



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Charity name: Beavers Lodge Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1141393

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the charity is to offer appropriate play, education, family learning and care facilities for children who are primarily under statutory school age
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Beavers Lodge Playgroup provides a safe, fun learning environment for all children over the age of 2 until they attend school, regardless of their cultural or religious background, gender, financial situation or ability. Appropriate educational and play equipment is purchased, so that the best possible start is given to the child's development within the setting
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees, together with the playgroup manager and staff, have taken into account the Charity Commission recommendations as stated in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations of 2008, with regard to public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	n/a

Other		n/a
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The number of children attending Beavers Lodge Playgroup has started to increase during 2021/22, following the lower numbers of the Covid19-impacted 2020/21. It has been wonderful to gradually return to a more normal experience for staff, parents and children, and to begin to work again on projects such as "Forest School" and training the children in tooth brushing. A new website has been designed and set up, so that existing and prospective parents can obtain useful information about Playgroup, and can see all of the amazing activities offered to the children.</p> <p>Some excellent educational resources have been purchased, including those especially targeted at children with Special Educational Needs. There has also been a strong focus on physical literacy, with an expert "Active Play" sports coach working with the children during the Spring Term 2022. This intervention has hugely improved the lives of our children, most of whom live locally in flats without gardens.</p> <p>All staff have continued to develop their personal skills with many courses, including training in Promoting Positive Behaviour, Developing a Progressive Curriculum for Maths, Sensory Needs, Applying for EHCPs, Safer Working Practices, Food Safety, Health and Safety, Nutrition, Understanding the Impact of Trauma, Staff Management, Social Communication Difficulties, Coaching, IT Skills, and Childcare Diplomas.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		n/a

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	2021/22 has seen the start of the impact of increases in the cost of living, with higher utilities bills and a necessary increase in staff salaries. Reserves built up over the last few years have been utilised to provide us with lots of lovely new educational resources for the children and a much-needed brand new website (cost - £3,350). Various essential maintenance projects have been carried out, and we have installed brand new LED lighting for the whole setting (cost - £7,779) and bought a new dishwasher (cost - £629). We have therefore reached the end of 2021/22 with a lower level of reserves, but still with plenty of funds to help us to survive any potential financial difficulties that may be encountered over the coming months and years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in order to finance essential redecoration and refurbishment projects, and also to provide financial stability against potential future expenditure, such as increases in staff salaries and the increased costs associated with utilities and other overheads. The recent closure of our local army barracks has impacted on pupil numbers, and until the army premises are converted to accommodation as planned it is likely that our pupil numbers will remain lower than usual, which is likely to impact on our fees income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£163,582
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	n/a
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	n/a
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Committee at AGM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	n/a
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	L PALMER-DUNN	B MOSES
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	Chair
Date	25 / 1 / 23	25.1.23

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Beaver's Lodge Playgroup Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year Ended 31st March 2022

	Note	2021/22	2020/21
Income			
Fees - Direct From Parents		10,943	9,885
Fees - Childcare Vouchers		0	0
Fees - LBH Childcare Funding		137,456	148,173
Furlough Grant		823	25,796
		<u>149,223</u>	<u>183,853</u>
Expenditure			
Salaries		161,411	144,101
Premises Costs		4,000	4,000
Maintenance		9,232	2,879
Insurance		1,224	1,224
Telephones/Broadband		963	926
Electricity		10,099	4,644
Gas		3,884	7,003
Water		2,358	151
IT Equipment		0	0
Food		13	0
Cleaning Products / Hygiene		1,674	2,754
Stationery/Printing		952	1,127
Postage		0	15
Educational - Books/Arts & Crafts/Toys		2,528	768
First Aid		11	1
Staff Training		877	1,313
Advertising/Marketing/Signage		248	0
Ofsted Registration		35	35
DBS Charges		200	0
Accountancy		250	(55)
LBH Payroll Charges		590	583
Depreciation	1	<u>1,380</u>	<u>4,124</u>
		201,930	175,592
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>(52,707)</u>	<u>8,261</u>

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Beaver's Lodge Playgroup Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	Note	2021/22	2020/21
Fixed Assets			
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	1	2,985	385
Current Assets			
Cash in Hand/Bank Balance		216,801	280,689
Prepayments and Accrued Income		35	35
		216,836	280,724
Current Liabilities			
Salaries		12,185	12,069
Premises Costs (sinking fund)		44,000	40,000
Maintenance			3,794
Water			302
Electricity			4,117
Cleaning/Waste Removal			797
Accountancy			0
Gas			3,299
Advertising/Signage			390
Payroll Charges		54	53
		56,238	64,821
Net Assets		163,582	216,288
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)		163,582	216,288

Signed (Treasurer).....*LUCINDA PALMER-DUNN*

Full Name(s).....*LUCINDA PALMER-DUNN*

Date.....*23/1/23*

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2022

Accounting Policies

1. Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rate in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives being: 25% straight line

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beavers Lodge Playgroup

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

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) or under Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 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 independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

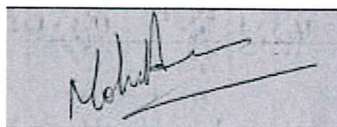
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, have not been met.

(2) Or, to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed,



Mohsin Hasan

Date: 23/01/23

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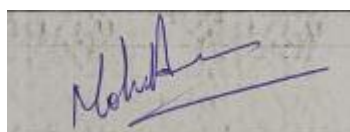
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