

THE SPRING PLAYGROUP CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1157755

Details

Other names	THE SPRING PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-07-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	27 Sunningdale Avenue Kenilworth Warwickshire CV8 2BY
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE IN KENILWORTH, IN PARTICULAR TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE REGARDLESS OF THEIR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Activities: To advance the education of children under statutory school age, regardless of their financial circumstances, in a loving caring and respectful atmosphere based on Christian belief and practice, while encouraging other charitable activities through which parents and carers may help their children.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£124,679	£132,786	-	-
2024-08-31	£122,491	£117,576	-	-
2023-08-31	£108,243	£108,192	-	-
2022-08-31	£97,918	£99,619	-	-
2021-08-31	£94,779	£104,154	-	-
2020-08-31	£96,337	£97,649	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Antony Feltbower	Chair	2019-04-02
FELICITY JANE HAWKE		2017-03-22
JACQUELINE MARGARET CROSS		1999-06-07
Lise Reeve		2024-08-10

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The Spring Nursery & Preschool



The Spring Playgroup Charity
Registered Charity No 1157755

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ending
31 August 2025**

The Spring Playgroup Charity

Also known as: The Spring Playgroup (also referred to as the Spring Playgroup)

Registered charity number: 1157755

Setting address: Kenilworth Scouts and Guides Centre, Fishponds Road, Kenilworth.
CV8 1EY

Email: admin@Springplaygroup.co.uk

Website: www.Springplaygroup.co.uk

Trustees at point of submitting Annual Report:

Antony Feltbower (Chairman)

Lise Reeve

Jacqueline Cross

Felicity Hawke

Kevin Broadbent retired as a Trustee and Treasurer on 30 September 2024.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a Trust Deed that was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 July 2014 and came into effect on 1 September 2014. This is based on the Charity Commissions model trust deed, incorporating provisions from the previous Spring Playgroup registered charity's trust deed, which was dated 7 June 1999, where they did not conflict with the model. The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and takes over the work of the original Spring Playgroup, registered charity number 1076506.

Trustees are selected by the existing Trustees discussing the requirements of a new Trustee, making suggestions, approaching suitable candidates and appointing a suitable person.

The Charity's organisational structure is as follows:

- Trustees
- Manager/Supervisor
- Deputy Supervisors
- Staff and volunteers

The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objectives and activities

The main object of the Trust is to advance the education of children under statutory school age, regardless of their financial circumstances, in a loving caring and respectful atmosphere based on Christian belief and practice, while encouraging other charitable activities through which parents and carers may help their children.

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Trust in promoting the objects.

As a result, the Charity provides high quality preschool sessions. The Spring Playgroup does not charge fees for these sessions and will not do so for as long as funds allow. It is believed to be the only such group in Warwickshire to do this.

During the year the Spring Playgroup offered flexible sessions between the hours of 9am and 3.30pm for children from the age of two. We received statutory funding for some children from the age of two and most children aged three and over (from the beginning of the term following their third birthday). When all children eligible for statutory funding had been allocated their sessions, additional hours were offered to these and other children as best fitted their needs.

In total 29 children attended the Playgroup during the year, 24 of whom received some statutory funding and 10 of whom some extra sessions beyond those funded.

The Spring Playgroup encourages parents and others to help in group sessions as volunteers. In many cases, these volunteers have undertaken qualifications in childcare and preschool education with the Spring Playgroup's support, benefitting the volunteers, their children and the wider community. In 2024-25 there was one volunteer with the Playgroup.

Work experience and work placements are also sometimes offered to local students, along with support for local people wishing to volunteer and take qualifications in childcare, where appropriate. During 2024-2025, two students were hosted on college placements, and two local Year 11 pupils offered work experience.

Achievements and performance

The move to the brand new Scouts Centre at Castle Farm has been very successful in providing more space and superb facilities. The staff and children have settled in well and we look forward to seeing more children with us.

There was a bigger than typical pre-school cohort during this year, with lower numbers in the younger age ranges. This reflected the increased number of parents working and requiring extended day child care.

The Trustees remain humbled by the dedication of the staff and volunteers and their commitment to work in the best interests of the children and their carers, above and beyond the call of duty.

Financial review

The trustees reviewed and agreed a policy on reserves in January 2022 to keep a positive cashflow throughout each year and aim to increase the reserves over time so that the Spring Playgroup has improved financial resilience. This policy continued through the last year.

Total expenditure for the year was £132,786 compared with total income received of £124,679.

Income was mainly derived from:

- The Government's Early Education Funding, provided for children over three years old (this starts from the term after they are three. This figure varies from year to year, depending on the numbers of children in the Spring Playgroup and when their birthdays fall during the school year);
- The Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme;
- Statutory funding for some two year olds under the Warwickshire County Council's scheme for two year olds and the government's new scheme for working families;
- Gifts from parents and other individuals; and
- Grants and donations from organisations and other supporters including local churches.

Income from the various Early Education Funding schemes this year totaled £100,969, and the income from grants was £7,550.

£15,371 of income was received via donations from parents, individuals, and other organisations. This was significantly lower than in previous years resulting in the significant operating loss for the year. We received grants from the Kings Table Residual Fund, Kenilworth Lions and 29th May 1969 Fund as well as our regular donations from St John the Evangelist Church and many individual sponsors. The trustees are grateful to all those who made donations during the year.

£1,074 was spent on staff costs, £7,000 was used towards our rent. £2,726 of restricted funds have been carried forward to next year.

The budget for 2025/26 has been set to broadly break even and maintain the same level of cash in the bank at the end of the year.



