

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1135039

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07163366](#)

Registered 2010-03-18

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

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Activities

Objects: 4.1 TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BY:-4.1.1 OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY, EDUCATION AND CARE FACILITIES AND TRAINING COURSES IN A SECURE, SAFE, WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT, WHICH PROMOTES STIMULATION AND POSITIVE LEARNING, 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, SEX, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY;4.1.2 ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS;4.1.3 CONTRIBUTING AND STRENGTHENING THE LINKS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE CHARITY

Activities: Community playgroup providing early years education to children under fives in London Borough of Islington.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Islington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£127,703	£95,061	-	-
2024-03-31	£112,484	£88,566	-	-
2023-03-31	£89,090	£112,707	-	-
2022-03-31	£93,137	£104,185	-	-
2021-03-31	£122,735	£95,007	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joyce Ann Castle Gibson	Chair	2019-02-11
Cameron Robert McKeown		2019-03-04
Helena Farstad McKeown		2016-09-12
Jane Auriole Lewis		2018-06-18

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited

Charity registration number - 1135039 Company registration number - 07163366.

Registered Office and operational address:

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited
Bennett Court Community Centre
Axminster Road
London - N7 6BN

Trustees/Directors

Management committee members are Directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011. The following served as Directors during the year.

Helena F McKeown
Jane Lewis
Cameron McKeown
Joyce Castles-Gibson

Secretary

Jane Lewis

Playgroup Manager

Caroline Connaughton

Independent Examiner

Zahid Tabbassum ACMA, CGMA
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Trustees' Annual Report

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited (The Playgroup) is managed voluntarily by parents and community members.

The Playgroup is situated within Bennett Court Social Club, on the Bennett Court Estate, Axminster Road, Holloway, in the London Borough of Islington.

The playgroup opens on weekdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. during term time only. It employs five staff members, including a visiting music teacher. The staff have relevant early years qualifications. The playgroup provides funded early years education for children aged 2-5.

The Playgroup provides subsidised and affordable childcare in a safe and stimulating learning environment to children from diverse backgrounds. Most children attending the Playgroup live locally, and most parents are either in low-paid employment or not in employment. The Playgroup operates from Monday to Friday during term times only, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

All staff are engaged in continuous professional training, providing child-centred learning support, and working within the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and standards.

The Playgroup supports children learning English as an additional language and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

The Playgroup had its OFSTED inspection on 23 September 2022. The Ofsted inspector awarded the Playgroup a 'GOOD' outcome with "OUTSTANDING" in the Behaviour and Attitudes of our children. Of course, the biggest appreciation goes to the staff team who worked hard throughout the year to provide a wonderful experience for all the children.

The OFSTED Inspector quoted in the Inspection Report, *The support that children with SEND receive is exceptionally good. Partnerships with professionals and local schools are excellent. They contribute to effective support for children's learning. Additional funding accessed for children is carefully used to implement specific and personalised support. This ensures that children make excellent progress. Staff have recently learned some sign language to support children with speech and language delays. This is having a positive impact on children's communication.*

Achievements

Occupancy - during the reporting period, the Playgroup provided care to 29 children, including 6 SEN, 11 two-year-olds, and 12 who were 3-4 years old.

Summer Party, 18 July 2024 – A summer party for all our families at the end of term was organised, attended by all children with their families and carers. Susie, our music and sensory teacher, provided entertainment for the children, thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended on the day.

A Leavers Breakfast, held on 23 July 2024, was provided for the children and their families who would be leaving for primary school in September. This was an enjoyable event where all families and carers enjoyed the breakfast and discussed the transition of their children to the school. Many children will attend the same school, which allows parents to exchange contact information with one another and discuss ways they could support each other.

Getting to know you breakfast - 2 October 2024, due to the success of the Leaver Breakfast, the Playgroup also held "Getting to Know" breakfast for all new and existing families and carers so that they could get to know each other and see how they could also be involved to support the Playgroup in its activities and future development.

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Diwali Celebration October 2024 – Five days of Diwali celebration were one of the themes. All children enjoyed creating their lamps to celebrate the festival of lights. Stories and music were shared, with families and carers coming together to celebrate with the children. This was a delightful moment for all.

A Christmas Party, on 12 December 2024, was provided for our children, with an extra special treat, as the Wild Fangs show came to our Playgroup. It's an interactive animal show to which all children and parents/carers were invited. A golden opportunity for all children to see and touch animals they may not have encountered before in a safe environment, to explore.

Chinese New Year celebrations, 29 January 2025 – parents were invited in to read familiar and popular stories in their home language, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. All had a chance to taste traditional foods and listen to traditional music, and children were able to create their own dragons and lanterns to celebrate the event.

Ramadan celebration, 28 February 2025 - Children created their stained-glass lanterns, and stories and songs were listened to. Parents were invited in to share this festival with the Playgroup. Children are taught why Muslims observe fasts during Ramadan and about the Eid celebration held at the end of Ramadan, which Muslims and children alike celebrate. During this time, children receive gifts from parents and relatives.

World Book Day, 6 March 2025 – the “World Book Day” event, where children could dress up as their favourite characters. They enjoyed talking to each other about their choice of dress and sharing with others what they had read about their favourite characters and their future desires when they grew up. It is an excellent opportunity for children to celebrate literature and focus on reading for pleasure, supporting their autonomy in book choice and encouraging a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits for their learning and development.

St. Patrick's Day, 17 March 2025, was celebrated with a breakfast for all, featuring some traditional Irish food, alongside traditional stories and songs, making for a good and enjoyable day for all those who attended.

Mother's Day, 26 March 2025 – Breakfast event where all mothers were presented with flowers and cards made by the children. This was a touching event for some mothers receiving gifts from their children.

The Playgroup were also lucky enough to welcome a dental health visitor from the Whittington Trust to chat about children's dental care at our breakfast morning. Parents were delighted to ask many questions and raise concerns regarding their children's dental health. Dania, our dental representative, provided many excellent interactive games for the children to enjoy and learn from simultaneously. She also provided resources for the children to enjoy, and the children inquired about how the items were used in dental treatment.

Support for local Food banks - During the Autumn term, we encourage families to donate food items to our local food banks. This ties in with our annual exploration of 'farm to plate.' It is equally important that our children recognise the importance of helping each other and being part of a community.

Black British Heroes, October 2024, like the previous year, is an exploration of Black British Heroes by the Playgroup. It was important to introduce local heroes. A different person was introduced each week, and their lives and achievements were explored.

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Each child was given a free book as a gift to take home to celebrate World Book Day; this gives children opportunities to access books they may not have had and encourage them to read more books to increase their reading and literacy education.

Other activities - as usual, our normal activities of weekly visits to the local library, local parks for walks and children's ecology studies, and visiting sports centres and places of interest and learning continued throughout the year.

The Ofsted Inspector in her Report of 22 September 2023, quotes – ***“Those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) enthusiastically explore the well-resourced outdoor areas. Children learn about the natural world and can develop their physical skills in a playground by being able to run, climb and balance...”***

Weekly Music and Sensory Session - Our visiting Music teacher, Susie Gray, holds weekly sessions for our children. The children really enjoy these sessions of music and sensory play.

Knowing the Community - We totally immerse our playgroup in our local community life. Children recognise and chat with people who help the community in their daily lives, such as the estate caretakers, grocers, fruit and vegetable stalls, police and fire officers, and neighbours. We really feel that this sense of community enhances the children's lives.

Staff Training Support - The Playgroup continued, liaised, and worked closely with other agencies to access more specific training due to our cohort. The Playgroup shows appreciation and gratitude to SCT at Northern Health for supporting our training needs and development.

Staff Training and Development

The Playgroup has a dedicated team focusing on training opportunities for supporting children with Autism. All training support enhances our practice. We ensure that all staff members are always updated with new legislation so that they can confidently provide a safe and caring learning environment for all our children.

All staff completed or attended the following training:

Training Course Details	Name of staff who attended	Date Attended
Introduction to complex trauma	IS	15 May 2024
Child Protection Safeguarding update	JB and CC	4 June 2024
First Aid	All staff	17 June 2024
Oral Health	JB,CC,HMc and IP	23 October 2024
Embedding SEN Practice	CC	13 November 2024
Inclusive Practice for Two-Year-Olds	HMc	24 January 2025
Exploring Maths 1-3 years old	IP	17 March 2025

All training supports the staff teams' knowledge and confidence within their appointed roles and enhances their CPD. The Playgroup will always focus on training staff to help improve the delivery and teaching to children with Autism and those diagnosed with ASD.

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Future Plan

We are continuing to support a new government initiative that enables working parents with children aged two to access 15 free hours. Many families have taken up the places since its introduction.

