



# **BRAMBLES CHILDCARE CIO**

**Colne Road λ Bluntisham λ PE28 3NY  
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## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR**

**01<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1175924**

**Written by: Emily Hender (Treasurer)**



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## **Trustees who served during the year:**

S. Matthews (Chairperson)  
E. Hender (Treasurer)  
K. Howell (Secretary)  
T. Russell (Trustee and nominated Ofsted contact)  
L. Thatcher (General Member)  
H. Ravey (General Member)  
A. Adam (General Member)  
M. Adams (General Member)  
J. Pallister (General Member)  
J. Dearing (General Member)

## **Principle Address:**

Brambles Childcare  
Colne Road  
Bluntisham  
Cambridgeshire  
PE28 3NY

## **Bankers:**

Lloyds TSB Bank Plc  
99 High Street  
Huntingdon  
Cambridgeshire  
PE29 5DU

## **Independent Examination:**

Mr C J Dyke of C J Dyke and Company  
The Old Police Station  
Priory Road  
St Ives  
Cambridgeshire  
PE27 5BB



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## Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 July 2023

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report along with the income and expenditure account and statement of assets and liabilities of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis as permitted by Part VI of the Charities Act 1993, in accordance with the charity's constitution and requirements of the statement of Recommended Practice 2005, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

### Objects and Policies:

Brambles Childcare is a registered charity, created in 2018 by the merger of two local children's charities, one a playgroup and the other an afterschool club. As a charity we are run by a Committee of volunteer trustees who make decisions about the way in which we operate and also support and assist the staff in our day to day running. We are also guided by legislation that has been set up since the introduction of the Children's Act 2004. We have regular Ofsted inspections to ensure that we meet the required National Standards which enables us to receive Nursery Education Funding. Brambles Childcare is based on the St Helen's school site, but is an independent organisation constituted as a Charity Incorporated Organisation under the constitution, adopting the Pre-school Learning Alliance CIO constitution 2017. The constitution defines the charity's objects as being:

"The Charity works for the public benefit having as its objects the development and education of children and young people in particular by:

1. Promoting their care and safety;
2. Promoting their education and promoting parental involvement;
3. Promoting their health and wellbeing;
4. Providing services to support them and their families and carers;
5. Providing services to individuals holding membership of the CIO; and
6. Furthering the aims of the Pre-School Learning Alliance."



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## **Review of activities and achievements**

The charity is based in Bluntisham, Cambridgeshire and is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance. The Annual payment and receipt summary can be found in APPENDIX 1.

The charity raises funds, in addition to those received from the Local Education Authority, from parents by way of fees, through a variety of fundraising initiatives co-ordinated by the fundraising team sun-committee.

During the year the charity received £187,339.87 from the Local Education Authority, parents of the children attending the setting and other local people and organisations. Payments of £190,933.26 were made during the year, resulting in a slight decrease in the cash fund of £3,593.39.

The day-to-day activities within the charity help the children to work towards the Early Learning Goals (Playgroup) and the afterschool care through a range of activities covering a selection of topics.

## **Reserves Policy**

Previous years committees highlighted the need for reserves to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and provide a buffer; a figure of £10,000 was quoted. This sum is required to give flexibility to cover temporary timing differences and provide adequate working capital for our core asset.

This financial buffer proved to be a vital lifeline and resource to the charity's survival during the harsh Covid-19 of recent years.

Reserves on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 amount to £10,098.95. This reserve sat at £2058.10 at the start of this year and the committee achieved their aim to restore the buffer limit during the course of the year.

## **Investment Policy**

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. Due to the relatively small value of our reserves, they are currently all held as cash.

## **Risk Management**

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces and believe that maintaining our reserves in excess of the levels stated above over a period of time, along with maintenance of careful controls over the administering of funds, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.



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The trustees have implemented a range of internal controls including maintaining an accountancy system, control of petty cash etc.

## **Trustees:**

The trustees in office during the year and at the date of this report are set out in page 1.

New trustees are nominated and elected by members and serve for a period of one year, with re-election being permissible for a maximum of six consecutive years.

