

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.  
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**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 £7550.

£15371 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. £2726 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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	-	-		-	-
				-	
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	120,879	3,800	-	124,679	122,491
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales.</b>					
	-	-		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	120,879	3,800	-	124,679	122,491
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	-	-		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	124,712	8,074	-	132,786	117,576
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	124,712	8,074	-	132,786	117,576
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 3,833	- 4,274	-	- 8,107	4,915
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-		-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	4,397	7,000		11,397	6,482
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	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

A Feltbower

Date of approval





The Spring Playgroup Charity

**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## 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**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1157755

**Set out on pages**

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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):**

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