The Playgroup will continue to work to have a positive impact on children's lives, particularly in accessing support in areas of need such as Speech and language, family support, parents' workshops and working closely with Whittington Trust to access help and support with children's social, emotional, and physical needs throughout the year.

The Playgroup will continue to build strong networks and strengthen relationships and connections that will greatly benefit and support families with various needs.

We are still committed.

- To develop staff CPD on training regarding the two-year-old cohort and how best to support further.
- Collaborate and strengthen working relationships with multiple agencies for SEN, Speech and Language, Mental Health, and Family Support.
- To develop and expand to have much stronger input regarding transitions to Primary schools, including visits to schools themselves and working collaboratively with receiving schools (transition meetings in place) to ensure a smooth transition for our children.
- To have the process and system to offer the 30 hours initiative that will be introduced in September 2025 to working families with two-year-olds.
- To ensure staff are provided with support and prepared with training and opportunities to enhance practice for the new 30-hour cohort, which will commence from September 2025.
- To continue to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our local children to thrive and grow.
- To continue to foster close and supportive relationships with our families so that the first steps for their children entering into early education is a positive experience.
- As a community playgroup, the importance of providing opportunities and experiences for those who may not be able to access them is embedded in our ethos. We will continue to strive to provide these opportunities.
- To continue to work closely and strengthen the working relationships with vital agencies who support our community/families.

Risk Management

The Playgroup has adopted a robust risk assessment and regularly updates it. No incidents were reported to OFSTED or the local authority during the reporting year.

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Playgroup is exposed, particularly those related to its operations and finances. The Trustees confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. The Trustees also ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Most of the critical policies were reviewed and updated.

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Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The Playgroup's total Unrestricted Funds as of 31 March 2025 are £69,885 (previous year £37,243). The Restricted Fund balance is £0.

The Playgroup's income increased by £15,219 compared to the previous year. This represents an increase of more than 13%.

The total expenditures for the period were ££95,061 (£88,566 in the previous year). The staffing cost, including associated costs, for the reporting period is £82,046 (£76,845 in the previous year). The total expenditures, compared to the previous year, were increased by £6,495, which represents a 7% increase in expenses.

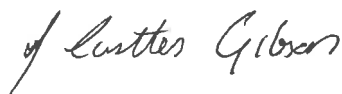
The Playgroup needs reserves to meet its working capital requirements. The organisation needs to have sufficient funds in general reserves to continue its activities for up to 6 months if it loses its funding from the local council or experiences a significant drop in income.

The current level of general reserve available to the Playgroup meet the required to continue activities for up to six months if the income drops significantly. The Playgroup successfully increased its general reserves compared to the previous year.

The UK government's 30 hours free childcare scheme, which will support working parents from September 2025, will help to further increase the Playgroup's occupancy and revenue. The Playgroup has families on the waiting list for September 2025.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee

Date: 23 September 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages nine to thirteen.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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



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23 September 2025

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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. For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the method and principles in the Charities SORP;

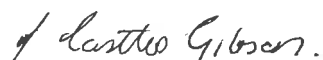
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee/Director

23 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	108,790	15,883	124,673	105,607
Activities for generating funds	3	3,030	-	3,030	6,877
Total incoming resources		111,820	15,883	127,703	112,484
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Support costs	4	6,452	1,294	7,746	7,812
Staff costs		67,457	14,589	82,046	76,845
Governance costs		5,269	-	5,269	3,909
Total resources expended		79,178	15,883	95,061	88,566
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		32,642	-	32,642	23,918
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		37,243	-	37,243	13,325
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		69,885	-	69,885	37,243

The notes form part of these financial statements

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025		2024
		£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		-		-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>71,840</u>		<u>38,875</u>
		71,840		38,875
LIABILITIES				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>1,955</u>		<u>1,632</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
		<u>69,885</u>		<u>37,243</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
		<u>69,885</u>		<u>37,243</u>
NET ASSETS				
		<u><u>69,885</u></u>		<u><u>37,243</u></u>
FUNDS				
	6			
Unrestricted funds				
General funds		69,885		37,243
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				
		<u><u>69,885</u></u>		<u><u>37,243</u></u>

For the year ending 31/03/2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/09/2025 and signed on their behalf by



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Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee/Director

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019) and applicable UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from income taxes on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
3. INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
LBI Grant Aid Payment	7,303	-	7,303	5,980
LBI NEG	31,322	-	31,322	67,250
LBI 2 Year Old NEG	21,957	-	21,957	13,824
SEN	-	15,883	15,883	8,572
PEL and EYPP	122	-	122	5,980
LBI Others	47,936	-	47,936	4,001
Others	150	-	150	-
	<u>108,790</u>	<u>15,883</u>	<u>124,673</u>	<u>105,607</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Fee Income	3,030	-	3,030	6,877
Other Income from Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,030</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,030</u>	<u>6,877</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>111,820</u>	<u>15,883</u>	<u>127,703</u>	<u>112,484</u>
4. RESOURCES EXPENDED				
<i>Support costs</i>				
Agency staff		1,294	1,294	450
Canteen & refreshment	707	-	707	496
Cleaning	33	-	33	197
Events & outgoing	150	-	150	-
Insurance	-	-	-	1,326
Learning materials & nursery resources	2,027	-	2,027	1,288
Office & Kitchen Equipment	-	-	-	-
Postage, printing, stationery & supplies	1,329	-	1,329	1,385
PPE & Clothing	586	-	586	464
Professional fee	-	-	-	850
Software subscription	-	-	-	-
Subscription	444	-	444	259
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-
Telephone & broadband	1,178	-	1,178	1,097
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,452</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>7,746</u>	<u>7,812</u>
<i>Staff costs</i>				
Salaries and wages	64,772	14,143	78,915	74,625
Employer NI contribution	722	164	886	718
Employer pension contribution	1,275	282	1,557	1,354
Staff training	687	-	687	148
	<u>67,457</u>	<u>14,589</u>	<u>82,046</u>	<u>76,845</u>
<i>Average number of staff employed</i>			4	4
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Independent examiner fee	660	-	660	660
Book-keeping & payroll	4,609	-	4,609	3,249
	<u>5,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,269</u>	<u>3,909</u>
Total resources expended	<u>79,178</u>	<u>15,883</u>	<u>95,061</u>	<u>88,566</u>

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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	660	660
Taxation and social security	1,295	972
Net wages payable	-	-
NEST pension payable	-	-
	<u>1,955</u>	<u>1,632</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	37,243	111,820	(79,178)	-	69,885
Total unrestricted funds	<u>37,243</u>	<u>111,820</u>	<u>(79,178)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,885</u>
Restricted funds:					
LBI Training	-	-	-	-	-
SEN	-	15,883	(15,883)	-	-
LBI Early Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>15,883</u>	<u>(15,883)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>37,243</u>	<u>127,703</u>	<u>(95,061)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,885</u>

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BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited

Charity registration number - 1135039 Company registration number - 07163366.

Registered Office and operational address:

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited
Bennett Court Community Centre
Axminster Road
London - N7 6BN

Trustees/Directors

Management committee members are Directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011. The following served as Directors during the year.

Helena F McKeown
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Cameron McKeown
Joyce Castles-Gibson

Secretary

Jane Lewis

Playgroup Manager

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BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

Trustees' Annual Report

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The playgroup opens on weekdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. during term time only. It employs five staff members, including a visiting music teacher. The staff have relevant early years qualifications. The playgroup provides funded early years education for children aged 2-5.

The Playgroup provides subsidised and affordable childcare in a safe and stimulating learning environment to children from diverse backgrounds. Most children attending the Playgroup live locally, and most parents are either in low-paid employment or not in employment. The Playgroup operates from Monday to Friday during term times only, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

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Achievements

The table below shows the Playgroup's occupancy during each term.

Total Children and Terms	Including SEN	3-4 Years	2 Years
Spring 23 – Total 14	2	14	0
Summer 23 – Total 17	1	14	3
Autumn 23 – Total 13	1	7	6
Spring 24 – Total 18	0	9	9

The above table shows that the total number of children during the Spring Term of 2023 was 14, which increased to 17 during the Summer Term. Our contacts with local families and network with other groups and community organisations support us with recruiting children locally. The filled places dip slightly during the autumn term as some children leave to go to school. The places increase in the spring term as new children 2 years plus join the Playgroup.

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Coronation of King Charles - On 4th May 2023, a party was arranged to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. A tea party was shared with the children and our neighbours on the estate. This was also a good community cohesion event, as the residents on the estate were able to learn more about the Playgroup activities.

Father's Day breakfast - This was an opportunity for all the children's dads to come together. It allowed the family to get to know other people and look at how parents and carers could support the Playgroup. The event also allowed the family to see how the Playgroup can improve its services in early years education.

