#### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

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### **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 Commission on public benefit)**

The Playgroup's main activities in relation to these objectives are to organise and run a community-based preschool for children aged two to four years old, to engage in activities that support the development and education of the children, and to develop more extended relationships between parents, staff and other associates of the Playgroup, keeping in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our committee meetings issued by the Charity.

### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The Playgroup employs six regular members of staff, including a Leader and Deputy Leader, as well as occasional supply staff. Fundraising and social events are run by parents, staff and other volunteers who generously donate many hours of their time to make these events a success.

## Section D Achievements and performance

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

#### Playgroup Highlights

Afternoon sessions were reintroduced in the year given a higher level of interest. The playgroup still operates on a four-day basis, Monday to Thursday.

#### Fundraising Highlights

The Playgroup ran another successful Quiz Night this year, which raised £1,306. The Sponsored Jump in the Summer Term raised over £137.

Donations and children's crafts, such as Christmas cards and tea towels, also contributed to fundraising.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Playgroup held cash at bank of £75,004 at the end of the 2024/2025 financial year, of which £25,000 was budgeted to cover to running costs of the Autumn term.

We aim to hold at least one full term's operating expenses in reserves at the end of the year.

**Details of any funds materially In deficit**

There are no funds materially in deficit.

## Section F Other Optional Information

## Section G Declaration

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

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Signed by:  
  
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**Full names(s)**

Kirti Somerville

Adela Stemple

**Position**

Co-Chair

Treasurer

**Date**

22/03/2026

22/03/2026



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

No (if any)  
**1112599**

**CC16a**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	09/01/2024		31/08/2025

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bank Interest	741	-	-	741	-
Early Years Funding	75,509	-	-	75,509	-
Fees	30,402	-	-	30,402	-
Fundraising	2,584	-	-	2,584	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>109,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,236</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>109,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,236</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of Goods Sold	4,543	-	-	4,543	-
Operating Expense	78,467	-	-	78,467	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>83,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,010</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>83,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,010</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>26,226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,226</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>26,226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,226</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	779	-	-
	Deposit account	74,225	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>75,004</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

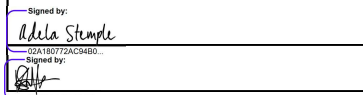
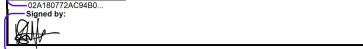
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Retained earnings b/f	48,755	-	-
	Profit for the year	26,226	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ADELA STEMPLE	23/03/2026
	KIRTI SOMERVILLE	23/03/2026

**FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1112599

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

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Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Jennifer Langstaffe, Chair Caroline Hudd, Secretary Catherine Stemple, Treasurer Debbie Stallan, Acting Playgroup Manager and Leader Julie McKinley

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## Section D Achievements and performance

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

#### Playgroup Highlights

Due to low uptake of afternoon sessions, Playgroup returned to offering Monday through Thursday morning sessions only, with the option of an extended session ("lunch club") until 1pm.

#### Fundraising Highlights

The Playgroup ran another successful Quiz Night this year, which raised £1,276. The Sponsored Jump in the Summer Term raised over £350.

Donations and children's crafts, such as Christmas cards and tea towels, also contributed to fundraising.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Playgroup held cash at bank of £48,778 at the end of the 2023/2024 financial year, of which £25,000 was budgeted to cover to running costs of the Autumn term.

We aim to hold at least one full term's operating expenses in reserves at the end of the year.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**



There are no funds materially in deficit.

## 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 names(s)</b>	Jennifer Langstaffe	Catherine Stemple
<b>Position</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	01/11/24	01/11/24

## Fleetville Community Playgroup

### Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Income</b>			
Fees for Playgroup Services	27,064		27,064
Grants			
Early Years Funding	41,297		41,297
Other Grants	-		-
Fundraising	2,546		2,546
Donations	284		284
Bank Interest	665		665
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>71,856</b>		<b>71,856</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Charitable Activities			
Running and Management of Playgroup			<b>(73,467)</b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>			<b>(1,611)</b>

**Fleetville Community Playgroup**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st August 2024**

	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
		-
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Current Account		2,244
Deposit Account		46,484
Undeposited Funds		-
Petty Cash		50
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<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>48,778</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
None		-
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>48,778</b>

## Fleetville Community Playgroup

### Treasurer's Report

1. Period under review is the year ended 31st August 2024

2. Summary of Financial results:

Total Income		<b>71,856</b>
Total Expenses		<b>(73,467)</b>
Net Gain (Loss)	-	<b>1,611</b>

3. Finances:

Playgroup made a loss for the year, largely due to declining numbers, fewer fee-paying children and more relying on Childcare Support and increasing staff costs.

Balance at bank as at 31st August 2024 was £2,224, with a reserve (deposit) account balance of £46,484.

4. Forthcoming year 2024-25:

Enrollment numbers are expected to decline further due to low birth numbers and cost of living increases.