Each trustee has taken responsibility for certain activities during the year.

## **Statement of trustee responsibilities:**

Charity Law requires the trustee to prepare receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities that are consistent in their presentations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the end of year statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets for the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Chairman

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Date



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## APPENDIX A.

### Receipts and payments account Year ended 31st July 2023

2022 AUG -  
2023 JULY

#### Receipts

£

#### Operating activities to further charity's objectives

FEES	80,573.95
LEA vouchers	101,106.90
FURLOUGH GRANT	

#### Operating activities to generate funds

Fundraising activities	5,616.30
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#### Investment income receipts

Interest on bank accounts	42.72
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#### Sub-total

Other receipts (not counting as gross income)	0.00
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>187,339.87</b>
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#### Payments

#### Payments for generating funds

Fundraising costs	(5,056.95)
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#### Charitable payments

##### i) Charitable activities

Wages	(147,546.37)
Misc	(9,464.40)
Rent/accommodation cost	(16,329.39)
Classroom materials/snacks	(5,255.93)
Cleaning	(804.29)
Insurance, registration and licence fees	(671.94)
Staff training costs	(680.40)
Utility bills	(2,960.79)
Uniform costs	(759.80)

##### ii) Support costs

Phone, postage & stationery	(1,403.00)
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>(190,933.26)</b>
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Net Receipts/(Payments)

(3,593.39)

**Brambles Childcare  
Balance sheet  
as of 31 July 2023**

**Cash funds**

Lloyds TSB Bank - Treasurer's a/c

19,741.90

Lloyds TSB Bank - SAVING Call a/c

10,098.95

Fundraising Bank a/c

8,032.01

**Total cash funds**

37,872.86

**31 July  
2023**

**Receipts and payments account**  
**Year ended 31st July 2023**

	2022-2023	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Donations, legacies and other similar receipts</b>		
Furlough and grants	0.00	
<b>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</b>		
FEES	80,573.95	
LEA vouchers	101,106.90	
<b>Operating activities to generate funds</b>		
Fundraising activities	5,616.30	
<b>Investment income receipts</b>		
Interest on bank accounts	42.72	
<b>Sub-total</b>		
Other receipts (not counting as gross income)	(0.00)	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>187,339.87</b>	
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
<b>Payments for generating funds</b>		
Fundraising costs	(5,056.95)	
<b>Charitable payments</b>		
<b>i) Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	(147,546.37)	
misc	(9,464.40)	
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Utility bills	(2,960.79)	
Uniform costs	(759.80)	
<b>ii) Support costs</b>		
Phone, postage & stationery	(1,403.00)	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>(190,933.26)</b>	
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>(3,593.39)</b>	

**Brambles Childcare**  
**Balance sheet**  
**as at 31 July 2023**

	31 July 2023	
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Lloyds TSB Bank - Treasurer's a/c	19,741.90	
Lloyds TSB Bank - Business Call a/c	10,098.95	
Fundraising Bank a/c	8,032.01	
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>37,872.86</b>	



**Brambles Childcare**      **Current account cash book**  
Year ending 31 July 2023      last date checked

ACCOUNT SORT

30-94-47      2482600

1/18/2023

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	Income	Expenditure	Profit/Loss
AUGUST	£18.26	£0.00	£18.26
SEPTEMBER	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
OCTOBER	£49.15	£0.00	£49.15
NOVEMEBR	£184.10	-£20.00	£164.10
DECEMBER	£545.41	£0.00	£545.41
JANUARY	£24.19	£0.00	£24.19
FEBUARY	£642.19	£0.00	£642.19
MARCH	£252.82	-£155.00	£97.82
APRIL	£1,486.79	-£285.00	£1,201.79
MAY	£1,545.43	-£344.29	£1,201.14
JUNE	£403.96	-£3,856.66	-£3,452.70
JULY	£464.00	-£396.00	£68.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,616.30</b>	<b>-£5,056.95</b>	<b>£559.35</b>