Leaver's Party - On 20th July 2023, a leaver's party was held for those leaving the Playgroup and moving to primary school in September 2023. The playgroup's visiting Music and Sensory teacher provided an enjoyable session for all children. Parents and carers who attended also joined the event and took part in it.

Support to local Food Bank - During the Autumn term, we encourage families to donate food items to our local food banks. This ties in with our annual exploration of 'farm to plate'. 'It is equally important that our children recognise the importance of helping each other and being part of a community.

Getting to Know event - On 11th October 2023, a "Getting to Know You 'Breakfast'" session was held. This is an opportunity for our new and existing families to meet, chat, and link up for support and friendships. A good event for parents and carers to get to know each other and see how they can support the Playgroup activities. It also allows new parents and carers to ask questions and learn more about the Playgroup. Their views, comments and suggestions from the events are considered to improve our services.

Black British Heroes - During the month of October 2023, we explored our Black British Heroes. It was important to introduce local heroes. A different person was introduced each week, and their lives and achievements were explored. Further staff training called 'Beyond Black History' was arranged to further our knowledge and how important it was to celebrate and recognise not only for the month of October but throughout the year.

Diwali Celebration - On 10th November 2023, we celebrated Diwali. This celebration day allowed people of other faiths and non-faiths to learn more about Hindu culture and why Hindus celebrate Diwali. We were lucky enough for some parents to come in and share traditional stories and music and support the children in creating their own 'Diwali lights.'

Christmas Party - On 21st December 2023, before the Christmas break, a Christmas party was held for all children and their families. This was a good social event, and parents enjoyed traditional Christmas food. The event also allowed the Playgroup to thank families for continuing support throughout the year.

World Book Day - On 7th March 2024, the "World Book Day" event where children could dress up in their favourite characters. They enjoyed talking to each other about their choice of dress and telling others what they read about their favourite characters and their future desires when they grow up. It is a great opportunity for children to celebrate literature and focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice and getting them into a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits for their learning and development.

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Each child was given a free book as a gift to take home to celebrate World Book Day; this gives children opportunities to access books they may not have had and encourage them to read more books to increase their reading and literacy education.

Mother's Day/St Patrick's Day celebrations (breakfast morning) - On 13th March 2024, the Playgroup provided a breakfast with some traditional Irish food to celebrate our mothers within our group. All visitors received some daffodils as a thank you for all they did. Families all brought food to share with other people. This was a good cultural event to share with people from other cultures, faiths, and non-faiths.

Other activities - as usual, our normal activities of weekly visits to the local library, local parks for walks and children's ecology studies, and visiting sports centres and places of interest and learning continued throughout the year.

The Ofsted Inspector in her Report of 22 September 2023, quotes – *“Those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) enthusiastically explore the well-resourced outdoor areas. Children learn about the natural world and can develop their physical skills in a playground by being able to run, climb and balance...”*

Weekly Music and Sensory Session - Our visiting Music teacher, Susie Gray, holds weekly sessions for our children. The children really enjoy these sessions of music and sensory play.

Knowing the Community - We totally immerse our playgroup in our local community life. Children recognise and chat with people who help the community in their daily lives, such as the estate caretakers, grocers, fruit and vegetable stalls, police and fire officers, and neighbours. We really feel that this sense of community enhances the children's lives.

Staff Training Support - The Playgroup continued, liaised, and worked closely with other agencies to access more specified training due to our cohort. The Playgroup shows appreciation and gratitude to SCT at Northern Health for supporting our training needs and development.

Staff Training and Development

The Playgroup has a dedicated team focusing on training opportunities for supporting children with Autism. All training support enhances our practice. We ensure that all staff members are always updated with new legislation so that they can confidently provide a safe and caring learning environment for all our children.

All staff completed or attended the following training:

Training Course Details	Name of staff attended	Date Attended
Prevent awareness renewal	HMc, JB, IP and CC	30 October 2023
Supporting children with Autism	HMc, JB, IP and CC	25 January 2024
Beyond Black History	HMc, JB, IP and CC	19 February 2024
Health and well-being for under five	JB	7 December 2023
SEN Training	CC	15 May 2023
Transition training	CC	6 June 2023
Termly attendance to DSL, SENCO and PVI forums	CC	Ongoing

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All training supports the staff teams' knowledge and confidence within their appointed roles and enhances their CPD. The Playgroup will always focus on training staff to help improve the delivery and teaching to children with Autism and those diagnosed with ASD.

Future Plan

We are currently supporting a new government initiative that enables working parents with children aged two to access 15 free hours starting April 2024. Many families have taken up the places this summer term.

The Playgroup will continue to work to have a positive impact on children's lives, particularly in accessing support in areas of need such as Speech and language, family support, parents' workshops and working closely with Whittington Trust to access help and support with children's social, emotional, and physical needs throughout the year.

The Playgroup will continue building strong networking and strengthening relationships and connections that will hugely benefit and support families with various needs.

We are still committed.

- To continue to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our local children to thrive and grow.
- To continue to foster close and supportive relationships with our families so that the first steps for their children entering into early education is a positive experience.
- To continue to provide a warm and caring first step for children entering early education for the first time.
- As a community playgroup, the importance of providing opportunities and experiences for those who may not be able to access them is embedded in our ethos. We will continue to strive to provide these opportunities.
- All staff will have opportunities to access vital yearly training for continuous professional development.
- To continue to work closely and strengthen the working relationships with vital agencies who support our community/families.

Risk Management

The Playgroup has adopted a robust risk assessment and regularly updates it. No incidents were reported to OFSTED or the local authority during the reporting year.

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Playgroup is exposed, particularly those related to its operations and finances. The Trustees confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. The Trustees also ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Most of the critical policies were reviewed and updated.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The Playgroup's total Unrestricted Funds as of 31 March 2024 are £37,243 and the Restricted Fund balance is nil.

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The Playgroup's income increased by £23,394 compared to the previous year. This represents an increase of more than 26%.

The total expenditures for the period were £88,566, of which £76,845 are the staffing and employer's NIC cost. The total expenditures, compared to the previous year, were decreased by £24,141 that represents a 21% decrease in expenses. The major decrease is in the staff costs.

The Playgroup also needs reserves to meet the working capital. It needs to have sufficient funds in general reserves for the organisation to continue with activities for up to 6 months if the charity loses its funding from the local council or there is a significant drop in the charity's income.

The present level of general reserve available to the Playgroup is slightly below the amount required to continue activities for up to 6 months if income drops significantly. The Playgroup managed to increase the general reserves compared to previous year.

The Playgroup is working towards having full occupancy. There are families on the waiting list for September 2024, which would support generating additional income. The Playgroup is confident it will have sufficient reserve to meet its ongoing activities for 6 months within the next two years.

Many Early Years settings were severely impacted due to the Covid virus, which has impacted them post covid, but the commitment and support of our staff team will support our Playgroup to sustain our services. As Trustees, we are appreciative of the support of our staff team.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee

Date: 08 July 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages ten to fourteen.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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



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BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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. For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the method and principles in the Charities SORP;

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 financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee/Director

08 July 2024

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	97,035	8,572	105,607	80,454
Activities for generating funds	3	6,877	-	6,877	8,636
Total incoming resources		103,912	8,572	112,484	89,090
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Support costs	4	7,362	450	7,812	14,937
Staff costs		68,723	8,122	76,845	93,962
Governance costs		3,909	-	3,909	3,808
Total resources expended		79,994	8,572	88,566	112,707
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		23,918	-	23,918	(23,617)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		13,325	-	13,325	36,942
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		37,243	-	37,243	13,325

The notes form part of these financial statements

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024		2023
		£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>38,875</u>		<u>15,197</u>
		38,875		15,197
LIABILITIES				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>1,632</u>		<u>1,872</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			<u>37,243</u>	<u>13,325</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
			<u>37,243</u>	<u>13,325</u>
NET ASSETS				
			<u>37,243</u>	<u>13,325</u>
FUNDS				
	6			
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>37,243</u>	<u>13,325</u>
Restricted funds			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				
			<u>37,243</u>	<u>13,325</u>

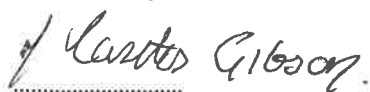
For the year ending 31/03/2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 08/07/2024 and signed on their behalf by



Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee/Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019) and applicable UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from income taxes on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
3. INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
LBI Grant Aid Payment	5,980	-	5,980	4,388
LBI NEG	67,250	-	67,250	44,846
LBI 2 Year Old NEG	13,824	-	13,824	17,141
SEN	-	8,572	8,572	13,163
PEL and EYPP	5,980	-	5,980	-
LBI Others	4,001	-	4,001	916
Others	-	-	-	-
	97,035	8,572	105,607	80,454
Activities for generating funds				
Fee Income	6,877	-	6,877	8,636
Other Income from Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	-
	6,877	-	6,877	8,636
Total incoming resources	103,912	8,572	112,484	89,090
4. RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Support costs				
Agency staff	-	450	450	7,876
Canteen & refreshment	496	-	496	1,166
Cleaning	197	-	197	160
Events & outgoing	-	-	-	54
Insurance	1,326	-	1,326	-
Learning materials & nursery resources	1,288	-	1,288	1,199
Office & Kitchen Equipment	-	-	-	-
Postage, printing, stationery & supplies	1,385	-	1,385	1,436
PPE & Clothing	464	-	464	678
Professional fee	850	-	850	1,025
Software subscription	-	-	-	65
Subscription	259	-	259	204
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-
Telephone & broadband	1,097	-	1,097	965
Bank charges	-	-	-	109
	7,362	450	7,812	14,937
Staff costs				
Salaries and wages	66,707	7,918	74,625	90,599
Employer NI contribution	655	63	718	1,342
Employer pension contribution	1,213	141	1,354	1,560
Staff training	148	-	148	461
	68,723	8,122	76,845	93,962
<i>Average number of staff employed</i>			4	4
Governance costs				
Independent examiner fee	660	-	660	600
Book-keeping & payroll	3,249	-	3,249	3,208
	3,909	-	3,909	3,808
Total resources expended	79,994	8,572	88,566	112,707

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	660	600
Taxation and social security	972	1,272
Net wages payable	-	-
NEST pension payable	-	-
	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,872</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	13,325	103,912	(79,994)	-	37,243
Total unrestricted funds	<u>13,325</u>	<u>103,912</u>	<u>(79,994)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,243</u>
Restricted funds:					
LBI Training	-	-	-	-	-
SEN	-	8,572	(8,572)	-	-
LBI Early Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>8,572</u>	<u>(8,572)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,325</u>	<u>112,484</u>	<u>(88,566)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,243</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1135039

Accounts

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BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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All staff members hold appropriate early years qualifications.

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The Playgroup also enjoy members of the local community visiting and sharing their job role experiences with us, such as the postman, local policeman and caretaker. The children enjoy meeting them and asking questions. We have also worked with the caretaker in collecting and recycling rubbish, providing the children with a sense of community spirit and responsibility.

Achievements

The table below shows how the Playgroup's occupancy was during each term.

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From the above table, you will note that the total number of children during the Spring Term of 2022 was 15, which increased to 20 children during the Summer Term. This was due to our networking with parents to promote our Playgroup to their friends and family. However, many children left to go to school at the end of the Summer Term, which affected our occupancy. During Autumn 2022, there was a drop in our occupancy to 14, but we managed to increase by two children by the Spring term of 2022. Our informal research found that some new parents were still concerned about their child's health or were keeping children at home as some parents were not working or working from home and could manage their working time.

Last year we were confident the occupancy would increase by the Spring Term of 2022, but we regretfully find that is not the case. The Playgroup is working hard to raise awareness of the excellent childcare it provides to the family in the area and working with other local community organisations and the Early Years Team to have optimum occupancy by the end of Autumn 2023.

Queen's Jubilee party for the children – on 24 May 2022, the Playgroup celebrated Her Majesty The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch with a lovely tea party for all our children. All children enjoyed this joyful event with fun and dance.

Father's Day breakfast – on 15 June 2022, this was an excellent opportunity for all our Playgroup's children's fathers to celebrate. The Playgroup provided breakfast and music, and the children created gifts for those special to them. All fathers and children were thrilled with enjoyment.

Leavers party and Graduation Ceremony - on 22 July 2022, a Graduation and Leavers party was organised for those children leaving the Playgroup to attend school. The music teacher Susie attended, giving parents and children wonderful music to hear and enjoy. Parents were invited to the children's graduation ceremony. It was an excellent opportunity for the Playgroup to present the children with their work folders, say goodbye, and wish them best wishes in their new schools.

Food Bank – like last year, within our Autumn term, the Playgroup invited families to donate food items to our local food bank. This usually ties in with the Playgroup's Harvest theme and explores 'food to plate' sources with our children. We also think it is vital that our children recognise that they are part of the local community alongside the teaching of kindness and giving to others. Children travelled to the local Food Bank to donate the food collected.

Getting to know you – on 12 October 2022, a breakfast event was held for new existing and new families. This was a community cohesion so that families could connect and get to know each other, create a network and friendship, and know other people's backgrounds and cultures. Families also bring their food to share and enjoy with others. This has always been one of the Playgroup's successful events.

Black History Culture – October 2022 – Within this month, the Playgroup held events to recognise and celebrate the exceptional achievements of black women and opportunities for children and families to learn about and celebrate the contributions of black women throughout history. The Playgroup invited African dancers to share their Black history and culture with us. The Playgroup also invited parents to read and share stories reflecting their cultures and family customs. We continue to foster this, not just in the recognised month of October, as it is very important to us at the Playgroup to celebrate and explore different cultures and traditions.

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Christmas Party – 14 December 2022, before the Playgroup break for its Christmas and New Year holiday, a party was held for children with children’s entertainers to perform that all children enjoyed. This was an excellent event to celebrate post covid, and children enjoyed various games and activities.

World Book Day – 2 February 2023, this was an opportunity for the children to explore literature and dress up as characters from their chosen books. The Playgroup wanted to ensure every child could participate in World Book Day and celebrate the stories they love. It was a good opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and getting them into a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits for their learning and development.

Mother's Day / St Patricks Day Breakfast – 17 March 2023, the Playgroup provided a breakfast with some traditional Irish food to celebrate our mothers within our group. All visitors received some daffodils as a thank you for all they did. Families all brought food to share with other people. This was a good cultural event to share with people from other cultures, faiths, and non-faiths.

Natural History Museum – 29 March 2023, this was an educational visit for elder children to Natural History Museum, where children could explore and understand different habitats and historical artefacts. Children also enjoyed travelling by underground and learning about the journey and how to keep safe when travelling by public transport. Children were shown how to read the London Underground map and use it for their journey. This was part of the Playgroup’s ‘Homes and Habitats’ theme.

Library Visits - Our fortnightly visits to the library and Lending Library's “Home Learning Experience” continued through the years. Both proved valuable, and the Playgroup noticed a significant impact on children’s overall development. These activities are essential for children’s reading and communication skills.

Sobell Sports Centre – The Playgroup uses the local sports centre for various physical activities. These activities are particularly beneficial for our children with additional needs. The OFSTED Inspector, in its recent report, quoted, *“Those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) enthusiastically explore the well-resourced outdoor areas. Children learn about the natural world and are able to develop their physical skills in a playground by being able to run, climb and balance...”*

Staff Training Support – The Playgroup continued, liaised, and worked closely with other agencies to access more specified training due to our cohort. The Playgroup shows appreciation and gratitude to SCT at Northern Health for supporting our training needs and development.

Early Years Framework (Reform) - From September 2021, a revised EYFS Framework became a statutory requirement. The Educational Programmes and the Early Learning Goals (ELGs) have been entirely rewritten under the EYFS Reform. We are pleased to report the Playgroup adapted its service to meet the new EYFS Reform. Staff are receiving training and will continue to attend training courses for their continuous professional development and ensure that Playgroup meets the EYFS Reform requirements.

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Staff Training and Development

The Playgroup has a dedicated team that focuses on training opportunities for supporting children with Autism.

All training support enhances our practice. We ensure that all staff members are always updated with new legislation so that they can confidently provide a safe and caring learning environment for all our children.

All staff completed or attended the following training:

Staff	Training / Course Detail	Date
NB	Supporting children with Autism	18 May 2022
	Black history month training	30 June 2022
HMc	Black history month training	19 October 2022
	Disability Awareness training	18 January 2023
	Disability Awareness training	15 March 2023
JB	Parental use of substances	13 June 2022
	Supporting challenging behaviour	13 October 2022 and 3 November 2022
	DSL Roles and responsibilities	2/3 March 2023
GS	Prevent training	13 November 2022
	Child Protection and Safeguarding update	13 March 2023
IP	DCAT – Autism Awareness training	21 May 2022
	Disability Awareness training	14 September 2022
	Child Protection and Safeguarding update	15 March 2023
CC	DSL Roles and Responsibilities	21/22 November 2022
	DSL monthly supervisions	Regular – monthly
	DSL, SENCO and EY forums	Regular - termly

Staff Matters

Nora Bala left the Playgroup on 22 July 2022, and Gladys Solomon, who joined our staff team on 5 September 2022, left on 31 March 2023. We wish both Nora and Gladys best wishes in their new roles.

Future plans

- To continue to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our local children to thrive and grow.
- To continue to foster close and supportive relationships with our families so that the first steps for their children entering into early education is a positive experience.

