



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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>Beavers Lodge Playgroup was inspected by Ofsted in September 2024, and received excellent feedback, being graded as "Outstanding" in all areas. The report highlighted the setting's fantastic partnership with parents, the enriching curriculum, the strong support of children with SEND, high quality physical education, and CPD opportunities for staff.</p> <p>During 2024/25 Playgroup has been full, with 54 children on roll and a waiting list for parents wanting their child to attend, including many children attending on a 30 hours per week basis. 5 of the children are on the Playgroup's SEN register, 4 of whom receive inclusion funding. Nearly all of the children do not have English as their first language. A significant number of children are still presenting at Playgroup with lower than expected developmental levels of toileting, speech and communication, social and emotional development etc. We therefore focus on providing support with all of these issues, and this year we provided parental workshops in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Maths and Literacy • Healthy Eating • Communication with the Deaf • Oral Care • Early Communication Skills • Forest School • Physical Literacy • Toileting • Personal, Social and Emotional Development <p>as well as Physical Literacy sessions in Playgroup, visits with the children to the local library, and a visit to the setting from a local police officer (to talk about "stranger danger" and road safety). Parents have also come into the Playgroup to talk to the children about their jobs, to read books to them, and to help with artwork.</p> <p>We have received a £500 grant this year, to purchase a mud kitchen for the setting's outdoor area – this has been extremely</p>

		<p>popular with the children and has greatly enhanced their experience of role play outdoors.</p> <p>We have been supporting 2 students from West Thames College who are working towards their Level 2 Diplomas, and the Playgroup manager has been invited to teach some of the course modules at the college. She has also continued to teach the Early Years Foundation Degree at Reach Foundation, and will deliver a leadership workshop for London Borough of Hounslow.</p> <p>All staff have continued to develop their skills, utilising training available such as Developing Early Maths, First Aid, Outdoor Learning, Safeguarding, Food Safety, Supporting Sensory Needs, Behaviour, Handling Sensitive Conversations, and Health and Safety in the Workplace.</p>
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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	<p>Despite very careful spending during 2024/25, there has still been an in-year loss of £40,780, which has eroded the reserve funds to just £34,401. As can be seen from the Income and Expenditure statement, this is mainly due to increased salary costs: inflation, and the increase in Minimum Wage levels, employer National Insurance and tax contributions, and pensions, all of which are not fully covered by the grant funding received. Playgroup benefits from a very low turnover of staff, which ensures</p>
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		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	£34,401
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

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	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

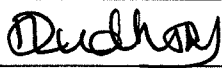

Other optional information

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)	Dimple Ludhra	Barbara Moses
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair

Date 23/1/26

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Beaver's Lodge Playgroup Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Note	2024/25	2023/24
Income			
Fees - Direct From Parents		5,010	13,579
Fees - Other Grants/Commission		8,625	9,466
Fees - LBH Childcare Funding		206,586	197,364
		<u>220,220</u>	<u>220,409</u>
Expenditure			
Salaries		225,620	205,824
Premises Costs		4,000	4,000
Maintenance		3,122	6,069
Insurance		1,348	1,285
Telephones/Broadband		2,516	2,490
Electricity		5,431	5,749
Gas		3,414	5,294
Water		692	494
IT Equipment		595	1,400
Cleaning Products / Hygiene		1,641	2,902
Stationery/Printing		429	1,831
Educational - Books/Arts & Crafts/Toys		2,020	1,987
Staff Training		608	1,390
Ofsted Registration		35	35
Accountancy		1,386	1,134
LBH Payroll Charges		677	582
Depreciation	1	7,465	7,344
		<u>261,000</u>	<u>249,809</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>(40,780)</u>	<u>(29,400)</u>

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Beaver's Lodge Playgroup Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	Note	2024/25	2023/24
Fixed Assets			
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	1	15,442	22,422
Current Assets			
Cash in Hand/Bank Balance		91,506	123,071
Prepayments and Accrued Income		35	35
		91,541	123,106
Current Liabilities			
Salaries		16,520	17,481
Premises Costs (sinking fund)		56,000	52,000
Maintenance			
Water			
Electricity			
Cleaning/Waste Removal			807
Accountancy			
Gas			
Advertising/Signage			
Payroll Charges		62	59
		72,581	70,347
Net Assets		34,401	75,181
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)		34,401	75,181

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Signed (Treasurer)..... *LP Dunn*
(signed electronically 22.1.26)

Full Name(s)..... Lucinda Palmer-Dunn

Date..... 22nd January 2026

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2025

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 2025, 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

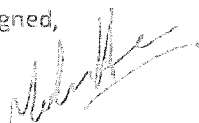
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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: 21/01/2026

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