More families are electing to wait to enrol their child until they become eligible for Childcare Support, but this level of funding does not cover our costs.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUG 2024

Charity no (if any)

112599

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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Signed: Anita Gordon

Date: 21/4/25

Name: ANITA GORDON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

CTA Chartered Tax Adviser

(if any):

Address:

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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## Section D Achievements and performance

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

#### Playgroup Highlights

The Playgroup runs Monday through Thursday morning sessions, as well as a lunch club until 1pm. This means we offer 16 hours of care offered per week over four days.

Due to making a loss, Playgroup no longer offer full afternoon sessions.

#### Fundraising Highlights

The Playgroup Quiz evening is always well attended and raised £1,127 this year. A Sponsored Jump raised over £800, including Gift Aid.

A raffle, a hair-braiding event, and children's crafts such as Christmas cards and tea towels also contributed to fundraising.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Playgroup held cash at bank of £50,389 at the end of the 2022/2023 financial year, of which £25,000 was budgeted to cover to running costs of the Autumn term.

We aim to hold at least one full term's operating expenses in reserves at the end of the year.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**



There are no funds materially in deficit.

## 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 names(s)</b>	Jennifer Langstaffe	Catherine Stemple
<b>Position</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	16/11/23	16/11/23

**Fleetville Community Playgroup**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023**

	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Income</b>			
Fees for Playgroup Services	39,237		39,237
Grants			
Early Years Funding	42,650		42,650
Other Grants	-		-
Fundraising	4,141		4,141
Donations	93		93
Bank Interest	500		500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>86,622</b>		<b>86,622</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Charitable Activities			
Running and Management of Playgroup			<b>(91,861)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>(5,239)</b>

**Fleetville Community Playgroup**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st August 2023**

	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
		-
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Current Account		1,004
Deposit Account		49,319
Undeposited Funds		-
Petty Cash		66
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<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>50,389</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
None		-
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>
		<hr/>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>50,389</b>

## Fleetville Community Playgroup

### Treasurer's Report

1. Period under review is the year ended 31st August 2023

2. Summary of Financial results:

Total Income		<b>86,622</b>
Total Expenses		<b>(91,861)</b>
Net Gain (Loss)	-	<b>5,239</b>

3. Finances:

Playgroup made a loss for the year, largely due to declining numbers. Balance at bank as at 31st August 2023 was £1,104, with a reserve (deposit) account balance of £49,319.

Afternoon numbers this year were not sufficient to cover costs, and will be discontinued from September, 2023.

4. Forthcoming year 2023-24:

Enrollment numbers are expected to decline further due to low birth numbers and cost of living increases.

More families are electing to wait until their child becomes eligible for universal 15 hours 'free' childcare, but this level of funding does not cover our costs.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/08/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

112599

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*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed:

Anita Gordon

Date:

29/5/24

Name:

ANITA GORDON

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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**FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1112599

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name:	<b>Fleetville Community Playgroup</b>
Other names charity is known by	<b>Playgroup</b>
Registered Charity Number	<b>1112599</b>
Charity's principal address	Fleetville Community Centre Royal Road St Albans AL1 4LQ
Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Jennifer Langstaffe, Chair Julie McKinlay, Secretary Catherine Stemple, Treasurer Debbie Stallan, Acting Playgroup Manager and Leader Caroline Hudd

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The Playgroup's governing document is the Charity Commission Model constitution adopted by the members of the Pre-school Learning Allowance – 1096526, on 29 February 2016.
How the Charity is constituted	Association consisting of all parents or guardians of children who attend the Playgroup, with a managing committee consisting of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and no less than two nor more than nine other elected members.
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are elected or re-elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, held in November

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits for their Committee service.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance 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 such 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 areas;

(c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

### **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 Commission on public benefit)**

The Playgroup's main activities in relation to these objectives are to organise and run a community-based preschool for children aged two to four years old, to engage in activities that support the development and education of the children, and to develop more extended relationships between parents, staff and other associates of the Playgroup, keeping in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our committee meetings issued by the Charity.

### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The Playgroup employs six regular members of staff, including a Leader and Deputy Leader, as well as occasional supply staff. Fundraising and social events are run by parents, staff and other volunteers who generously donate many hours of their time to make these events a success.

## Section D Achievements and performance

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

#### Playgroup Highlights

In addition to its regular Monday through Thursday morning sessions, the Playgroup continued to offer extended morning and afternoon sessions to four days a week.

There was a slight dropoff to the uptake in afternoon sessions this year, but Playgroup still ended the year in profit.

#### Fundraising Highlights

The Playgroup ran another successful raffle in the Spring terms, which raised £380. All the prizes were donated. The Sponsored Jump raised £334 this year, including Gift Aid. Due to the end of Covid restrictions, we were able to hold our annual Elizabeth Arden evening and Quiz Night again this year. The Elizabeth Arden evening raised £776, including a matching grant from Boots. The Quiz is always well attended, as it gives parents and staff an opportunity to socialise. It raised £1,100 this year.

Children's crafts such as Christmas cards and tea towels also contributed to fundraising.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Playgroup held cash at bank of £55,522 at the end of the 2021/2022 financial year, of which £25,000 was budgeted to cover to running costs of the Autumn term.

We aim to hold at least one full term's operating expenses in reserves at the end of the year.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**



There are no funds materially in deficit.