Dr A R Feltbower
Chair Trustees

28 May 2026



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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st September 2024	To	31st August 2025	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts	15,371	-		15,371	30,278
Statutory funding	100,969	-		100,969	72,635
Fundraising	483	-		483	474
Grants	3,750	3,800		7,550	18,823
				-	
Bank interest	306	-		306	281
Other	-	-		-	-
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	120,879	3,800	-	124,679	122,491
A2 Asset and investment sales.					
	-			-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	120,879	3,800	-	124,679	122,491
A3 Payments					
Staff costs	113,247	1,074		114,321	97,049
				-	
Premises	7,105	7,000		14,105	14,397
Insurance	1,303	-		1,303	1,194
Consumable play materials	349	-		349	391
Refreshments and cleaning materials	352	-		352	596
Office/Administration	1,799	-		1,799	1,771
Bank charges	60	-		60	60
Equipments and resources	497	-		497	2,118
Sundry	-	-		-	-
Sub total	124,712	8,074	-	132,786	117,576
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	124,712	8,074	-	132,786	117,576
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,833	- 4,274	-	- 8,107	- 4,915
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,397	7,000		11,397	6,482
Cash funds this year end	564	2,726	-	3,290	11,397

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Caf Bank Current Account	545	2,726	-
	Caf Bank Gold Account	-	-	-
	Petty Cash	19	-	-
	Total cash funds	564	2,726	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Metal sheds	Restricted	-	-
	Safes	Restricted	-	-
	Various storage solutions for toys/play materials	Restricted	-	-
	Tables/Chairs/Home corner	Restricted	-	-
	Various toys/play equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

A Feltbower





**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Spring Playgroup Charity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1157755

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

28/5/26

Name:

Mr P Lewis

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

ACA

Address:

40 Barrow Road

Kenilworth

CV8 1EH

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The Spring Playgroup Charity
Registered Charity No 1157755

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ending
31 August 2024**

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Lise Reeve

Jacqueline Cross

Felicity Hawke

Jacqueline Cook was also a trustee and the Secretary until she resigned on 23 February 2024 and Kevin Broadbent retired as a Trustee and Treasurer on 30 September 2024

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During the year the Spring Playgroup offered flexible sessions between the hours of 9am and 3.30pm for children from the age of two. We received statutory funding for some children from the age of two and most children aged three and over (from the beginning of the term following their third birthday). When all children eligible for statutory funding had been allocated their sessions, additional hours were offered to these and other children as best fitted their needs.

In total 37 children attended the Playgroup during the year, 30 of whom received some statutory funding and 6 of whom received extra funded sessions. 4 children received the new Working 2s grant which was available from April 2024.

The Spring Playgroup encourages parents and others to help in group sessions as volunteers. In many cases, these volunteers have undertaken qualifications in childcare and preschool education with the Spring Playgroup's support, benefitting the volunteers, their children and the wider community. In 2023-24 one person volunteered with the Playgroup.

Work experience and work placements are also sometimes offered to local students, along with support for local people wishing to volunteer and take qualifications in childcare, where appropriate, and this was offered for a Year 11 student during 2023-2024.

Achievements and performance

From April 2023, the deputy manager was appointed acting manager of the Spring when the manager retired. She was formally appointed as the manager from September 2023 and has been very successful to ensure the smooth running of the Spring Playgroup. In addition, during the summer term, she was instrumental in organising the move from our location at the Sports and Social Club to the brand new Scouts Centre at Castle Farm. This involved considerable planning and coordination as well as working over the summer holidays, ably assisted by members of staff, trustees and friends.

There was a substantial increase in child numbers during the year with 3 new starters in the autumn term and 9 more in the spring / summer terms, bringing total numbers for the year to 37. This included many younger children and an increase in the number who qualified for two-year olds funding.

The Trustees remain humbled by the dedication of the staff and volunteers and their commitment to work in the best interests of the children and their carers, above and beyond the call of duty.

Financial review

The trustees reviewed and agreed a policy on reserves in January 2022 to keep a positive cashflow throughout each year and aim to increase the reserves over time so that the Spring Playgroup has improved financial resilience. This policy continued through the last year.

Total expenditure for the year was £117,576 compared with total income received of £122,491.

Income was mainly derived from:

- The Government's Early Education Funding, provided for children over three years old (this starts from the term after they are three. This figure varies from year to year,

depending on the numbers of children in the Spring Playgroup and when their birthdays fall during the school year);

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- Statutory funding for some two year olds under the Warwickshire County Council's scheme for two year olds and the government's new scheme for working families;
- Gifts from parents and other individuals; and
- Grants and donations from organisations and other supporters including local churches.

Income from the various Early Education Funding schemes this year totaled £72,635, and the income from restricted grants was £18,823. We received grants from the WCC Councilor's Grant Fund, the Kings Table Residual Fund and Kenilworth Town Council. £1,750 was spent on staff costs, £8,800 was used towards our rent, and £1,273 was spent to purchase equipment in our new premises. £7,000 of restricted funds has been carried forward to next year.

£30,278 of income was received via donations from parents, individuals, and other organisations. This was significantly higher than in previous years following an appeal in late 2023 when it looked like there might be a significant shortfall in funds. The trustees are grateful to all those who made donations during the year. Organisations donating in 2023/24 included the Kenilworth Round table, the Living Word Fellowship Church, St John the Evangelist Church, and the SJP Foundation.

The playgroup moved to new premises during the summer of 2024. One of the grants was specifically towards the purchase of new equipment required following the move. About £5,500 was spent in total on move related costs and this has had an impact on the level of reserves. 2023/24 ended with cash in the bank of £11,397 being carried forward to the following year, which included £7,000 of restricted funds. No fund was in deficit.