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- To continue to provide a warm and caring first step for children entering early education for the first time.
- As a community playgroup, it is embedded into our ethos the importance of providing opportunities and experiences for those who may not be able to access them. We will continue to strive to provide these opportunities.
- All staff will have opportunities to access vital training throughout the year for continuous professional development.
- To continue to work closely and strengthen the working relationships with vital agencies who support our community/families.

Risk Management

The Playgroup has adopted a robust risk assessment and updates regularly. During the reporting year, no incidents were reported to OFSTED or the local authority.

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Playgroup is exposed, particularly those related to the operations and finances of the Playgroup. The Trustees confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. The Trustees also ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

All Playgroups policies were reviewed and updated.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The Playgroup's total Unrestricted Funds as of 31 March 2023 are only £13,325, and the Restricted Fund balance is nil. The Playgroup's income decreased by £4,047 compared to the previous year. This represents a decrease of more than 4%. The total expenditure for the period was £112,707, of which £93,962 are the staffing and employer's NIC cost. The total expenditure has increased by £8,522 compared to previous year. The main increase is in the staff cost, which is an increase of £6,927 (around 8% increase on last year).

The Playgroup also needs reserves to meet the working capital. It needs to have sufficient funds in general reserves for the organisation to continue with activities for up to 6 months if the charity loses its funding from the local council or there is a significant drop in the charity's income.

The present level of general reserve available to the Playgroup is well below the amount required to continue activities for up to 6 months if income drops significantly.

The Playgroup is working towards having full occupancy. There are families on the waiting list for September 2023, which would support generating additional income. The Playgroup is confident it will have sufficient reserve to meet its ongoing activities for 6 months within the next three years.

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Many Early Years settings were severely impacted due to the Covid virus, which has impacted them post covid, but the commitment and support of our staff team will support our Playgroup to sustain our services. As Trustees, we are appreciative of the support of our staff team.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Castles-Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee

Date: 07/09/2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages ten to fourteen.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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



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STATEMENTS OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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. For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the method and principles in the Charities SORP;

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 financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee/Director

07 September 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	67,291	13,163	80,454	90,492
Activities for generating funds	3	8,636	-	8,636	2,645
Total incoming resources		75,927	13,163	89,090	93,137
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Support costs	4	6,911	8,026	14,937	13,497
Staff costs		88,825	5,137	93,962	87,035
Governance costs		3,808	-	3,808	3,653
Total resources expended		99,544	13,163	112,707	104,185
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(23,617)	-	(23,617)	(11,048)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		36,942	-	36,942	47,990
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		13,325	-	13,325	36,942

The notes form part of these financial statements

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

		2023		2022
	Note	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>15,197</u>		<u>38,297</u>
		15,197		38,297
LIABILITIES				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>1,872</u>		<u>1,356</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			<u>13,325</u>	<u>36,941</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
			<u>13,325</u>	<u>36,941</u>
NET ASSETS				
			<u>13,325</u>	<u>36,941</u>
FUNDS				
	6			
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			13,325	36,941
Restricted funds			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				
			<u>13,325</u>	<u>36,941</u>

For the year ending 31/03/2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 07/09/2023 and signed on their behalf by



Joyce Castles-Gibson
Trustee/Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) and applicable UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from income taxes on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
3. INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
LBI Grant Aid Payment	4,388	-	4,388	5,850
LBI NEG	44,846	-	44,846	35,691
LBI 2 Year Old NEG	17,141	-	17,141	31,231
SEN	-	13,163	13,163	12,720
LBI Early Years	-	-	-	-
LBI Others	916	-	916	5,000
Others	-	-	-	-
	<u>67,291</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>80,454</u>	<u>90,492</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Fee Income	8,636	-	8,636	2,645
Other Income from Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,636</u>	<u>2,645</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>75,927</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>89,090</u>	<u>93,137</u>
4. RESOURCES EXPENDED				
<i>Support costs</i>				
Agency staff		7,876	7,876	3,399
Canteen & refreshment	1,016	150	1,166	1,464
Cleaning	160	-	160	246
Events & outgoing	54	-	54	50
Insurance		-	-	629
Learning materials & nursery resources	1,199		1,199	2,412
Office & Kitchen Equipment			-	-
Postage, printing, stationery & supplies	1,436		1,436	1,859
PPE & Clothing	678	-	678	142
Professional fee	1,025	-	1,025	1,150
Software subscription	65	-	65	140
Subscription	204		204	1,117
Sundry expenses	-		-	-
Telephone & broadband	965		965	882
Bank charges	109	-	109	7
	<u>6,911</u>	<u>8,026</u>	<u>14,937</u>	<u>13,497</u>
<i>Staff costs</i>				
Salaries and wages	85,679	4,920	90,599	82,687
Employer NI contribution	1,225	117	1,342	1,842
Employer pension contribution	1,460	100	1,560	1,592
Staff training	461	-	461	914
	<u>88,825</u>	<u>5,137</u>	<u>93,962</u>	<u>87,035</u>
<i>Average number of staff employed</i>			4	4
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Independent examiner fee	600	-	600	600
Book-keeping & payroll	3,208	-	3,208	3,053
	<u>3,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,808</u>	<u>3,653</u>
Total resources expended	<u>99,544</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>112,707</u>	<u>104,185</u>

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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	600	600
Taxation and social security	1,272	756
Net wages payable	-	-
NEST pension payable	-	-
	<u>1,872</u>	<u>1,356</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	36,942	75,927	(99,544)	-	13,325
Total unrestricted funds	<u>36,942</u>	<u>75,927</u>	<u>(99,544)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,325</u>
Restricted funds:					
LBI Training	-	-	-	-	-
SEN	-	13,163	(13,163)	-	-
LBI Early Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>(13,163)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,942</u>	<u>89,090</u>	<u>(112,707)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,325</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1135039

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135039
COMPANY REGISTRATION: 07163366

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Board presents its Trustees'/Directors' report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited

Charity registration number - 1135039 Company registration number - 07163366

Registered Office and operational address:

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited
Bennett Court Community Centre
Axminster Road
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Trustees/Directors

Management committee members are Directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011. The following served as Directors during the year.

Helena F McKeown
Jane Lewis
Cameron McKeown
Joyce Castles-Gibson

Secretary

Jane Lewis

Playgroup Manager

Caroline Connaughton

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Trustees' Annual Report

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited (The Playgroup) is managed voluntarily by parents and community members.

The Playgroup is situated within Bennett Court Social Club, on the Bennett Court Estate, Axminster Road, Holloway, in the London Borough of Islington.

The Playgroup is registered with OFSTED for 20 places as a provider of early years' education to children under five years of age. The Playgroup provides subsidised and affordable childcare in a safe and stimulating learning environment to children from diverse backgrounds. Most children attending the Playgroup live locally, and most parents are either in low-paid employment or not in employment. The Playgroup operates from Monday to Friday during term-times only, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

All staff are engaged in continuous professional training, providing child-centred learning support, and working within the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and standards.

The Playgroup supports children learning English as an additional language and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

All staff members hold appropriate early years' qualifications.

Pandemic

The Spring Term in 2021 saw the Playgroup returning to its normality. However, the return of children to the Playgroup was gradual as some parents were still keeping their children at home. This has affected the occupancy, which has a knock-on effect on the Playgroup's funding.

All parents were encouraged to send their children to the Playgroup, and this then helped us increase our places by the summer of 2021, when the Playgroup's occupancy reached 27 filled places. However, the new Autumn term had a knock-on effect as children left to join school, and some parents were not sending children to the Playgroup due to them working from home or being concerned about COVID.

While the children were late taking up their places, they missed out on some educational opportunities. Where the Playgroups identified gaps in children's knowledge, this was discussed with the staff and with parents to see how these gaps can be filled to help with the child's development and learning. The main areas of development were around children's communication and language skills and their personal, social and emotional development. All staff have worked on these areas with the children and parents.

The safety measures introduced during the pandemic were strictly adhered to, and the Playgroup continued with those measures and continued with them post-pandemic.

Home visits – The Playgroup will commence this again in September 2022 as it's hugely valuable to our staff team to evaluate children's needs and support areas. Parents happily participate as it brings added security to families to meet the children's key person within their home, and it enhances the relationships between child and staff members.

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Achievements

The table below shows how the Playgroup's occupancy was during each term.

Total Children and Terms	Including SEN	3-4 Years	2 Years
Spring 21 – Total 21	4	13	5
Summer 21 – Total 27	4	19	8
Autumn 21 – Total 13	5	12	1
Spring 22 – Total 15	5	14	1

From the above table, you will note that the total number of children during the Spring Term of 2021 was 21, which increased to 27 children during the Summer Term. This was due to parents being encouraged to send their children to the Playgroup and were assured that the Covid 19 measures were in place and adhered to by the Playgroup. However, at the end of the Summer Term, many children left to go to school, which affected our occupancy. During Autumn 2021, there was a drop in our occupancy to 13 as the Playgroup found some new parents were still concerned about their child's health or were keeping children at home as some parents were not working or working from home and were able to manage their working time.

