

# THE ARK BABY & TODDLER GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1178356

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-05-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND SOCIALISATION OF CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 3 YEARS LIVING IN EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THEIR PARENTS OR CARERS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, BY:-A) PROVIDING A REGULAR GROUP, OR GROUPS, WHERE THEY CAN MEET IN THE COMMUNITY AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERSB) ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL FAMILIES WITH APPROPRIATE AGED CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION OR MEANSC) PROVIDING ACTIVITIES FOR 0 TO 3 YEAR OLDS THAT STIMULATE, CHALLENGE AND DEVELOP THEM BOTH COGNITIVELY AND PHYSICALLYD) PROVIDING INFORMATION AND RAISING AWARENESS ON MATTERS RELATING TO HEALTH AND GENERAL WELL BEING OF 0 TO 3 YEAR OLDS BY THE PROVISION OF SUITABLE BOOKS, SIGNPOSTING OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND TRAINING.E) INTRODUCING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ITS VALUES IN AN AGE APPROPRIATE WAY THROUGH STORYTELLING, SONGS AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES.

**Activities:** We run a weekly Baby & Toddler Group in Aldreth open to any carers with 0-3 yr olds. The group offers a structured program, including physical, sensory or craft activity, Small World play, storytelling and music. The adults can relax while their children are busy, participate in play and craft that they may not do at home, share experiences with other carers, form new friendships and find support

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Cambridgeshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£7,584	£7,464	-	-
2024-07-31	£6,288	£6,486	-	-
2023-07-31	£7,117	£6,807	-	-
2022-07-31	£6,265	£7,831	-	-
2021-07-31	£6,570	£3,755	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
DAVE GREENE	Chair	2017-12-06
Diane Gay Edwards		2026-04-27
LINDSAY JAYNE FROST		2017-12-06
SUE GREENE		2017-12-06
Victoria Leeks		2022-06-09

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	August	2024		31	July	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

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The Ark Baby & Toddler Group

**Other names charity is known by**

The Ark

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1178356

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Aldreth Village Centre  
 High Street  
 Aldreth  
**Postcode** CB6 3PQ

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	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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The trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning events and activities for the year.

The Ark runs two groups each week in term time; on Mondays we have a group for Under Ones only and on Wednesdays we have a group for under 4s.

This year we trialed a Friday morning group once a month.

The main aim of these groups is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where the children can explore and discover new life skills, physical skills or educational skills in a fun and safe manner and their carers can relax, share concerns and experiences with each other or voice questions and be directed to agencies that will offer them further support.

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Numbers wanting to attend the Wednesday group have remained high and so places have been allocated by a booking system to manage the spaces for the 28 families that we can safely accommodate in our building.

The Monday group for Under Ones is a quieter session with opportunities to relax, chat and share experiences with other parents while their children explore various sensory and active play opportunities.

The trial group on Friday, 'Clare's Ark on Fridays', runs similar to the Wednesday group but just for 1 ½ hours. It is run by two of our Team helpers.

At all our groups, parents/carers are encouraged to interact with their children in all the different activities and can therefore share activities that they may not wish to do or be able to do at home. This is an important part of building child – parent relationships.

As a Christian group we build some of the sessions around Biblical themes introducing values such as 'Caring for others', 'Forgiveness' and Sharing.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

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We have also had many donations of toys, clothes & equipment that we have been able to distribute to families during this year; thank you to all of you for your support.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**Highlights and Developments of 2024**

- At the end of July, our last session before the summer holidays, was a party, held this year at Wilburton Recreation ground.
- At the end of term we presented/delivered books to our regular children who were starting school in the Autumn term.
- We continued with the Under Ones group through the summer holidays meeting most weeks, as we feel this group needed the continued support and we ran two Wednesday sessions which allowed older siblings to attend as well.
- In September Margaret organised a 'World's Greatest Coffee Morning', raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.
- In December we had our Nativity Session and Christmas Party.
- At Christmas we gave out books to the older children and maracas to the under ones.
- Our themes for the Autumn Term were Favourite Stories, Autumn, National Nursery Rhyme Week and Christmas.