**Brambles Playgroup**

Year ending 31 July 2023

**Savings Account Balance**  
**Business account cash book****£10,098.95**

Date	Details	Bank balance	Receipt	Interest	Payment
	opening balance	£2,056.16			
09/08/22	INTEREST (GROSS)	£2,056.23		£0.07	
09/09/22	INTEREST (GROSS)	£2,056.32		£0.09	
10/10/22	INTEREST (GROSS)	£2,056.41		£0.09	
27/10/22	BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£10,056.41			£8,000.00
09/11/22	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,057.09		£0.68	
09/12/22	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,059.39		£2.30	
09/01/23	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,063.69		£4.30	
09/02/23	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,068.82		£5.13	
3/9/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,073.56		£4.74	
4/11/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,079.94		£6.38	
5/9/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,085.67		£5.73	
6/9/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,092.09		£6.42	
7/10/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)	£10,098.95		£6.86	
<b>last checked</b>	<b>7/31/2023 Savings account balance</b>	<b>£10,098.95</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£42.72</b>	<b>£8,000.00</b>

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**Brambles Playgroup**  
Year ending 31 July 2023

Date	Ref
16/08/22	1
20/10/22	2
21/10/22	3
25/10/22	4
09/11/22	5
11/11/22	6
15/11/22	7
17/11/22	8
21/11/22	9
21/11/22	10
21/11/22	11
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28/11/22	14
28/11/22	15
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30/11/22	17
01/12/22	18
01/12/22	19
06/12/22	20
06/12/22	21
12/12/22	22
12/12/22	23
16/12/23	24
16/12/22	25
31/01/23	26
08/02/23	27
2/27/2023	28
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3/14/2023	30
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7/24/2023	67
7/24/2023	68
7/24/2023	69
7/26/2023	70
7/31/2023	71



# Balance in Fundraising

			£8,032.01
Details			Bank balance
opening balance			£7,472.66
AMAZON EUROPE CORE 4543965956463975			£7,490.92
SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC PID198102-SUMUP ZLW5NPL645W8Q214JM 041401	10 20OCT22 18:15		£7,536.14
SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC PID198597-SUMUP 1DXO28JQJ6XGR2R5P7 041401	10 21OCT22 17:58		£7,539.09
SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC PID200057-SUMUP XZ1J23R379Y7YNP9R4 041401	10 25OCT22 18:54		£7,540.07
gambling licence			£7,520.07
HUTCHCRAFT JE HUTCHCRAFT -RAFFLE RP4659980846549200 207481	10 11NOV22 20:44		£7,525.07
AMAZON EUROPE CORE 9598855838936883			£7,549.17
SMITH KH + JW ADAS CHAIR RP4659981474261400 204363	10 17NOV22 14:58		£7,559.17
NEWBOLD S C RAFFLEMATILDA 414808918251121101 401912	10 21NOV22 15:28		£7,569.17
NEWBOLD S C ADAFROMMATILDA 235975256251121101 401912	10 21NOV22 15:26		£7,579.17
MATTHEWS S & W RAFFLE 12141030181364000N 011001	10 21NOV22 14:10		£7,589.17
MATTHEWS S & W ADA 24140820930702000N 011001	10 21NOV22 14:08		£7,614.17
WALDOCK A ADA MEMORIAL 49103037879707000N 601817	10 20NOV22 10:30		£7,624.17
O CHRISTESON ADA FUND 300000001041076358 309724	10 26NOV22 15:09		£7,634.17
O CHRISTESON CHRISTESON RAFFLE 100000001034484265 309724	10 26NOV22 15:07		£7,644.17
KD + LB BAKER FOR ADA RP4659982568663800 204895	10 26NOV22 09:28		£7,694.17
H AUBREY ADA			£7,704.17
KATIE RUSHTON RAFFLE			£7,714.17
KATIE RUSHTON ADA			£7,719.17
HAYLEY AUBREY SAM PHOTO			£7,727.17
W LEE HENDRIX PHOTOS			£7,735.17
COUCH ADA			£7,745.17
SUMUP			£7,779.58
BLUNTISHAM BEER FESTIVAL			£8,229.58
TRACEY DOWDING ADA			£8,249.58
AMAZON EUROPE CORE 4688885675835739			£8,273.77
SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC PID245589-SUMUP RD182Y8YPEGXE24Y60 041401	10 08FEB23 16:38		£8,282.21
PAYPAL PPWDL4ME22224ZN87U PPWD100000000TUMVX 235262	10 25FEB23 20:59		£8,915.96
MATTHEWS S & W RAFFLE 33214024658624000N 011001			£8,925.96
HAYLEY AUBREY MUMSDAY TEAPARTY 00156320632BBDYZJZ 090128			£8,929.96
129			£8,774.96
O CHRISTESON EASTER FAYRE 600000001102576518 309724			£8,779.96
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 26MAR23			£8,819.96
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600			£8,909.96
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600			£8,944.96
SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC PID267358-SUMUP Z5Q12KQOM58QR2RJ4X 041401	10 27MAR23 21:24		£9,013.78
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 02APR23			£9,157.78
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 02APR23			£9,049.78
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 02APR23			£9,013.78
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 02APR23			£9,154.78
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 02APR23			£9,043.78
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 02APR23			£9,023.78
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 02APR23			£9,013.78
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600			£10,198.78
AMAZON EUROPE CORE 4648676886753735			£10,211.57
HAYLEY AUBREY CORONATION SWEETS 00156320632BBDZVFD 090128	10 28APR23 15:23		£10,215.57
SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC PID284881-SUMUP JO98VXG8KYWQ32Y5LW 041401	10 02MAY23 22:08		£10,223.92
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600			£10,045.61
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 06MAY23			£10,153.61
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 06MAY23			£10,081.61
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 06MAY23			£10,045.61
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 06MAY23			£11,429.77