## 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 names(s)</b>	Jennifer Langstaffe	Catherine Stemple
<b>Position</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	01/05/23	01/05/23

**Fleetville Community Playgroup**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022**

	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Income</b>			
Fees for Playgroup Services	40,593		40,593
Grants			
Early Years Funding	41,503		41,503
Job Retention Scheme	-		-
Fundraising	4,961		4,961
Donations	644		644
Bank Interest	26		26
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>87,727</b>		<b>87,727</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Charitable Activities			
Running and Management of Playgroup			<b>(80,139)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>7,588</b>

**Fleetville Community Playgroup**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st August 2022**

	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
	<u>-</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Current Account		2,203
Deposit Account		53,318
Undeposited Funds		-
Petty Cash		<u>106</u>
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<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>55,628</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
None		<u>-</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>55,628</b>

## Fleetville Community Playgroup

### Treasurer's Report

1. Period under review is the year ended 31st August 2022
2. Summary of Financial results:

Total Income	<b>87,727</b>
Total Expenses	<b>(80,139)</b>
Net Gain (Loss)	<b>7,588</b>

3. Finances are currently sound:

Playgroup finished this year in a strong financial position. Balance at bank as t 31st August 2022 was £2,203, with a reserve (deposit) account balance of £53,318.

Income was higher in the summer term than in past years, due to an increased uptake for afternoon sessions, which had previously only just covered costs due to low numbers.

4. Forthcoming year 2021-22:

Enrollment figures are expected to be better than in past years for morning sessions, and we expect to be nearly full each morning from September, 2022, with additional children set to join in January and after Easter. Uptake of afternoon sessions is lower than last term.

There will be a small increase to our fees from September to reflect increased costs.

The Committee approved an increase to staff salaries as of April 2022, to bring ratesof pay in line with other local settings.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/08/22

Charity no  
(if any)

1112599

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Responsibilities and  
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Independent  
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Signed:

Anita Gordon

Date:

25/6/23

Name:

ANITA GORDON

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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There is some uncertainty as to the amounts of fee income from different sources. The total amount of income is correct but the allocation may be different

**FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1112599

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

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## Section D Achievements and performance

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

#### Playgroup Highlights

In addition to its regular Monday through Thursday morning sessions, the Playgroup extended lunch club and afternoon sessions to four days a week from September, 2019.

Despite to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, the setting remained open for the whole of 2020-21, with only one member of staff furloughed due to shielding. A sharp uptake in afternoon sessions for the Summer Term saw us end the year in profit.

#### Fundraising Highlights

The Playgroup ran successful raffles in the Spring and Summer terms, which raised £1,500. All of the lovely prizes were donated. The Sponsored Bounce raised a record amount of £680 this year, with Gift Aid. Near the end of Summer Term we also held a series of Teddy Bears' Picnics in a local park, giving parents and children an opportunity to socialise outdoors.

Children's crafts such as Christmas cards, mugs and canvases also contributed to fundraising.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Playgroup held cash at bank of £47,989 at the end of the 2020/2021 financial year, of which £25,000 was budgeted to cover to running costs of the Autumn term.

We aim to hold at least one full term's operating expenses in reserves at the end of the year.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**



There are no funds materially in deficit.

## 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 names(s)</b>	Jennifer Langstaffe	Catherine Stemple
<b>Position</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	01/04/22	01/04/22

**Fleetville Community Playgroup**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021**

	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Income</b>			
Fees for Playgroup Services	43,943		43,943
Grants			
Early Years Funding	39,450		39,450
Job Retention Scheme	3,040		3,040
Fundraising	4,218		4,218
Donations	-		-
Bank Interest	4		4
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>90,656</b>		<b>90,656</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Charitable Activities			
Running and Management of Playgroup			<b>(77,935)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>12,720</b>

**Fleetville Community Playgroup**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st August 2021**

	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
		<u>-</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Current Account		1,696
Deposit Account		46,293
Undeposited Funds		-
Petty Cash		<u>50</u>
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<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>48,039</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Unearned Revenue		<u>165</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>165</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>47,874</b>

## Fleetville Community Playgroup

### Treasurer's Report

1. Period under review is the year ended 31st August 2021
2. Summary of Financial results:

Total Income	<b>90,656</b>
Total Expenses	<b>(77,935)</b>
Net Gain (Loss)	<b>12,720</b>

3. Finances are currently sound:

We finished this year in a strong financial position. Balance at bank as t 31st August 2020 was £1,696, with a reserve (deposit) account balance of £46,293.

Income was higher in the summer term than in past years, due to an increased uptake for afternoon sessions, which had previously only just covered costs due to low numbers.

4. Forthcoming year 2021-22:

Enrollment figures are good, and we expect to be full or nearly full each morning sessions from January, 2022.

Our free structure will change slightly from September to offer a longer extended morning session, and to have afternoon sessions run for three hours and include lunch.

The Committee have approved an increase to staff salaries of 3% from September 2021, and have taken on a new member of staff as a dedicated afternoon assistant.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name  
FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY PLAY GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31/8/21 Charity no (if any) 1112599

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

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Signed: Anita Gordon

Date: 29/3/21

Name: ANITA GORDON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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