The budget for 2024/25 has been set to broadly break even and maintain the same level of cash in the bank at the end of the year.

Declaration

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature



Full name

Antony Feltbower

Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

16.12.2024



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Spring Playgroup Charity

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1157755

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**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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:

Date: **16-12-24**

Name: Mr P Lewis

Relevant professional

ACA

qualification(s) or body

Address: **40 Barrow Road, Kenilworth. CV81EH**



The Spring Playgroup Charity	1157755
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Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	1st September 2023	To	31st August 2024

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts	30,278	-		30,278	17,521
Statutory funding	72,635	-		72,635	80,959
Fundraising	474	-		474	491
Grants	-	18,823		18,823	9,100
	-	-		-	-
Bank interest	281	-		281	172
Other	-	-		-	-
				-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	103,668	18,823	-	122,491	108,243

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A2 Asset and investment sales.	-				
		-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103,668	18,823	-	122,491	108,243

A3 Payments

Staff costs	95,299	1,750		97,049	90,080
	-	-		-	-
Premises	5,597	8,800		14,397	13,230
Insurance	1,194	-		1,194	1,191
Consumable play materials	391	-		391	552
Refreshments and cleaning materials	596	-		596	469
Office/Administration	1,771	-		1,771	1,603
Bank charges	60	-		60	60
Equipments and resources	845	1,273		2,118	1,007
Sundry	-	-		-	-
Sub total	105,753	11,823	-	117,576	108,192

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	105,753	11,823	-	117,576	108,192
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,085	7,000	-	4,915	51
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,482	-	-	6,482	6,431
Cash funds this year end	4,397	7,000	-	11,397	6,482

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Caf Bank Current Account	1,378	-	-
	Caf Bank Gold Account	3,000	7,000	-
	Petty Cash	19	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,397	7,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

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B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
	Various storage solutions for toys/play materials	Restricted	-	-
	Tables/Chairs/Home corner	Restricted	-	-
	Various toys/play equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Tony Feltbower

A Feltbower

16-Dec-24

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The Spring Playgroup & Preschool



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Kevin Broadbent (Treasurer)

Jacqueline Cross

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Jacqueline Cook was also a trustee and the Secretary for the duration of the report. She resigned on 23 February 2024.

Structure, governance and management

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Trustees are selected by the existing Trustees discussing the requirements of a new Trustee, making suggestions, approaching suitable candidates and appointing a suitable person, aiming to have a current Playgroup parent on the Board of Trustees.

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- Trustees
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Objectives and activities

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As a result, the Charity provides high quality preschool sessions. The Playgroup does not charge fees for these sessions and will not do so for as long as funds allow. It is believed to be the only such group in Warwickshire to do this.

During the year the Playgroup offered flexible sessions between the hours of 9am and 3.30pm for children from the age of two. We received statutory funding for some children from the age of two and most children aged three and over (from the beginning of the term following their third birthday). When all children eligible for statutory funding had been allocated their sessions, additional hours were offered to these and other children as best fitted their needs.

In addition, in previous years until July 2021, the Out of School Club (OOSC) has provided low-cost childcare from 3pm to 5.30pm on a flexible basis. This allowed us to offer further support services to parents who work but was not operated during 2022/23. When operating, the OOSC was designed to be financially self-supporting and has provided some financial support to the main Playgroup sessions.

In total 39 children attended the Playgroup during the year, 28 of whom received some statutory funding and 9 of whom received extra funded sessions.

The Playgroup encourages parents and others to help in group sessions as volunteers. In many cases, these volunteers have undertaken qualifications in childcare and preschool education with the Playgroup's support, benefitting the volunteers, their children and the wider community. In 2022/23 two people volunteered with the Playgroup. One of these volunteers was also employed as an apprentice funded by a grant from the Kings Table Residual Fund.

Work experience and work placements are also sometimes offered to local students, along with support for local people wishing to volunteer and take qualifications in childcare, where appropriate, but this did not happen during 2022/23.



Achievements and performance

2022/23 saw significant change when the playgroup manager and founder retired in April 2023. The deputy manager took over from her and, with support from the other staff, ensured the continued smooth running of the playgroup.

There was a substantial increase in child numbers during the year with 10 new starters in the autumn term and 11 more in the spring/summer terms, bringing total numbers for the year to 39. This included many younger children and an increase in the number who qualified for two year olds funding.

Two members of staff continued their apprentice training towards additional Early Years qualifications. At the end of the year they were awaiting their final assessments, which they have now both successfully passed.

The Trustees remain humbled by the dedication of the Playgroup staff and volunteers and their commitment to work in the best interests of the children and their carers, above and beyond the call of duty.

Financial review

The trustees reviewed and agreed a policy on reserves in January 2022 to keep a positive cashflow throughout each year and aim to increase the reserves over time so that Playgroup has improved financial resilience. This policy continued through the last year.

Total expenditure for the year was £108,192 compared with total income received of £108,243.

Income was mainly derived from:

- The Government's Early Education Funding, provided for children over three years old (this starts from the term after they are three. This figure varies from year to year, depending on the numbers of children in the Playgroup and when their birthdays fall during the school year);
- The Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme;
- Statutory funding for some two year olds under the Warwickshire County Council's scheme for two year olds;
- Gifts from parents and other individuals; and
- Grants and donations from organisations and other supporters including local churches.

Income from the Early Education Funding this year totalled £80,959 significantly higher than in previous years. However, income from restricted grants was £9,100, which is lower than in the previous year. We received grants from the Kings Table Residual Fund and Kenilworth Town Council. £8,500 was spent on staff costs, and £657 on equipment, leaving us with no restricted funds to be carried forward.