**Highlights and developments of 2025**

- To celebrate Valentines Day, we gave mums chocolate hearts and to celebrate Mother's Day, we gave them daffodils.
- At Easter we did an Easter Egg Hunt and gave the children Easter Eggs donated by a local company, DS Smith plc. and also a book on the Easter Story.
- For Father's Day we gave the dads a bottle of beer.
- On May 14th we had our annual outing to Church Farm at Stow Bardolph where we took 88 individuals and a good time was had by all.
- Our themes for the Spring Term were; Winter Fen, Birdwatch, Spring Time, and Easter and for the Summer Term; Shapes, pets and Riverbank.

**Community Involvement**

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We strongly encourage recycling baby & children's clothes, equipment and toys, with a 'free' table during sessions. Anything we can't re-home we pass onto the local Baby Bank and we support them by encouraging parents to use them.

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## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our Reserves Policy requires us to hold sufficient cash reserves in the current account to ensure that our core activities could continue during any period of unforeseen difficulty or period of lower income and that we would be able to meet any unexpected costs that may arise. To this end we aim to keep one month's typical expenditure available.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our current bank account balance is £2570 all of which is unrestricted funds.

Our principal source of funding is from the small attendance charge we make for the group and donations from supporters. All of the money raised goes towards running costs, new equipment and engaging with our families. We have no paid staff.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### Future Plans

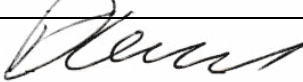

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## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Greene	Lindsay Frost
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	23/04/2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>The Ark Baby and Toddler Group</b>	No (if any) <b>1178356</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2024	To	Period end date 31/07/2025
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### 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>					
Admission fees	4,432	-	-	4,432	4,356
Donations	1,950	-	-	1,950	1,050
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	30
Gift Aid	313	-	-	313	371
Other Incomes	387	-	-	387	8
Outing	502	-	-	502	473
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>6,288</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>6,288</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment & Craft Materials	1,189	-	-	1,189	1,959
Outings	758	-	-	758	698
Hire of hall	2,556	-	-	2,556	1,908
Insurance & PAT	96	-	-	96	138
Snack/Refreshments	1,464	-	-	1,464	886
Miscellaneous expenses	328	-	-	328	60
Stationery & Printing	157	-	-	157	-
Workwear	62	-	-	62	128
Sundry Expenses/Gifts	854	-	-	854	709
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,464</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,464</b>	<b>6,486</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,464</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,464</b>	<b>6,486</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>- 198</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,648</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>2,450</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	2,570	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	PayPal Account - Restricted Fund	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

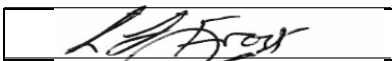

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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lindsay Frost	23/04/2026
	David Greene	23/04/2026

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****Highlights and Developments of 2023**

- At the beginning of July 23, we hosted an area at the Haddenham Beer Festival where we had a play area for the under 5s as well as fundraising activities.
- At the end of July, our last session before the summer holidays was a party outside but due to bad weather it had to be diverted back to the hall! This year we will be holding it at Wilburton Recreation Ground as sadly, Pocket Park in Haddenham is no longer available.
- At the end of term, we presented/delivered books to our regular children who were starting school in the Autumn Term.
- We continued through the summer holidays with the Under Ones group meeting most weeks as we felt this group needed the continued support and we held two Wednesday sessions which allowed older siblings to attend as well.
- Our themes for the Autumn Term were Harvest, Autumn, Colours, Snowmen, Birds, Nursery Rhymes and Christmas.
- In December we had our Nativity Play and finished the term with a Christmas Party.
- At Christmas time we gave out books to the older children & mini maracas to the under ones.

