



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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>During 2023/24 Playgroup has been completely full, with 52 children on roll and a long waiting list for parents wanting their child to attend, including on a 30 hours per week basis. Staff are finding that many children admitted to Playgroup currently have a very low baseline level, and require lots of intervention to bring them up to the level needed to make them ready to attend school and pre-school by the time they leave Playgroup. 14 of the children are on the Playgroup's SEN register – 7 who receive inclusion funding, and 7 who require speech and language interventions.</p> <p>One area of particular concern has been the oral health of children coming to Playgroup. We have therefore arranged a dental workshop for parents and children, run by an NHS dental nurse. Other parent workshops that we have run include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Communication Skills</li> <li>• Healthy Eating</li> <li>• Forest School</li> <li>• Toileting</li> <li>• SEN Workshop (for parents with children with SEN)</li> <li>• Personal, Social and Emotional Development</li> </ul> <p>2022/23 saw the purchase of a fantastic new outdoor play structure, and development of Playgroup's outside space. Although costly, this was a great investment, and children have continued to enjoy using the new facilities during 2023/24. As staffing costs have increased, financial constraints have meant that it has been necessary to spend less on educational resources this year. However, we are extremely well-equipped, and children have access to amazing facilities. Children have also benefitted from physical literacy sessions delivered by expert sports coaches, and new activities introduced as part of an Oxford University research project, "The One Project".</p>

		All staff have continued to develop their skills, utilising training available such as First Aid, Safeguarding, Food Safety, Supporting Sensory Needs, Behaviour, Handling Sensitive Conversations, and Health and Safety in the Workplace. The Playgroup Manager has continued to work as part-time lecturer in Early Years and Childcare at Kingston University, and has been trained to start working for the DfE as a mentor to other childcare settings. Her knowledge and expertise have been invaluable to everyone at the Playgroup, including staff, parents and children.
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### 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	Despite very careful spending during 2023/24, there has still been an in-year loss of £29,400, which has eroded the reserve funds to just £75,181. This is largely due to increased overall salary costs: inflation, and the increase in Minimum Wage levels, employer National Insurance and tax contributions, and pensions. Playgroup benefits from a very low turnover of staff, which ensures that there is a wealth of experience, and consistency of care for the children. It is hoped that funding levels will increase in order to mitigate this precarious situation and bring the Playgroup back into a "break-even" situation for future years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in order to finance necessary redecoration and refurbishment projects, and also to provide financial stability against the potential impact of staffing issues (although Playgroup has a

		very low turnover of staff), and increases in the cost of energy, resources, salaries and other overheads.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£75,181
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
Other		n/a

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Beavers Lodge Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1141393
Charity's principal address	Salisbury Road Hounslow TW4 6BE

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	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lucinda Palmer-Dunn	Treasurer		
2	Barbara Moses	Chair		
3	Dimple Ludhra	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## 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

N/A


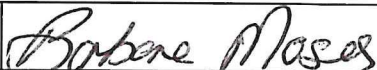
## Other optional information

N/A

## 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	Barbara Moses
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	treasurer	Chair
Date	29/1/25	

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## Beaver's Lodge Playgroup Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Note	2023/24	2022/23
<b>Income</b>			
Fees - Direct From Parents		13,579	11,926
Fees - Other Grants/Commission		9,466	1,307
Fees - LBH Childcare Funding		197,364	181,491
		<u>220,409</u>	<u>194,724</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Salaries		205,824	188,052
Premises Costs		4,000	4,000
Maintenance		6,069	21,916
Insurance		1,285	1,248
Telephones/Broadband		2,490	3,150
Electricity		5,749	10,058
Gas		5,294	4,434
Water		494	483
IT Equipment		1,400	0
Cleaning Products / Hygiene		2,902	3,046
Stationery/Printing		1,831	1,131
Educational - Books/Arts & Crafts/Toys		1,987	3,992
Staff Training		1,390	1,076
Advertising/Marketing/Signage			294
Ofsted Registration		35	35
DBS Charges			213
Accountancy		1,134	2,643
LBH Payroll Charges		582	609
Depreciation	1	7,344	7,344
		<u>249,809</u>	<u>253,724</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<u>(29,400)</u>	<u>(59,000)</u>

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## Beaver's Lodge Playgroup Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Note	2023/24	2022/23
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	1	22,422	29,766
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash in Hand/Bank Balance		123,071	138,441
Prepayments and Accrued Income		35	35
		<b>123,106</b>	<b>138,476</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Salaries		17,481	14,806
Premises Costs (sinking fund)		52,000	48,000
Maintenance			
Water			
Electricity			
Cleaning/Waste Removal		807	800
Accountancy			
Gas			
Advertising/Signage			
Payroll Charges		59	55
		<b>70,347</b>	<b>63,661</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>75,181</b>	<b>104,582</b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<b>75,181</b>	<b>104,582</b>

Signed (Treasurer).....*[Signature]*.....

Full Name(s).....*L PALMER-PUNN*.....

Date.....*29/1/25*.....

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### **Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2024**

#### **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 on FF&E
10% straight line on buildings

## **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 2024, 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:

29/1/25

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