Other organisations donating in 2022/23 included the Living Word Fellowship Church, St John the Evangelist Church, the Benefact Group, and the Kenilworth Sports and Social Club.

2022/23 ended with reserves of £6,482 being carried forward to the following year, and no restricted funds to carry forward. No fund was in deficit.

The budget for 2023/24 has been set to maintain the current level of reserves, and is dependent on securing additional grants to cover some of the costs of retaining our apprentices upon completion of their training. At the date of approving this report we anticipate meeting the targets set in the budget.

Declaration

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature




Full name Antony Feltbower

Position Chair of Trustees

Date 9 April 2024



Independent examiner's report on the accounts	
Section A Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	The Spring Playgroup Charity
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2023
Charity no (if any)	1157755
Set out on pages	7 & 8
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, • to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and • to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement below.
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act <p>have not been met; or</p> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>
Signed:	
Date:	9/4/24
Name:	Mr P Lewis
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	ACA
Address:	40 Barrow Road
	Kenilworth
	CV8 1EH



The Spring Playgroup Charity			1157755	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st September 2022	To	31st August 2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts	17,521	-		17,521	17,487
Statutory funding	80,959	-		80,959	53,840
Fundraising	491	-		491	414
Grants	-	9,100		9,100	28,166
Out of School Club (OOSC)	-	-		-	-
Bank interest	172	-		172	11
Other	-	-		-	-
				-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	99,143	9,100	-	108,243	97,918
A2 Asset and investment sales.					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	99,143	9,100	-	108,243	97,918
A3 Payments					
Staff costs (ex OOSC)	81,580	8,500		90,080	81,979
OOSC Staff costs	-	-		-	-
Premises	13,230	-		13,230	12,810
Insurance	1,191	-		1,191	1,157
Consumable play materials	552	-		552	450
Refreshments and cleaning materials	469	-		469	351
Office/Administration	1,603	-		1,603	1,342
Bank charges	60	-		60	93
Equipments and resources	350	657		1,007	1,437
Sundry	-	-		-	-
				-	-
Sub total	99,035	9,157	-	108,192	99,619
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	99,035	9,157	-	108,192	99,619
Net of receipts/(payments)	108	57	-	51	1,701
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,374	57		6,431	8,132
Cash funds this year end	6,482	-		6,482	6,431

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Caf Bank Current Account	1,468	-	-
	Caf Bank Gold Account	5,000	-	-
	Petty Cash	14	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,482	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Metal sheds	Restricted	-	-
	Safes	Restricted	-	-
	Various storage solutions for toys/play materials	Restricted	-	-
	Tables/Chairs/Home corner	Restricted	-	-
	Various toys/play equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
		-	-	
		-	-	
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	

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

Signature


Print Name
A Feltbower

Date of approval
09-Apr-24

THE SPRING PLAYGROUP CHARITY

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The Spring Playgroup Charity

Registered Charity No 1157755

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ending
31 August 2022**

The Spring Playgroup Charity

Also known as: The Spring Playgroup and Preschool or Playgroup

Registered charity number: 1157755

Setting address: Kenilworth Sports and Social Club, Montague House, Upper Rosemary Hill, Kenilworth CV8 2PA

Email: admin@springplaygroup.co.uk

Website: www.springplaygroup.co.uk

Trustees at point of submitting Annual Report:

Jacqueline Cross

Jacqueline Cook (Secretary)

Felicity Hawke

Antony Feltbower (Chairman)

Kevin Broadbent (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a Trust Deed that was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 July 2014 and came into effect on 1 September 2014. This is based on the Charity Commissions model trust deed, incorporating provisions from the previous Spring Playgroup registered charity's trust deed, which was dated 7 June 1999, where they did not conflict with the model. The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and takes over the work of the original Spring Playgroup, registered charity number 1076506.

Trustees are selected by the existing Trustees discussing the requirements of a new Trustee, making suggestions, approaching suitable candidates and appointing a suitable person, aiming to have a current Playgroup parent on the Board of Trustees.

The Charity's organisational structure is as follows:

- Trustees
- Manager/Supervisor
- Deputy Supervisors
- Staff and volunteers

The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. Detailed information is available on request.



Objectives and activities

The main object of the Trust is to advance the education of children under statutory school age, regardless of their financial circumstances, in a loving caring and respectful atmosphere based on Christian belief and practice, while encouraging other charitable activities through which parents and carers may help their children.

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Trust in promoting the objects.

As a result, the Charity provides high quality preschool sessions. The Playgroup does not charge fees for these sessions and will not do so for as long as funds allow. It is believed to be the only such group in Warwickshire to do this.

During the year the Playgroup offered flexible sessions between the hours of 9am and 3.30pm for children from the age of two. We received statutory funding for some children from the age of two and most children aged three and over (from the beginning of the term following their third birthday). When all children eligible for statutory funding had been allocated their sessions, additional hours were offered to these and other children as best fitted their needs.

In addition, in previous years the Out of School Club (OOSC) has provided low-cost childcare from 3pm to 5.30pm on a flexible basis. This allowed us to offer further support services to parents who work but was not operated during 2021/22 due to low demand. When operating, the OOSC was designed to be financially self-supporting and has provided some financial support to the main Playgroup sessions.

In total 33 children attended the Playgroup during the year, 21 of whom received statutory funding and 10 of whom received extra funded sessions.