**Highlights and Developments of 2024**

- Some of our themes for Spring & Summer Terms were Springtime, Flowers, Rainbows, Butterflies, Farming and At the Seaside.
- To celebrate Valentines Day, we gave the mums chocolate hearts.
- In March we celebrated Mother's Day by giving all the mums daffodils and a card.
- At Easter time we did an Easter Egg hunt with the children and gave them all an Easter Story Book.
- For Father's Day we gave all the dads a bottle of beer.
- On May 15th we had a Pyjama Day and raised £50 for the Addenbrookes Charitable Trust
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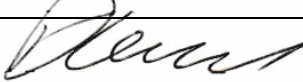

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## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Greene	Lindsay Frost
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date		



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>The Ark Baby and Toddler Group</b>	No (if any) <b>1178356</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2023	To	Period end date 31/07/2024
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### 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>					
Admission fees	4,356	-	-	4,356	4,072
Donations	1,050	-	-	1,050	1,592
Fundraising	30	-	-	30	207
Gift Aid	371	-	-	371	217
Other Incomes	8	-	-	8	568
Outing	473	-	-	473	461
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>6,288</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,288</b>	<b>7,117</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,288</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,288</b>	<b>7,117</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment & Craft Materials	1,959	-	-	1,959	1,810
Fundraising for other Charities	60	-	-	60	467
Hire of hall	1,908	-	-	1,908	2,012
Insurance & PAT	138	-	-	138	205
Outings & Snack	1,584	-	-	1,584	1,725
Miscellaneous expenses	709	-	-	709	493
Stationery & Printing	-	-	-	-	95
Workwear	128	-	-	128	-
Governance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,486</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,486</b>	<b>6,807</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>6,486</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,486</b>	<b>6,807</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 198</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 198</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>2,226</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,648</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	2,450	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	PayPal Account - Restricted Fund	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Lindsay Frost		
		David Greene		

**THE ARK BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1178356

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	August	2022		31	July	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

The Ark Baby & Toddler Group

**Other names charity is known by**

The Ark

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1178356

**Charity's principal address**

Aldreth Village Centre  
 High Street  
 Aldreth  
**Postcode** CB6 3PQ

### 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	David Greene	Chair		
2	Susan Greene	Group Leader		
3	Lindsay Frost	Treasurer		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 06/12/2017
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### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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- providing activities for 0 to 3 year olds that stimulate, challenge and develop them both cognitively and physically
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- introducing the Christian Faith and its values in an age appropriate way through storytelling, songs and craft activities.

The trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning events and activities for the year.

The Ark now run two groups each week in term time; on Mondays we have a group for Under Ones only and we are continuing with our Wednesday group for under 4s.

We run a bi-monthly Saturday group for dads, called Who Let The Dads Out, which is run like the Wednesday groups but with 'Bacon Butties' and a 'Dads' Challenge' for the dads.

The main aim of these groups is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where the children can explore and discover new life skills, physical skills or educational skills in a fun and safe manner and their carers can relax, share concerns and experiences with each other or voice questions and be directed to agencies that will offer them further support.

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As a Christian group we build some of the sessions around Biblical themes introducing values such as 'Caring for others', 'Forgiveness' and Sharing.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

This work is only possible because of the huge commitment of our Member Volunteers and Trustees. We are extremely grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent setting up, moving boxes of toys, serving food and drink, sweeping floors and being available to chat, support and encourage all our families, not to mention the many hours of work that go into preparation and planning each term. None of this would be possible without them.

We are very grateful, too, for the massive ongoing support we have received in running this group. We have continued to receive donations of money from supporters, both regular and one-off, for which we are very grateful.