We are confident the occupancy will increase during Summer 2022 and hope to have optimum occupancy by the end of Autumn 2022.

Library Visits – Our regular library visits resumed in September 2021 as did our Lending Library "Home Learning Experience." Both proved to be a valuable return as we noticed a significant impact on childrens' overall development due to the lockdowns. These activities are essential for childrens' reading and communication skills.

Theatre Visit (5 October 2021) - Some of our older children were invited to a theatre show, 'Handa's Surprise', which supported our childrens' understanding of a very popular core book. This was a useful visit for children, which was much needed after staying indoors throughout the pandemic period.

Music Session – Our visiting teacher Susy holds a regular weekly musical experience called "Jumping Beans" each Monday. The session for the whole cohort also incorporates music alongside sensory play, which particularly delighted all our SEN children! The visits are themed, and Susy supports our curriculum. This hugely benefits all our children's confidence and learning, and all the children are incredibly excited when Susy arrives! This also supports our keen emphasis on providing cultural capital opportunities.

Getting to Know Each Other (23 November 2021) – After lengthy Covid restrictions, the Playgroup invited all our families to a special 'Getting to know you' breakfast morning. This opportunity was a wonderful chance for all new parents to link up with others and share their own experiences and chat with staff members, connecting with their childrens' key persons.

Christmas Treat (9 December 2021) - As part of Christmas treats for the children, a mascot from the popular show "PAW PATROL" and Father Christmas himself came to visit the Playgroup bearing Christmas gifts and treats – all children were delighted!

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Nature Learning (15 December 2021) - 'Wild Fangs' visited the Playgroup. This is a live animal interactive experience to which all families were invited. This was an amazing experience and provided a golden insight into holding and seeing unusual animals at our Playgroup! These sessions give the children a real connection with the living animal and an opportunity to learn about their existence and habitat. Once again, this is key to providing a unique cultural capital opportunity for children, carers and families.

Partnership Working - As part of local partnership working, our Playgroup was invited to a Christmas theatre show at a nearby nursery which was a great treat for all on 16 December 2021.

Pancake Day (1 March 2022) – All families were invited to join Pancake Day. This again provided an opportunity for all families to get to know each other and to have breakfast. Healthy eating was one of the main subjects for families to discuss and learn.

Oral Health Week (21 to 25 March 2022) - In conjunction with the new EYFS reforms that came into effect in September 2021, a keen focus is now on oral health in young children. The Playgroup held a whole week session to promote the knowledge and understanding of the important aspect of oral health. The week consisted of parent workshops, planned activities that supported children's understanding of good practices of oral hygiene, healthy choices in food groups, how to brush their teeth after meals, etc. The feedback from parents was positive and it also provided a chance for parents to come together to share tips and concerns.

Mother's Day Breakfast (23 March 2022) – Mother's day breakfast is provided for all to celebrate their wonderful devotion. Breakfast and flowers were provided for all those who attended the event.

Staff Training Support - This year, we liaised and worked closely with other agencies to access more specified training due to our cohort. The Playgroup shows its appreciation and gratitude to SCT at Northern Health for their support of our training needs and development.

Staff Matters

Isa Patel joined the Playgroup in March 2022. She is fully qualified in Level 3. Her updated qualification will support the Playgroup in delivering childcare services to families and children. Working with our Playgroup will be her first experience in a community setting. She is particularly interested in working with SEN children and has completed her training in this area.

We are sorry to see Sara Does leaving the Playgroup in December 2021. Heather McIntyre is on maternity leave until September 2022.

Early Years Framework (Reform) - From September 2021, a revised EYFS Framework became a statutory requirement. The Educational Programmes and the Early Learning Goals (ELGs) have been entirely re-written under the EYFS Reform. It was important that the Playgroup adapt the service to meet the new EYFS Reform. Staff are receiving training and will continue to attend training courses for their continuous professional development and ensure that Playgroup meets the EYFS Reform requirements.

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Staff Training and Development

All staff completed or attended the following training:

Autism Awareness (November 2021) – All staff team completed this training session. This is important for the Playgroup as it has few children with high and complex needs; the team need to feel confident within their knowledge and practice.

Disability Awareness Training (November 2021) – Attended by all staff, this training is important to support our knowledge and understanding, particularly on hidden disabilities.

Child Protection/Safeguarding Update (February 2022) – This is regular mandatory training that staff attends to learn and understand new safeguarding and child protection legislation. It is also a good refresher training for our staff.

First Aid Refresher Course. All staff each year attend a first aid refresher course to keep their skills and knowledge up to date.

In addition, the following staff achieved or attended the following training courses:

Caroline Connaughton

- First Aid (April 2021)
- Introduction to Complex Trauma (June 2021) - Looking at the impact on young children who experience trauma
- Introduction to Autism (September 2021) – A valuable training to keep abreast of the needs and caring for children with autism.
- EYFS reforms (November 2021) – New curriculum, looking at self-regulation in young children and how best to support this.
- Monthly DSL supervisions to implement all safeguarding procedures
- Termly attendance at the SENCO forums to further enhance knowledge as a Playgroup lead SENCO
- Attends all EY and DSL forums termly to gain updates from LA and government

JEANETTE BURBIDGE

- First Aid (April 2021)
- EYFS reforms (November 2021) – Maths is one of the early learning goals focused on child development, and it is one part of the seven learning development goals. This is to apply to early years teaching at the Playgroup.

HEATHER MCINTYRE

- First Aid (April 2021)

SARA DORE

- First Aid (April 2021)

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Future plans

- To continue to provide a warm and caring first step for children entering into early education for the first time
- To form close partnerships with our families, so that good and positive outcomes are available to all our children
- As a community playgroup, it is embedded into our ethos the importance of providing opportunities and experiences for those who may not be able to access them. We will continue to strive to provide these opportunities
- All staff to have opportunities to access vital training throughout the year for their continuous professional development
- To continue to work closely and strengthen the working relationships with vital agencies who support our community/families

Risk Management

Since returning full-time to the Playgroup from the pandemic, a robust risk assessment has been adopted and updated regularly. No incidents were reported to OFSTED or the local authority.

From the national shutdown and working through the pandemic, the Playgroup learned that communication and community spirit are important to get through any difficult period. The feedback from the families was that they felt supported and knew they had an opportunity to convey any worries or concerns to the staff at any time. The confidence of families had made the transition to return after lockdown much easier for all our families.

It is pleasing that Covid 19 had no severe impact on the Playgroup's service. The Playgroup is also pleased to report no significant incidents for the period. The Playgroup will continue to review and update the risk management action plan, which will be implemented to control the virus in the Playgroup.

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Playgroup is exposed, particularly those related to operations and finances of the Playgroup. The Trustees confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. The Trustees also ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

All Playgroups policies were reviewed and updated.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The Playgroup's total Unrestricted Fund as at 31 March 2022 is £36,942, and the Restricted Fund balance is nil. The Playgroup's income decreased by £29,598 compared to the previous year. This represents an decrease of more than 24%. The total expenditure for the period was £104,185 of which £87,035 are the staffing and employers NIC cost. The total expenditure if compared against the previous year has increased by £9,178. The main increase is in the staff cost, which increased by £3,495.

The Playgroup also needs the reserves to meet the working capital. It needs to have sufficient funds in general reserves for the organisation to continue with activities for up to 6 months if the charity loses its funding from the local council or there is a significant drop in the charity's income.

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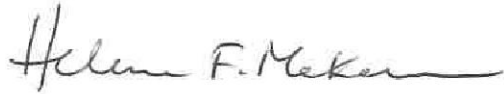
The present level of general reserve available to the Playgroup is well below the amount required to continue activities for up to 6 months if income drops significantly.

The Playgroup is working towards having a full occupancy. There are families on the waiting list for September 2022, which would support generating additional income. The Playgroup is confident that it would have sufficient reserve to meet its ongoing activities for 6 months within the next three years.