The Playgroup encourages parents and others to help in group sessions as volunteers. In many cases, these volunteers have undertaken qualifications in childcare and preschool education with the Playgroup's support, benefitting the volunteers, their children and the wider community. In 2021/22 two people volunteered with the Playgroup. One of these volunteers was employed from April 2022 as an apprentice funded by a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. The grant was also used to fund apprentice training for another member of staff.

Work experience and work placements are also sometimes offered to local students, along with support for local people wishing to volunteer and take qualifications in childcare, where appropriate, but this did not happen during 2021/22.



Achievements and performance

2021/22 was another challenging year for the Playgroup as we continued to deal with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the after effects. The Playgroup remained open for the majority of the year, having to close for 2 days towards the end of the year when there was a resurgence of Covid-19 cases.

There was an increase in child numbers during the spring and summer terms, particularly from younger children who will receive two year olds funding in 2022/23.

During the year one member of staff returned from maternity leave and another one left for alternative employment. One member of staff commenced training towards additional Early Years qualifications and we employed a new member of staff on an apprentice training scheme from April 2022, both of which were funded by a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Gifts, grants and business donations were received during the year to supplement the Early Education Funding, and are outlined in the financial review below.

The Trustees remain humbled by the dedication of the Playgroup staff and volunteers and their commitment to work in the best interests of the children and their carers, above and beyond the call of duty.

Financial review

The trustees reviewed and agreed a policy on reserves in January 2022 to keep a positive cashflow throughout the year and aim to increase the reserves over time so that Playgroup has improved financial resilience.

Total expenditure for the year was £99,619 compared with total income received of £97,918. The shortfall was met from reserves.

Income was mainly derived from:

- The Government's Early Education Funding, provided for children over three years old (this starts from the term after they are three. This figure varies from year to year, depending on the numbers of children in the Playgroup and when their birthdays fall during the school year);
- The Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme;
- Statutory funding for some two year olds under the Warwickshire County Council's scheme for two year olds;
- Gifts from parents and other individuals; and
- Grants and donations from organisations and other supporters including local churches.



Grants were received from the National Lottery Community Fund, Warwick District Council, Warwickshire County Council, and Kenilworth Town Council. £11,454 of restricted grants was received during the year. £10,875 was spent on staff costs, £256 on advertising material, and £521 on equipment, leaving a balance of £57 of restricted funds to be carried forward to next year.

Other organisations donating in 2021/22 included Kenilworth Methodist Church, Living Word Fellowship Church, St John's Church, and the Jubilee Health Centre.

2021/22 ended with reserves of £6,374 being carried forward to the following year, plus the remaining restricted funds of £57. No fund was in deficit.

The budget for 2022/23 has been set to replenish the reserves that were used this year, and is dependent on securing additional grants to allow our two apprentices to complete their training.

Since the end of the year, a grant has been received that covers some of the costs of continuing to employ the two apprentices. In addition, the Playgroup Manager has been off sick since October 2022 and retired in April 2023. This means that the reserves at the end of 2022/23 are forecast to be at a similar level to those at the end of 2021/22.

Declaration

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature



Full name

Antony Feltbower



Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

2 May 2023



	Independent examiner's report on the accounts		
Section A	Independent Examiner's Report		
Report to the trustees/ members of	The Spring Playgroup Charity		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2022	Charity no (if any)	1157755
Set out on pages	7 & 8		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, • to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and • to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. 		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement below.</p>		
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Signed:		Date:	2 May 23
Name:	Mr P Lewis		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	ACA		
Address:	40 Barrow Road		
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The Spring Playgroup Charity			1157755	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st September 2021	To	31st August 2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts	17,487	-		17,487	19,454
Statutory funding	53,840	-		53,840	60,445
Fundraising	414	-		414	349
Grants	14,712	11,454		26,166	11,622
Out of School Club (OOSC)	-	-		-	2,907
Bank interest	11	-		11	2
Other	-	-		-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	86,464	11,454	-	97,918	94,779
A2 Asset and investment sales.					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,464	11,454	-	97,918	94,779
A3 Payments					
Staff costs (ex OOSC)	71,104	10,875		81,979	83,601
OOSC Staff costs	-	-		-	4,252
Premises	12,810	-		12,810	12,600
Insurance	1,157	-		1,157	1,131
Consumable play materials	450	-		450	83
Refreshments and cleaning materials	351	-		351	1,043
Office/Administration	1,086	256		1,342	1,236
Bank charges	93	-		93	84
Equipments and resources	916	521		1,437	124
Sundry	-	-		-	-
Sub total	87,967	11,652	-	99,619	104,154
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	87,967	11,652	-	99,619	104,154
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,503	- 198	-	- 1,701	- 9,375
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,877	255		8,132	17,507
Cash funds this year end	6,374	57	-	6,431	8,132

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Caf Bank Current Account	417	-	-
	Caf Bank Gold Account	5,943	57	-
	Petty Cash	14	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,374	57	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Metal sheds	Restricted	-	-
	Safes	Restricted	-	-
	Various storage solutions for toys/play materials	Restricted	-	-
	Tables/Chairs/Home corner	Restricted	-	-
	Various toys/play equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	

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

Signature



Print Name

A Feltbower

Date of approval

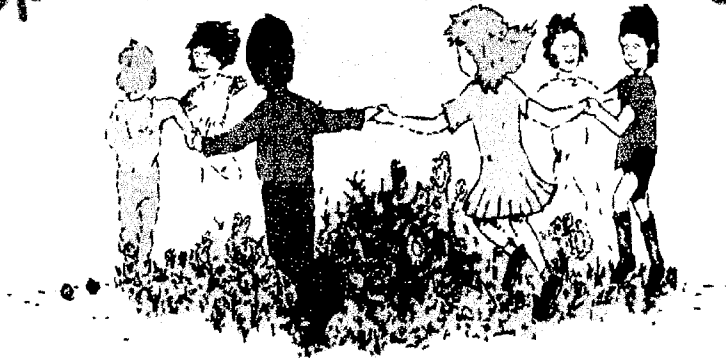
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The Spring Playgroup Charity