We have also had many donations of toys, clothes & equipment that we have been able to distribute to families during this year; thank you to all of you for your support.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****Highlights and Developments of 2022**

- At the end of July, our last session before the summer holidays was a party held outside with lots of activities.
- We presented or delivered 30 books to our children who were starting school in Sept 22.
- We continued through the summer holidays with the under 1s group meeting most weeks as we felt this group needed the continued support and we held two Wednesday sessions which allowed older siblings to attend as well.
- In the last year we have held a Macmillan coffee Morning, where we raised £200 with a cake stall, bring and buy and donations.
- Our themes for the Autumn Term were Harvest, Autumn, Nursery Rhymes and Christmas. In December we had our Nativity Play and finished with a Christmas Party at the end of term.
- At Christmas Time we gave out books to the children & mini maracas to the under 1s.

**Highlights and Developments of 2023**

- At the start of term one of our long-standing volunteers and a Trustee, Maureen Haigh, stood down. We very much appreciate all the years of hard work she has dedicated to the group and she is missed. We were delighted to be able to recruit, as Trustee and Helper on Wednesdays, Victoria Leeks.
- Our themes for Spring & Summer Terms were; Winter, Spring Time, Music, Families, Coronation, Favourite Books & Riverbank.
- To celebrate Valentines Day we gave the mums chocolate hearts then in March we celebrated Mother's Day by giving all the mums daffodils and a card and at Easter time we did an Easter Egg hunt with the children and gave them all an Easter Story Book.
- During the coronation week we sent the children home with a Union Jack Flag to wave on the day and for Father's Day we gave all the dads a bottle of beer.
- In June we had a Pyjama Day and raised £100 for the Addenbrookes Charitable Trust.
- In May we had our Annual Outing to Church Farm at Stow Bardolph, where we took 83 individuals for a wonderful day of animals and activities.

**Community Involvement**

As well as the fund raising for other charities, mentioned above, we supported the local Beer Festival by providing a free play area for under 5s.

We strongly encourage recycling baby & children's clothes, equipment and toys, with a 'free' table during sessions. Anything we can't re-home we pass onto the local Baby Bank and we support them by encouraging parents to use them.

There is plenty going on in our area for this age group and so we always encourage families to try different groups, especially at the Under 1s.

We are building a strong community in the groups where friendships are made and nurtured and children feel relaxed and secure.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our Reserves Policy requires us to hold sufficient cash reserves in the current account to ensure that our core activities could continue during any period of unforeseen difficulty or period of lower income and that we would be able to meet any unexpected costs that may arise. To this end we aim to keep one month's typical expenditure available.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our current bank account balance is £2648 all of which is unrestricted funds.

Our principal source of funding is from the small attendance charge we make for the group and donations from supporters. All of the money raised goes towards running costs, new equipment and engaging with our families. We have no paid staff.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### Future Plans

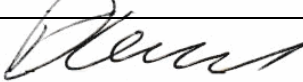

We hope in the coming year to be able to develop what we offer families at both the Wednesday Group and the Under Ones sessions.

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Greene	Lindsay Frost
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	25/04/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>The Ark Baby and Toddler Group</b>	No (if any) <b>1178356</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2022	To	Period end date 31/07/2023
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### 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>					
Admission fees	4,072	-	-	4,072	3,135
Donations	1,592	-	-	1,592	1,344
Fundraising	207	-	-	207	341
Gift Aid	217	-	-	217	298
Other Incomes	568	-	-	568	1,147
Outing	461	-	-	461	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>6,265</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>6,265</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment & Craft Materials	1,810	-	-	1,810	2,472
Fundraising for other Charities	467	-	-	467	1,236
Hire of hall	2,012	-	-	2,012	1,970
Insurance & PAT	205	-	-	205	218
Outings & Snack	1,725	-	-	1,725	1,298
Miscellaneous expenses	493	-	-	493	576
Stationery & Printing	95	-	-	95	61
Debt Clearance	-	-	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,807</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,807</b>	<b>7,831</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>6,807</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,807</b>	<b>7,831</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>- 1,566</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>- 112</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>3,709</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>2,226</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	2,648	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	PayPal Account - Restricted Fund	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lindsay Frost	25/04/2024
	David Greene	25/04/2024