AMAZON EUROPE CORE 9458333836359988	£11,474.69
LUCY THATCHER 400000001141891479 BRAMBLES EXPENSES 070436 10 24MAY23 20:19	£11,416.71
RON DEW & SON LTD 400000001149981501 1382 601817 10 06JUN23 16:39	£10,921.71
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 10JUN23	£10,986.71
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 10JUN23	£11,293.71
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 10JUN23	£11,049.71
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600 10JUN23	£10,986.71
SUMUP PAYMENTS ACC PID308546-SUMUP 4Q8MN59077G06V95GL 041401 10 19JUN23 17:47	£11,018.67
FENLAND LEISURE PR 200000001150781574 ORDER 60450 309977 10 23JUN23 22:44	£7,964.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,108.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,018.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£7,964.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,169.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,119.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,109.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,097.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,207.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,212.01
BRAMBLES CHILDCARE 309447 02482600	£8,032.01
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	£8,032.01



£5,616.30	-£5,056.95	£160.00	
IN	OUT	ADA'S FUND	
£18.26			
£45.22			
£2.95			
£0.98			
	-£20.00		
£5.00			
£24.10			
£10.00		£10.00	
£10.00			
£10.00		£10.00	
£10.00			
£25.00		£25.00	
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£10.00			
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£8.00			
£8.00			
£10.00		£10.00	
£34.41			
£450.00			
£20.00		£20.00	
£24.19			
8.44			
633.75			
10			
4			
	-155	Easter Fayre floats	
5			
40			
90			
35			
68.82			
144			
	-108		
	-36		
141			
	-111		
	-20		
	-10		
1185		Easter Fayre	
12.79			
4			
8.35			
	-178.31	Ada's fund - to pay Tim Mould	
108			
	-72		
	-36		
1384.16		Sitting in current acct, owed to Fundraising	

44.92

-57.98

-495

65

307

-244

-63

31.96

-3054.66

144

-90

-54

205

-50

-10

-12

110

5

-180

Church Farm coach  
Coach fees into current acct

Father's Day (bacon rolls)  
Online Playground

£133 Church Farm money

Photos  
Bacon rolls  
Back to current account, paid too much on 09/05/23

£5,616.30

-£5,056.95

£160.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Brambles Childcare

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 July 2023

Charity no  
(if any) 1175924

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 31/07/2023.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date:

14 October 2024

Name:

Chris Dyke

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

FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

The Old Police Station  
Priory Road  
St Ives, Cambs, PE27 5BB

**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.