Registered Charity No 1157755

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ending
31 August 2021**



The Spring Playgroup Charity

Also known as: The Spring Playgroup and Preschool or Playgroup

Registered charity number: 1157755

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Email: admin@springplaygroup.co.uk

Website: www.springplaygroup.co.uk

Trustees at point of submitting Annual Report:

Jacqueline Cross (who is also the Manager/Supervisor of The Spring Playgroup)

Jacqueline Cook (Secretary)

Felicity Hawke

Antony Feltbower (Chairman)

Kevin Broadbent (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

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The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. Detailed information is available on request.



Objectives and activities

The main object of the Trust is to advance the education of children under statutory school age, regardless of their financial circumstances, in a loving caring and respectful atmosphere based on Christian belief and practice, while encouraging other charitable activities through which parents and carers may help their children.

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Trust in promoting the objects.

As a result, the Charity provides high quality preschool sessions. The Playgroup does not charge fees for these sessions and will not do so for as long as funds allow. It is believed to be the only such group in Warwickshire to do this.

During the year the Playgroup offered flexible sessions between the hours of 9am and 3.30pm for children from the age of two. We received statutory funding for some children from the age of two and most children aged three and over (from the beginning of the term following their third birthday). When all children eligible for statutory funding had been allocated their sessions, additional hours were offered to these and other children as best fitted their needs.

In addition, the Out of School Club (OOSC) provides low-cost childcare from 3pm to 5.30pm on a flexible basis. This has allowed us to offer further support services to parents who work. The OOSC is designed to be financially self supporting and has provided some financial support to the main Playgroup sessions.

In total 36 children attended the Playgroup during the year, 21 of whom received statutory funding and 9 of whom received extra funded sessions. 4 children also benefitted from the OOSC during the year.

The Playgroup encourages parents and others to help in group sessions as volunteers. In many cases, these volunteers have undertaken qualifications in childcare and preschool education with the Playgroup's support, benefitting the volunteers, their children and the wider community. In 2020/21 two people volunteered with the Playgroup. In addition, a previous volunteer was employed by the Playgroup thanks to a generous grant from the Wesleyan Foundation and successfully completed her Early Years qualifications.

Work experience and work placements are also sometimes offered to local students, along with support for local people wishing to volunteer and take qualifications in childcare, where appropriate, but this did not happen during 2020/21 due to the Covid restrictions.



Achievements and performance

2020/21 was another challenging year for the Playgroup because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Playgroup remained open during the whole year, and saw an increase in child numbers during the summer term as the Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed. We continued to support some children with special needs, and an example of what this involves is included on page 6.

There were some changes in staffing during the year, with one staff member returning from maternity leave and another going on maternity leave. One staff member successfully completed her Early Years qualifications, and the staff team coped well throughout another challenging year.

Gifts, grants and business donations were received during the year to supplement the Nursery Education Funding, and are outlined in the financial review below.

The Trustees remain humbled by the dedication of the Playgroup staff and volunteers and their commitment to work in the best interests of the children and their carers, above and beyond the call of duty.

Financial review

The trustees agreed a revised policy on reserves in November 2019 to keep a positive cashflow throughout the year and aim to increase the reserves over time so that Playgroup has improved financial resilience.

Total expenditure for the year was £104,154 compared with total income received of £94,779. The shortfall was met from the use of restricted funds received in the previous year.

Income was mainly derived from:

- The Government's Nursery Education Funding, provided for children over three years old (this starts from the term after they are three. This figure varies from year to year, depending on the numbers of children in the Playgroup and when their birthdays fall during the school year);
- The Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme;
- Statutory funding for some two year olds under the Warwickshire County Council's scheme for two year olds;
- Out of School Club;
- Gifts from parents;
- Grants and donations from organisations and other supporters including local churches; and
- The Government's Job Retention Scheme.

We received less income from the Out of School Club in 2020/21 than in previous years, and have decided not to operate the club in 2021/22.



Grants were received from the Harry Payne Foundation and from Warwick District Council. We also received support again from the government's Job Retention Scheme for which we are grateful. £2,960 of restricted grants was received during the year, and £14,011 was spent on staff costs, leaving a balance of £255 of restricted funds to be carried forward to next year.

Other organisations donating in 2020/21 included Kenilworth Methodist Church, Living Word Fellowship Church, St John's Church, and Kenilworth Lions.

2020/21 ended with reserves of £7,877 being carried forward to the following year, plus the remaining restricted funds of £255. No fund was in deficit.

At the time of approving this report, Covid-19 is still having an impact on the Playgroup because funded child numbers have been lower than we would usually expect. This means that our income is currently forecast to be less than budgeted and is impacting significantly upon our reserves.

Declaration

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature



Full name Antony Feltbower

Position Chair of Trustees

Date 26 April 2022



Example of supporting a child with special needs

On receiving a new 2-year-old at the setting, the parents both came in to meet with Jackie. Given their little boy's history, they became quite upset saying that they had been told his speech was delayed - they were very distressed that the healthcare worker had implied their child was not doing all that would be expected of him for his age.

Once the child started in the setting, it was readily apparent to the experienced staff team that the little one had a set of difficulties which would be characteristic of a child quite profoundly affected by autism.