The Board of Trustees recognises and acknowledges the work of the Playgroup's staff team during the pandemic period. Many Early Years settings were severely impacted due to the Covid virus, but the commitment and support of our staff team have helped our Playgroup sustain our services. As Trustees, we are appreciative of the support of our staff team.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Helena F McKeown
Trustee

Date: 07 September 2022

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages ten to fourteen.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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



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07 September 2022

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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. For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the method and principles in the Charities SORP;

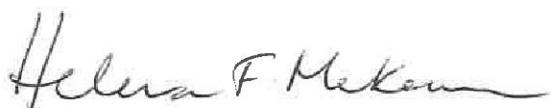
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



Helena F McKeown
Trustee/Director

07 September 2022

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	77,772	12,720	90,492	120,670
Activities for generating funds	3	2,645	-	2,645	2,065
Total incoming resources		80,417	12,720	93,137	122,735
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Support costs	4	7,518	5,979	13,497	8,964
Staff costs		80,294	6,741	87,035	83,540
Governance costs		3,653	-	3,653	2,503
Total resources expended		91,465	12,720	104,185	95,007
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(11,048)	-	(11,048)	27,728
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		47,990	-	47,990	20,262
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		36,942	-	36,942	47,990

The notes form part of these financial statements

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	2022		2021
		£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>38,297</u>		<u>51,592</u>
		38,297		51,592
LIABILITIES				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>1,356</u>		<u>3,602</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			<u>36,941</u>	<u>47,990</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
			<u>36,941</u>	<u>47,990</u>
NET ASSETS				
			<u>36,941</u>	<u>47,990</u>
FUNDS				
	6			
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			36,941	47,990
Restricted funds			<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				
			<u>36,941</u>	<u>47,990</u>

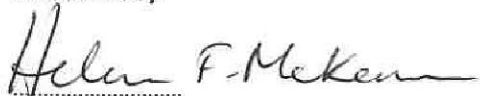
For the year ending 31/03/2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 07/09/2022 and signed on their behalf by



Helena F McKeown
Trustee/Director

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) and applicable UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from income taxes on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
3. INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
LBI Grant Aid Payment	5,850	-	5,850	5,606
LBI NEG	35,691	-	35,691	74,323
LBI 2 Year Old NEG	31,231	-	31,231	21,463
SEN	-	12,720	12,720	7,292
LBI Early Years	-	-	-	-
LBI Others	5,000	-	5,000	8,000
Others	-	-	-	3,986
	77,772	12,720	90,492	120,670
Activities for generating funds				
Fee Income	2,645	-	2,645	2,065
Other Income from Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	-
	2,645	-	2,645	2,065
Total incoming resources	80,417	12,720	93,137	122,735
4. RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Support costs				
Advertising	-	-	-	102
Agency staff	-	3,399	3,399	-
Canteen & refreshment	1,314	150	1,464	1,185
Cleaning	246	-	246	164
Equipment leasing	-	-	-	236
Events & outgoing	50	-	50	-
Insurance	629	-	629	-
Learning materials & nursery resources	234	2,178	2,412	2,341
Postage, printing, stationery & supplies	1,657	202	1,859	1,254
PPE & Clothing	142	-	142	819
Professional fee	1,150	-	1,150	1,600
Software subscription	140	-	140	-
Subscription	1,117	-	1,117	208
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	136
Telephone & broadband	832	50	882	919
Bank charges	7	-	7	-
	7,518	5,979	13,497	8,964
Staff costs				
Salaries and wages	76,202	6,486	82,687	80,078
Employer NI contribution	1,705	137	1,842	1,572
Employer pension contribution	1,474	118	1,592	1,345
Staff training	914	-	914	545
	80,294	6,741	87,035	83,540
<i>Average number of staff employed</i>			4	4
Governance costs				
Independent examiner fee	600	-	600	500
Book-keeping & payroll	3,053	-	3,053	2,003
	3,653	-	3,653	2,503
Total resources expended	91,466	12,720	104,185	95,007

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	600	500
Taxation and social security	756	2,835
Net wages payable	-	-
NEST pension payable	-	267
	<u>1,356</u>	<u>3,602</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	47,990	80,417	(91,466)	-	36,941
Total unrestricted funds	<u>47,990</u>	<u>80,417</u>	<u>(91,466)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,941</u>
Restricted funds:					
LBI Training	-	-	-	-	-
SEN	-	12,720	(12,720)	-	0
LBI Early Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>12,720</u>	<u>(12,720)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,990</u>	<u>93,137</u>	<u>(104,186)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,941</u>

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1135039

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135039
COMPANY REGISTRATION: 07163366

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021



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BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Board presents its Trustees'/Directors' report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited

Charity registration number: 1135039

Company registration number: 07163366

Registered Office and operational address:

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited
Bennett Court Community Centre
Axminster Road
London - N7 6BN

Trustees/Directors

Management committee members are Directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011. The following served as Directors during the year.

Helena F McKeown
Jane Lewis
Cameron McKeown
Joyce Castles-Gibson

Secretary

Jane Lewis

Playgroup Manager

Caroline Connaughton

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Annual Report

Bennett Court Community Playgroup Limited (The Playgroup), is managed voluntarily by parents and members of the community.

The Playgroup is situated within Bennett Court Social Club, on the Bennett Court Estate, Axminster Road, Holloway in the London Borough of Islington.

The Playgroup is registered with OFSTED for 20 places as a provider of early years' education to children under five years of age. Most children attending the Playgroup live locally, and most parents are either in low-paid employment or not in employment. The Playgroup provides subsidised and affordable childcare in a safe and stimulating learning environment to children from diverse background. The Playgroup operates from Monday to Friday during term-times only, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

All staff are engaged in continuous professional training and provide child-centred learning support and work within the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and standards.

The Playgroup supports children learning English as an additional language and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

All staff members hold appropriate early years' qualifications.

COVID 19

The Playgroup encountered two national lockdowns during the period, first from March 2020 to June 2020 and then from October 2020 to January 2021. This has impacted the Playgroup's occupancy. Although the Playgroup was willing to offer places for the key worker's children and to families with vulnerable children, these offers were not taken up through parental choice.

However, the Playgroup has all safety measures and carried out regular risk assessments to ensure that the Playgroup complies with Covid safety measures. The Playgroup also carried out twice daily deep cleaning to prevent infections from spreading. The policies and procedures cascaded by the DOE, Public Health England, and the local authority were adhered to and adopted. All staff were kept updated on the COVID information received from the mentioned agencies, and they were also made aware of the COVID 19 policies.

The Playgroup also kept in close contact with the Early Years Department and, when needed, sought advice from the Early Year's Safeguarding officer on Covid and other safeguarding matters. The Playgroup are thankful to Amanda Joy for her support during the pandemic period.

All Trustees and the Playgroup's Manager monitored the government policies on when to reopen and what actions were needed. The Manager kept in regular contact with the local authority's early years' department to keep herself abreast on the development and information received was communicated to Trustees and other staff.

During the lockdown period, the Manager kept in constant contact with the families by emails, phone calls and letters. The Manager has also sent out a printout of online resources and ideas for home learning to every family. If families were worried or concerned or needed practical support, they were asked to contact the Manager.

The Manager also kept in contact with all staff to check on their welfare and keep them updated through the lockdown period.

Achievements

From March 2020 to June 2020, the government announced a national lockdown. When the Playgroup reopened in June 2020, it had 10 children; this gradually increased and by Mid December 2020 to 20 children. Unfortunately, the government then announced another national lockdown. However, when the Playgroup reopened in January 2021, it had 4 children attending and this also gradually increased. By March 2021, there were a total of 23 children, including 3 children with special educational need (SEN).

The Playgroup would have many outdoor events and visits to educational and learning sites for children. Due to Covid 19, it was not possible to have such visits during the year.

However, the followings events were held:

Going to your new school – A large board with miniature photos of the children standing outside their new gates was created with regular chats and stories from children. This was important as part of the children's' transition to school.

Graduation tea party - This was held on 21 July 2020. The country was officially out of the national lockdown. For safety and safeguarding purposes, the event was held outside. It was an important celebration and allowed families to say goodbye to many of the children leaving the Playgroup to attend primary schools in September. The Playgroup provided treats and games for the children, and the parents had an opportunity to catch up with everyone. All the children were presented with their Graduation photos, their creative work and folders and a present.

Zoom Video - Throughout the year, when the Playgroup was open, the Playgroup held many physical and development classes and learning using Zoom video. This was to reduce one-to-one contact with external tutors/trainers. The following sessions were held

- Yoga
- Meditation
- Theatre production

All the above sessions were regularly incorporated into the Playgroup planning to provide a rich and exciting curriculum that the Playgroup could manage in such a challenging and complex period.

All the above sessions were important for children's' emotional and physical wellbeing. Children enjoyed yoga and meditation lessons.

Support to families and staff - Families were supported throughout this time through weekly wellbeing calls and some doorstep visits. Resources were posted regularly, and links to access further guidance and information on Covid 19 were provided.

The Manager worked from home during the national lockdown and supported families that needed help. Regular telephone and email contacts were maintained with the families keeping them abreast of the Playgroup activities and sought family's involvement in activities planning. The Manager also kept in regular touch with all staff, kept them informed, and provided support to them during this pandemic period.

