



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022 Period start date to 31st August 2023

Period end date

Charity name: Ladybird Playgroup and Pre-School

Charity registration number: 1162435

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Ladybird Playgroup and Preschool Charity is to work for public benefit. There objects are to develop and enable the development and education of all children and young people accessing the service.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To provide an early year setting for children to be able to learn in a safe environment and in a safe way.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, all the Trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on Public Benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Charity has been able to work providing a valuable and inclusive service to children and the young people in yet another exceedingly financially difficult year. The staff and committee continue to give support to families by enabling the service to continue being flexible in staffing and sessions</p> <p>There has been a continued slow return of children to the setting, however numbers have been and are continuing to be low. Parents <i>continue</i> to not extending their child's hours past the statutory 15hrs funding, with the cost of living crisis being on the forefront of parents minds</p> <p>The charity has continued to support the local primary school with facilitating a Breakfast Club which enables wrap around care and enabling parents to be able to return to their place of work, but again numbers remain low. An early bug club (drop off at 8.30am with no breakfast, lower cost) has increased numbers, with also offering to some younger pre-school children as well as the school children.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity continues to move through a financially challenging year.
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		<p>We have made a difficult decision to have to increase our Playgroup Fees, to offset the continuing low numbers attending, and the rising costs for the Playgroup, yet being aware of rising costs for families as well. However, numbers of children as a whole using the service continued to be low at the start of the year with a slight increase heading towards the end of the year. We hope that an increase in the funding received from the County Council for the Children attending the setting will help in sustaining the setting, and the potential of an increase to funding available for families of younger children will help increase numbers. The setting will need to continue to look at fees going forward and look to increase these inline with funding and other settings in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Breakfast club numbers have remained low, and we continue to work with the school to advertise and provide wrap around care. There has also been an increase in the Breakfast Club Fees to try and off set the low numbers attending and increase costs.</p> <p>The staff/ committee / trustees have continued to organise fundraising activities to support purchasing additional educational equipment to support the children.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Reserves fall into 3 categories:</p> <p>1. Unrestricted Funds (cover staff costs and those of administration and support without which Ladybird could not operate.)</p> <p>2. Restricted funds, (donations and grants for a specific purpose)</p> <p>3. Designated Funds (amounts specifically excluded from being used to meet the day-to-day running costs of Ladybird. Sums raised through fundraising activities fall into this category)</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£80K
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any	Para 1.23	Ladybird Playgroup and Preschool

uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern		position is more healthy than in previous years, with an increase in attendees, increase in fees across the setting. Due to our previous successful years, we have a healthy balance and reserves to support the Playgroup through these uncertain times. But with a continued increase in minimum wage and a drop in the age for funding, Staff and the committee need to be mindful of finances going forward. Fundraising has increased income which has helped support and renew the playgroup equipment.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		The Charities Trustees consists of 8 people, whom have or had a child at Ladybird Play Group and Preschool. They come from all walks of life to come together for the benefit of the charity to ensure its integrity and success.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Prior to the AGM information is shared and emailed out asking any interested parties to attend the AGM and to be nominated and seconded to join the Ladybird Playgroup Charity as committee members. Trustees are nominated and elected into post.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ladybird Playgroup and Pre-School
Other name the charity uses	Ladybird Playgroup
Registered charity number	1162435
Charity's principal address	School Lane Thriplow SG8 7RH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Brian Symes	Chairperson	Until Oct 2023	
2	Diane Eichelsheim	Chairperson	From Oct 2023	
3	Tracey Dervish	Treasurer	Until Oct 2023	
4	Julie McGiffen	Treasurer	From Oct 2023	
5	Heather Bell	Secretary	From Oct 2023	
6	Stephen Woodard	Fundraising	Until Oct 2023	
7	Jules White			
8	Natalie Barker			
9	Pedro Pinheiro			
10	Guy Trussell		From Oct 2023	
11	Sharon McGinty	Playgroup Leader	From 28/4/22	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) D Eichelsheim



Full name(s) Diane Eichelsheim

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chairperson

Date December 2024

Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow

Charity Number – 1162435

Income and Expenditure Accounts

For the year ended

31st August 2023

Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow

Balance Sheet

As at 31st August 2023

		2023	2022
Assets			
Cash at Bank:	Lloyds Current	85,728.82	76,429.66
	Lloyds Treasurers	43,989.98	43,881.27
	Lloyds BB Instant	1.00	1.00
Petty Cash		<u>45.00</u>	<u>1,171.86</u>
		129,764.80	121,483.79
Liabilities			
	PAYE Creditor	-1,738.31	-995.72
	Other Creditor	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-479.57</u>
		<u>128,026.49</u>	<u>120,008.50</u>
Reserve Fund 1st September 2022		120,008.50	122,802.11
Add: Income over Expenditure		<u>8,017.99</u>	<u>-2,783.61</u>
		<u>128,026.49</u>	<u>120,018.50</u>

Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow

**Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended
31st August 2023**

		2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Fees	Cambs County Council	55,944.30		56,227.68	
	Other	<u>37,531.07</u>	93,475.37	<u>9,960.80</u>	66,188.48
Fundraising	Other (loss)	-9.25		0	
	Xmas Cards	82.3		75.6	
	Daffodil	2,216.01		1,903.48	
	Cakes	0.00		186.60	
	Uniform	0.00		4.00	
	Christmas	415.38		907.48	
	Ice Creams	0.00		153.40	
	100 Club	260.50		298.05	
	Raffle	0.00		398.45	
	Coronation Event	594.00		0.00	
	Tesco	234.53		0.00	
	Treasure Hunt	<u>106.71</u>	3,900.18	<u>0.00</u>	3,927.06
	Donations		16.95		54.42
	Just Giving		0		28.83
	Bounce Bank		0		168.6
	Sundries		0		450.65
	Breakfast Club		3,526.34		3,557.80
	Registration Fees		<u>0</u>		<u>200</u>
Total Income			<u>100,918.84</u>		<u>74,575.84</u>

Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow

**Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended
31st August 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenditure		
Accountancy	300.00	300.00
Adverts	0.00	136.80
Breakfast Club	123.29	0.00
Capital Equipment	0	424.91
Children Learning Gifts	53.74	0
Cleaning	1,517.90	1,157.61
Committee expenses	0.00	63.98
DBS Checks	104.00	65.00
Equipment	147.04	287.37
First Aid	61.62	0.00
ICO	35.00	35.00
Insurance	758.11	736.45
Maintenance and Repairs	8.98	143.14
Ofsted	35.00	35.00
Payroll Service Costs	676.20	859.80
Play and Craft Materials	648.01	709.64
Play Equipment	61.98	0.00
PPL	118.39	108.43
Quickbooks	345.60	304.80
Rent	1,500.00	1,500.00
Snacks	301.70	177.03
Sports Coaching	0.00	425.00
Staff Wages cost	74,296.51	63,523.98
Staff pension	3,828.37	1,291.86
Staff gifts	500.00	500.00
Staff training	211.60	1,308.20
Stationery	1,612.31	1,366.31
Subscriptions and Memberships	697.29	767.30
Telephone	1,265.46	1,141.84
Utility	3692.75	0
Total Expenditure	92,900.85	77,369.45
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	8,017.99	-2793.61



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1162435

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

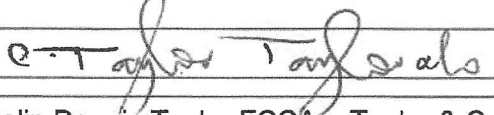
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:



FCCA Date:

03/12/2024

Name:

Colin Dennis Taylor FCCA – Taylor & Co.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants - ACCA

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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