The Playgroup staff worked gently and sensitively with the parents to gain their confidence and over time were able to obtain their agreement to refer them to Speech and Language Therapy. Through this process, and the provision of regular verbal and written progress reports from the Playgroup, the family were helped to accept that their child's needs would be better met through a full acceptance of what his challenges were. This is a process which we regularly work through with families who have not yet understood that their child has additional needs. It is something that requires a great deal of sensitivity, and even with our best endeavours, some parents are not ready to accept it within the time that their child is with us. All children are supported with their needs at the Playgroup, regardless of where their parents are in the process of accepting this.

This little boy was able to be referred to the Child Development Service, and received a diagnosis of autism. It was also picked up during the specialised assessment that he had a sensory impairment, so the Playgroup staff supported him to use equipment to correct this.

Through this process, the Playgroup supported the child to access his full entitlement to Early Years education, just as his peers were doing. We provided 1:1 supervision from our own resources until the last term of his pre-school year. As he progressed through his pre-school year, we also enabled him to attend full days to give extended respite for his family and help him be prepared for school even though no additional funding was available for these sessions. Staff from other agencies visited to assess and provide guidance, and the little boy had individualised education plans and targets in line with his individual needs. During his pre-school year, the Playgroup made a "request for statutory assessment", collating and completing the extensive paperwork to ensure that an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) was in place in time for him to access a placement in a specialist SEND school.

Throughout the process, we worked closely and supportively with the parents, supporting their journey to acceptance of their son's additional needs, so that by the time he received his EHCP, they were feeling ready and comfortable to accept that he needed to attend a specialist school.





Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Spring Playgroup Charity		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2021	Charity no (if any)	1157755
	Set out on pages 8 & 9		

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:  **Date:** 26-4-22

Name: Mr P Lewis

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body ACA

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The Spring Playgroup Charity			1157755	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st September 2020	To	31st August 2021	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts	19,454	-		19,454	11,603
Statutory funding	60,445	-		60,445	56,172
Fundraising	349	-		349	562
Grants	8,662	2,960		11,622	21,803
Out of School Club (OOSC)	2,907	-		2,907	6,159
Bank interest	2	-		2	38
Other	-	-		-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	91,819	2,960	-	94,779	96,337
A2 Asset and investment sales.					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	91,819	2,960	-	94,779	96,337
A3 Payments					
Staff costs (ex OOSC)	69,590	14,011		83,601	76,571
OOSC Staff costs	4,252	-		4,252	2,700
Premises	12,600	-		12,600	13,444
Insurance	1,131	-		1,131	1,169
Consumable play materials	83	-		83	917
Refreshments and cleaning materials	1,043	-		1,043	461
Office/Administration	1,236	-		1,236	1,505
Bank charges	84	-		84	60
Equipments and resources	124	-		124	822
Sundry	-	-		-	-
Sub total	90,143	14,011	-	104,154	97,649
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	90,143	14,011	-	104,154	97,649
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,676	11,051	-	9,375	1,312
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,201	11,306		17,507	18,819
Cash funds this year end	7,877	255	-	8,132	17,507

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Caf Bank Current Account	598	-	-
	Caf Bank Gold Account	7,245	255	-
	Petty Cash	34	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,877	255	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Metal sheds	Restricted	-	-
	Safes	Restricted	-	-
	Various storage solutions for toys/play materials	Restricted	-	-
	Tables/Chairs/Home corner	Restricted	-	-
	Various toys/play equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
				-

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

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

Signature


Print Name
A Feltbower

Date of approval
26-Apr-22

THE SPRING PLAYGROUP CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1157755

Accounts

The Spring Playgroup and Preschool



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The Spring Playgroup Charity
Registered Charity No 1157755

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ending
31 August 2020**



The Spring Playgroup Charity

Also known as: The Spring Playgroup and Preschool or Playgroup

Registered charity number: 1157755

Setting address: Kenilworth Sports and Social Club, Montague House, Upper Rosemary Hill, Kenilworth CV8 2PA

Email: admin@springplaygroup.co.uk

Website: www.springplaygroup.co.uk

Trustees at point of submitting Annual Report:

Jacqueline Cross (who is also the Manager/Supervisor of The Spring Playgroup)
Jacqueline Cook (Secretary)
Felicity Hawke
Antony Feltbower (Chairman)
Kevin Broadbent (Treasurer)

During the year covered by this annual report Caroline Ramsay was the chair and she handed over to Antony Feltbower on 1 September 2020.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a Trust Deed that was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 July 2014 and came into effect on 1 September 2014. This is based on the Charity Commissions model trust deed, incorporating provisions from the previous Spring Playgroup registered charity's trust deed, which was dated 7 June 1999, where they did not conflict with the model. The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and takes over the work of the original Spring Playgroup, registered charity number 1076506.

Trustees are selected by the existing Trustees discussing the requirements of a new Trustee, making suggestions, approaching suitable candidates and appointing a suitable person, aiming to have a current Playgroup parent on the Board of Trustees.

The Charity's organisational structure is as follows:

- Trustees
- Manager/Supervisor
- Deputy Supervisors
- Staff and volunteers



The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. Detailed information is available on request.

Objectives and activities

The main object of the Trust is to advance the education of children under statutory school age, regardless of their financial circumstances, in a loving caring and respectful atmosphere based on Christian belief and practice, while encouraging other charitable activities through which parents and carers may help their children.

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Trust in promoting the objects.

As a result, the Charity provides high quality preschool sessions. The Playgroup does not charge fees for these sessions and will not do so for as long as funds allow. It is believed to be the only such group in Warwickshire to do this.