Staff Matters

The Playgroup reluctantly placed two part-time staff on the government furlough scheme, but this was only during the two national lockdown periods. When the Playgroup started to increase the number of children attending, both staff were taken off the Furlough scheme.

The Playgroup is committed to staff continuous professional development and staff emotional, mental and physical wellbeing. Last year, the Trustees agreed to allow staff one day additional authorised leave per year for their wellbeing.

New staff - Nora Bala joined the team in late February 2021.

Staff Training and Development

All staff completed the First Aid refresher course. In addition, the following staff achieved or attended the following training courses:

Caroline Connaughton

- COVID -19 - Transition of SEND Cohort from Early years to primary - 21 May 2020
- Senco Forum 1 Re-establishing Inclusion and Diversity
- Senco Forum 2 Implementing the EY developmental journal – 25 February 2021
- All Senco training to further her knowledge and enhance her practice within her Senco role
- Monthly DSL forums on Zoom to support her role as lead DSL
- Termly forums attended for DSL, Senco and PVI meetings

JEANETTE BURBIDGE

- **Tuning into children using a trauma-informed practice approach** – 16 September 2020 and 7 October 2020. This was an essential training session because of the effect the Covid crisis has had on children emotionally.
- **ISCB – DSL Roles and responsibilities** 15 March 2021. This is a mandatory revisit required to enhance safeguarding knowledge

HEATHER MCINTYRE

- **Early reading experiences** -12 October 2020. Before lockdown, Heather was appointed to undertake a literacy project; this session enhanced her knowledge to explore this project more fully.
- **Let's talk about it** - supporting children's language and communication in the Early years -3 December 2020 and 10 February 2021. A follow on from her last session to gain further information with a very important area in which the Playgroup has seen an impact on Communication and language due to lockdown

SARA DORE

- **Beyond Black History month** – 25 November 2020. This is an important opportunity that arose for further training in this area that Sara as the EO coordinator, was able to participate in to enhance all our practices and take it beyond the focus of just one month
- **The first three years** – prime areas of learning and development. This was an opportunity for Sara to learn and cascade any updated knowledge regarding EYFS curriculum to all staff members.

Future plans

- To continue to provide a positive first step into early education for all our families.
- To work in partnership with outside agencies so full support can be given to those in need.
- To provide relevant training opportunities for all staff team.
- To continue to maintain high levels of occupancy through a sustained input of networking and advertising.
- To maintain good and above OFSTED Judgement.
- To put maintain an effective action plan to control COVID 19 infection in the Playgroup.

Risk Management

Throughout lockdowns and returning to the Playgroup, a very robust risk assessment was adopted and was updated monthly and adhered to.

What did the Playgroup learn from the Covid experience? The Playgroup certainly learned that communication and community spirit was the key to get through a difficult period. The feedback from the families was that they felt supported and knew they could have an opportunity to convey any worries or concerns to the staff at any time. The confidence families had made the transition to return after lockdown much easier for all our families.

The Playgroup is also pleased to report there were no significant incidents to report for the period. We hope that COVID 19 will not have a severe impact on the Playgroup's service. The Playgroup will regularly review and update the risk management action plan and it will be implemented to control the virus in the Playgroup.

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Playgroup is exposed, particularly those related to operations and finances of the Playgroup. The Trustees also ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

All Playgroups policies were reviewed and updated.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The Playgroup's total Unrestricted General Funds as at 31 March 2021 are £47,990 and the Restricted Fund balance is nil. The Playgroup's income increased by £20,841 in comparison to the previous year. This represents an increase of 20%. The total expenditures for the year were £95,007 of which £83,540 are the staffing and employers cost. The total expenditure if compared to previous year has decreased by £5,115. The main decrease was in the staff cost, which decreased by £5,580. The overall surplus for the year was £27,728 (£1,772 deficit for the previous year).

The Playgroup needs the reserves to meet the working capital. It needs to have sufficient funds in general reserves for the organisation to continue with activities for up to 6 months in the event where the charity loses its funding from the local council or there is a significant drop in the charity's income.

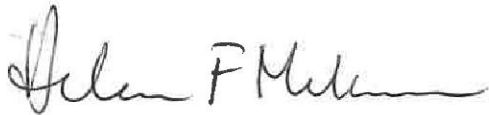
The present level of general reserve available to the Playgroup is a just right amount required to continue activities for a period of up to 6 months if income dropped significantly.

The Playgroup is working towards having a full occupancy. There are families on the waiting list for September 2021, which would support generating additional income. The Playgroup is confident that it would continue having a sufficient reserve to meet its ongoing activities for 6 months.

The Board of Trustees recognises and acknowledge the work of the Playgroup's staff team during the pandemic period. Many Early Years settings were severely impacted due to the Covid virus, but the commitment and support of our staff team have helped our Playgroup sustain our services. As trustees we are appreciative of the support of our staff team.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helena F McKeown', written in a cursive style.

Helena F McKeown
Trustee/Director
13 July 2021

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages nine to thirteen.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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



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BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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. For preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the method and principles in the Charities SORP;

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 financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:



Helena F McKeown
Trustee/Director

13 July 2021

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	113,378	7,292	120,670	89,767
Activities for generating funds	3	2,065	-	2,065	12,127
Total incoming resources		115,443	7,292	122,735	101,894
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Support costs	4	8,170	794	8,964	9,748
Staff costs		77,042	6,498	83,540	89,120
Governance costs		2,503	-	2,503	1,254
Total resources expended		87,715	7,292	95,007	100,122
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		27,728	-	27,728	1,772
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		20,262	-	20,262	18,490
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		47,990	-	47,990	20,262

The notes form part of these financial statements

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021		2020
		£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>51,592</u>		<u>21,940</u>
		51,592		21,940
LIABILITIES				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>3,602</u>		<u>1,678</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			<u>47,990</u>	<u>20,262</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
			<u>47,990</u>	<u>20,262</u>
NET ASSETS				
			<u>47,990</u>	<u>20,262</u>
FUNDS				
	6			
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>47,990</u>	<u>20,262</u>
Restricted funds			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				
			<u>47,990</u>	<u>20,262</u>

For the year ending 31/03/2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 13/07/2021 and signed on their behalf by



Helena F McKeown

Trustee/Director

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) and applicable UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from income taxes on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021.

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
3. INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
LBI Grant Aid Payment	5,606	-	5,606	2,925
LBI NEG	74,323	-	74,323	56,984
LBI 2 Year Old NEG	21,463	-	21,463	20,520
SEN	-	7,292	7,292	8,506
LBI Early Years	-	-	-	-
LBI Others	8,000	-	8,000	132
Others	3,986	-	3,986	700
	113,378	7,292	120,670	89,767
Activities for generating funds				
Fee Income	2,065	-	2,065	12,125
Other Income from Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	2
	2,065	-	2,065	12,127
Total incoming resources	115,443	7,292	122,735	101,894
4. RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Support costs				
Advertising	102	-	102	-
Canteen & refreshment	1,065	120	1,185	1,385
Cleaning	164	-	164	865
Equipment leasing	236	-	236	1,149
Events & outgoing	-	-	-	535
Insurance	-	-	-	520
Learning materials & nursery resources	2,107	234	2,341	911
Postage, printing, stationery & supplies	1,148	106	1,254	174
PPE & Clothing	737	82	819	-
Professional fee	1,440	160	1,600	2,350
Repairs & renewals	-	-	-	71
SEN agency costs	-	-	-	690
Subscription	208	-	208	-
Sundry expenses	136	-	136	173
Telephone & broadband	827	92	919	925
Travel	-	-	-	-
	8,170	794	8,964	9,748
Staff costs				
Salaries and wages	73,797	6,281	80,078	84,420
Employer NI contribution	1,455	117	1,572	2,455
Employer pension contribution	1,245	100	1,345	1,380
Staff training	545	-	545	865
	77,042	6,498	83,540	89,120
<i>Average number of staff employed</i>			4	4
Governance costs				
Independent examiner fee	500	-	500	500
Book-keeping & payroll	2,003	-	2,003	754
	2,503	-	2,503	1,254
Total resources expended	87,715	7,292	95,007	100,122

BENNETT COURT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	500	500
Taxation and social security	2,835	1,178
Net wages payable	-	-
NEST pension payable	267	-
	<u>3,602</u>	<u>1,678</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	20,262	115,443	(87,715)	-	47,990
Total unrestricted funds	<u>20,262</u>	<u>115,443</u>	<u>(87,715)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,990</u>
Restricted funds:					
LBI Training	-	-	-	-	-
SEN	-	7,292	(7,292)	-	-
LBI Early Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>7,292</u>	<u>(7,292)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,262</u>	<u>122,735</u>	<u>(95,007)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,990</u>