

Appleton Roebuck Pre-School Groups  
Parish Rooms  
Main Street  
Appleton Roebuck  
York  
YO23 7DJ  
Tel: 07983 789482  
Email: [info@appletonroebuckpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonroebuckpreschool.co.uk)  
Web: [www.appletonroebuckpreschool.co.uk](http://www.appletonroebuckpreschool.co.uk)

**Appleton Roebuck Pre-School Groups CIO**

**Trustees Annual Report, Year Ending 31 August 2024**

**Period start date:** 1 September 2023  
**Period end date:** 31 August 2024  
**Charity Name:** Appleton Roebuck Pre-school Groups  
**Charity Registration Number:** 1166924

**Charity Structure**

Appleton Roebuck Pre-School Groups (ARPG) was first registered in 1977. We have been operating as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation since 2016.

Two types of membership of the CIO are available:

1. Family membership is available to the parents or guardians of all children who attend any group run by the CIO wishing to support the aims of the CIO. Each family holding family membership counts as one member of the CIO and is entitled to one vote at any general meetings of the members of the CIO.
2. Affiliate membership is available to anyone who is interested in furthering the purposes of Appleton Roebuck Pre-school Groups.

Initially set up as a Pre-School in the Parish Rooms in Appleton Roebuck, the Group then expanded to include additional groups such as a Parent and Toddler Group (Little Apples) and, from 2013-2020, an Out of School Club (OOSC) based at Appleton Roebuck Primary School.

Appleton Roebuck Pre-school Groups is managed by a group of trustees made up primarily of Family Members (parents of children attending ARPG groups) and a small number of Affiliate Members, including the manager of one of the current ARPG groups operating with an Ofsted licence.

**Public Benefit Statement**

The charity works for the public benefit having as its objects the development of children and young people in particular by: promoting their care and safety; promoting their education and promoting parental involvement; promoting their health and wellbeing; providing services to support them and their families and carers; providing services to individuals holding membership of the CIO and furthering the aims of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Appleton Roebuck Pre-school is registered with Ofsted (URN: EY538161), which means we comply with the requirements of the Early Years Register and the Childcare Register. These requirements relate to safety, the people providing the care and the organisation of the childcare.

We pride ourselves in offering a friendly, fun and safe environment for children to play and learn. The Pre-School had its most recent Ofsted inspection in October 2018 and was rated Good. We are proud of this achievement for a community-led organisation in a small village and is testament to the dedication of our fantastic staff.

Appleton Roebuck Preschool Groups is situated in a village with few services for children and families. Through its groups, Appleton Roebuck Preschool Groups provides much-needed opportunities and support for children and families in the local area.

The trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Objectives**

Our key aims this year were:

- provide a stable, supportive, high quality early years education for the children and families in our community via Pre-school
- review, monitor and address key risks
- seek to maintain stable finances for ARPG over the long term

#### **Activities**

This was another successful year for Appleton Roebuck Pre-school Groups. Appleton Roebuck Pre-school was again the central activity. Our thanks go to the many people, including volunteers, who make the running of the pre-school possible and the fantastic staff who provide such a warm, welcoming and fun educational and play environment.

This year we funded extra learning sessions in setting based around music, the arts and phonics as well as trips to the theatre and farms.

#### **Staff changes at Pre-school**

No changes to staff.

#### **Partnerships**

Because of the nature of the charity and the way pre-school operates - in rented premises in our small community - partnerships continue to be incredibly important to Appleton Roebuck Pre-school Groups.

As ever, we are grateful to the Parish Council for their ongoing help and support.

We are also very grateful to Appleton Roebuck Primary School for their partnership and especially for their generosity and warmth in inviting pre-school children to be part of activities such as sports day and for the opportunity to visit the school setting.

The community work continues to ensure that all are serviced within Appleton Roebuck, making these connections ever more important.

### **Fundraising and Events**

Once again, the events run by Pre-school were successful, yet we have found it a difficult year in that most of the work conducted was with committee only (3) plus Manager. Our thanks go to the volunteers who gave up their time to run them although more focus is needed to engage the membership in the fundraising for the next financial year.

### **Financial Review**

#### **Banking**

Our current accounts remain with CAF Bank, which provides banking facilities to charities. Our savings account remains with Scottish Widows, which holds reserves based on approx. 3 months' staff wages.

#### **Funds Held**

The Closing Balance in our Accounts as at 31/08/24 are as follows:

- CAF Pre-School Current Account £7,446.53
- CAF Fundraising Current Account £27,652.15
- Scottish Widows Savings Account £15,000.00

#### **Conclusion**

Thank you to the entire community for supporting the pre-school.

The continued challenges to rises costs along with strains on fundraising has meant the committees strategy is weighted on stability for the coming year.

We all look forward to another cohort joining in September and wishing the new Reception children on Appleton Roebuck Primary school luck in their new chapter.