

Charity registration number 1158570 (England and Wales)

GISLINGHAM PLAYGROUP

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

GISLINGHAM PLAYGROUP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The aims of the pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:

- Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours of play, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups. Ensuring that such group offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion and means of ability.
- Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas.
- Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objectives of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers

A great contribution is made by member volunteers. The success of the playgroup is due, in part, to a valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise from trustees.

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

The nature of the pre-school settings is to lose children to mainstream schooling annually. Gislingham Playgroup has been very successful in promoting its community service to fill the gaps in numbers to almost capacity. This has been achieved by word-of-mouth in the main due to parents' satisfaction with childcare offered.

Fundraising activities

All fundraising activities encourage the sharing of skills and ideas of committee members, parents, grandparents and provide healthy social interactions across all ages in the community.

The social occasions provide an opportunity to promote and celebrate the achievements of the children in the setting and engage the support and interest of the local village and wider community.

Financial review

£10,000 is held in an interest generating account in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur (redundancies in a worst-case scenario).

Principal funding sources

Fee income and grants have made up the main source of funding.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of covenant and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

There is a Child Protection Policy in place.

Criminal Records Bureau checks are carried out prior to commencement of employment or trusteeship.

The charity is subject to regular inspection by Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted).

The group is affiliated to the Pre-School Learning Alliance.

There are contingency funds reserved for worst-case scenario i.e closure of playgroup and redundancy staff payments.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J M Holmes

Dione Haley

Gemma Lewis

Laura Macalpine

Joanne Walker

Sophie Gaskin

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Dione Haley

Trustee

29 May 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF GISLINGHAM PLAYGROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Gislingham Playgroup for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Dated: 29 May 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
	Notes		
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	4	108,059	79,327
Charitable activities	3	17,353	19,743
Other trading activities	5	676	1,307
Investments	6	157	135
Total income		126,245	100,512
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	7	97,798	84,271
Total expenditure		97,798	84,271
Net income and movement in funds		28,447	16,241
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 August 2024		78,897	62,656
Fund balances at 31 July 2025		107,344	78,897

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	435		55	
Cash at bank and in hand		107,712		79,264	
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		108,147		79,319	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(803)		(422)	
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Net current assets			107,344		78,897
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The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	14		107,344		78,897
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			107,344		78,897
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The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29 May 2026

Dione Haley
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Gislingham Playgroup is an unincorporated charity. The business address is Gislingham Playgroup, Broadfields Road, Gislingham, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 8HX.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's deed of covenant, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenses are included in the financial statements as they become receivable or due. Expenses include VAT where applicable as the company cannot reclaim it.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Nursery fees	17,353	19,743

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	1,028	250
Grants	107,031	79,077
	108,059	79,327

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	676	1,307

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	157	135

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

7 Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Wages	75,915	64,196
Water/electric	1,657	1,983
Telephone	1,991	1,914
Postage and stationery	628	554
Advertising	441	387
Sundries	1,187	892
Rent	5,501	4,580
Equipment/toys	1,562	3,557
Ofsted/CRB	429	389
Maintenance and insurance	2,834	1,047
Staff course	86	19
School lunches	4,171	3,761
Website	653	560
Uniform	203	-
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	97,258	83,839
Share of support costs (see note)	540	432
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	97,798	84,271
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8 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	450	450
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9 Trustees

Trustees' remuneration for the year ended 31 July 2025 is included within note 7.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the year ended 31 July 2024.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025 Number	2024 Number
5	6
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There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	435	55
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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	353	62
Accruals and deferred income	450	360
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	803	422
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14 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 August 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 July 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	78,897	126,245	(97,798)	107,344
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Previous year:	At 1 August 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	62,656	100,512	(84,271)	78,897
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15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).