During the year the Playgroup offered flexible sessions between the hours of 9am and 3.30pm for children from the age of two. We received statutory funding for some children from the age of two and all children aged three and over (from the beginning of the term following their third birthday). When all children eligible for statutory funding had been allocated their sessions, additional hours were offered to these and other children as best fitted their needs.

The Out of School Club (OOSC) provides low-cost childcare from 3pm to 5.30pm on a flexible basis. This has allowed us to offer further support services to parents who work. The OOSC is designed to be financially self supporting and has provided some financial support to the main Playgroup sessions.

In total 33 children attended Playgroup during the year, and 10 of the children received support in the form of extra sessions. No children attended during the period from 18 March to 31 May due to the Covid 19 restrictions. 17 children attended Playgroup in the last half term of the year, and 12 children benefitted from the OOSC during the first two terms of the year.

Playgroup encourages parents and others to help in group sessions as volunteers. In many cases, these volunteers have undertaken qualifications in childcare and preschool education with the Playgroup's support, benefitting the volunteers, their children and the wider community. This year two people volunteered with the Playgroup, one of whom is undertaking qualifications supported by a generous grant that we received from the Wesleyan Foundation.

Work experience and work placements are also offered to local students, along with support for local people wishing to volunteer and take qualifications in childcare, where appropriate. This year no one took up this offer.



Achievements and performance

2019/20 was a challenging year because of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Playgroup and Out of School Club closed to all children on 18 March 2020. We remained available for children of key workers through to the end of May, but there were none who needed us to open for them. We re-opened the main Playgroup for the older children on 1 June 2020 and remained open for the rest of the summer term.

Gifts, grants and business donations were received during the year and are outlined below. These included two grants that allowed us to provide extra support to some children with special needs and to support one staff member through their training.

There were some changes in staffing during the year, and the team coped well with these changes and all the challenges brought on by Covid 19.

The Trustees remain humbled by the dedication of the Playgroup staff and volunteers and their commitment to work in the best interests of the children and their carers, and go above and beyond the call of duty.

Financial review

The trustees agreed a revised policy on reserves in November 2019 to keep a positive cashflow throughout the year, and aim to increase the reserves over time so that Playgroup has improved financial resilience.

Total expenditure for the year was £97,649 slightly more than the income received of £96,337.

Income was mainly derived from:

- The Government's Nursery Education Grant, provided for children over three years old. This starts from the term after they are three. This figure varies from year to year, depending on the numbers of children in Playgroup and when their birthdays fall during the playgroup year;
- The Government's 30 hours free childcare scheme;
- Statutory funding for some two year olds under the Warwickshire County Council's scheme for two year olds;
- Gifts from parents;
- Grants and donations from organisations and other supporters including local churches; and
- The Government's Job Retention Scheme.



Grants were received from The Sheldon Trust, The Wesleyan Foundation, and the Warwick District Community Forum. In total £14,639 of restricted grants were received during the year. £7,545 was spent on staff costs, £689 on outdoor storage, and £654 on play equipment, leaving £11,306 to be spent in future years.

Other organisations donating in 2019/20 included Kenilworth Methodist Church, Living Word Fellowship Church, St John's Church, and The Soroptomists.

Donations were significantly reduced from April to August 2020 during the Covid 19 pandemic and we received no income from the Out of School Club during this period. We are grateful for the support received from the government's Job Retention Scheme to offset this loss of income.

2019/20 ended with reserves of £6,201 being taken into 2020/21, plus the remaining restricted funds of £11,306. No fund was in deficit.

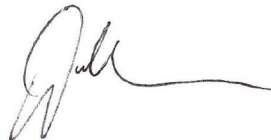
At the time of approving this report, Covid 19 is still having a big impact on the Playgroup. We have remained open throughout the autumn and spring terms by operating two separate "bubbles" and have complied with all the government guidelines including the need for regular additional sanitisation and cleaning. This has led to additional costs during 2020-21 which has had a significant impact on our reserves.

Declaration

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature



Full name

Antony Feltbower

Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

23 March 2021





Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Spring Playgroup Charity		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2020	Charity no (if any)	1157755
Set out on pages	7 & 8		

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Signed:  **Date:** 23/3/21

Name: Mr P Lewis

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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st September 2019	To	31st August 2020	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts	11,603	-		11,603	24,427
Statutory funding	56,172	-		56,172	67,087
Fundraising	562	-		562	884
Grants	7,164	14,639		21,803	5,400
Out of School Club (OOSC)	6,159	-		6,159	7,402
Bank interest	38	-		38	19
Other		-		-	-
		-		-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,698	14,639	-	96,337	105,219
A2 Asset and investment sales.					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,698	14,639	-	96,337	105,219
A3 Payments					
Staff costs (ex OOSC)	69,026	7,545		76,571	74,936
OOSC Staff costs	2,700	-		2,700	4,775
Premises	12,755	689		13,444	12,623
Insurance	1,169	-		1,169	1,155
Consumable play materials	917	-		917	989
Refreshments and cleaning materials	461	-		461	334
Office/Administration	1,505	-		1,505	1,023
Bank charges	60	-		60	60
Equipments and resources	168	654		822	212
Sundry		-		-	250
Sub total	88,761	8,888	-	97,649	96,357
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-		-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	88,761	8,888	-	97,649	96,357
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,063	5,751	-	- 1,312	8,862
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,264	5,555		18,819	9,957
Cash funds this year end	6,201	11,306	-	17,507	18,819

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Caf Bank Current Account	489	-	-
	Caf Bank Gold Account	5,694	11,306	-
	Petty Cash	18	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,201	11,306	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Signature


Print Name
A Feltbower

Date of approval
23-Mar-21