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
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5	Margaret Duffield	Craft Co-ordinator		
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Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****Highlights and Developments of 2021**

- We presented 26 Moving On books to the children who were leaving us and moving up.
- We continued through the summer holidays with the Under Ones group meeting each week, as we felt this group needed the continued support and we held two Wednesday sessions to which we allowed older siblings to attend as well.
- We started our regular meetings again in September 2021 but with a limit of 25 families per session (later increased to 28) and a booking system but we re-introduced a seated snack time for the children.
- In September we re-started the Who Let the Dads Out groups bi-monthly on a Saturday.
- On the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. we joined in with the MacMillan Cancer Support's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'. With a cake stall, Bring and Buy stall and donations, we raised £165 for MacMillan
- We have been able to purchase a new shed for the storage of the large outside toys and equipment.
- At Christmas we gave out story books to the older children and mini maracas to the under ones at our Nativity Play session.

**Highlights and Developments of 2022**

- To celebrate Valentine's Day, we gave the mums chocolate hearts and the children sweets.
- In March we celebrated Mother's Day and gave the mothers all a bunch of daffodils.
- At Easter the children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt and we gave all the families a book on the Easter story.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup> we had a Pyjama Day to raise funds for the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust to build a new children's hospital. We raised £85.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup> we had our outing to Church Farm and 101 of us enjoyed a great day out together. It was so lovely to be able to do this again after three years of being prevented by COVID restrictions!
- We introduced some craft activities for the parents at the Under Ones, such as making hand print cards, sensory bottles and ribbon rings.

**Community Involvement**

As well as the fund raising already mentioned for other charities, our families gathered donations of items to send off to help refugees from the Ukraine war. We were also able to raise money for the purchase of a new bunk bed to help a local Ukrainian family taking in their relatives escaping from the conflict. In December Waitrose gave us £250 under their Give a Little Love scheme and we used it to make five gifts of £50 to families in need of a little extra help.

We do try to support our families in various ways as and when needed and we have been able to meet some families with particular needs through our affiliation to a Christian charity Acts 435. We are building a strong community in the group, where friendships are made and nurtured and children feel relaxed and secure.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our Reserves Policy requires us to hold sufficient cash reserves in the current account to ensure that our core activities could continue during any period of unforeseen difficulty or period of lower income and that we would be able to meet any unexpected costs that may arise. To this end we aim to keep one month's typical expenditure available.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

We have cleared the interest free loan for the General Fund and have not needed any further loans.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our current bank account balance is £2309, of which £112 is reserved for offsetting the cost of running the Who Lets the Dads Out? group. All of the remainder is unrestricted funds.

Our principal source of funding is from the small attendance charge we make for the group and donations from supporters. All of the money raised goes towards running costs, new equipment and engaging with our families. We have no paid staff.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### Future Plans

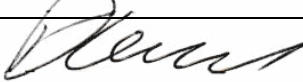

We hope in the coming year to be able to develop what we offer families at both the Wednesday Group and the Under Ones sessions.

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Greene	Lindsay Frost
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	04/05/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>The Ark Baby and Toddler Group</b>	No (if any) <b>1178356</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2021	To	Period end date 31/07/2022
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### 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>					
Admission fees	3,135	-	-	3,135	1,502
Donations	1,344	-	-	1,344	3,964
Fundraising	341	-	-	341	59
Gift Aid	298	-	-	298	656
Other Incomes	1,147	-	-	1,147	389
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>6,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,265</b>	<b>6,570</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,265</b>	<b>6,570</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment & Craft Materials	2,472	-	-	2,472	1,290
Fundraising for other Charities	1,236	-	-	1,236	389
Hire of hall	1,970	-	-	1,970	885
Insurance & PAT	218	-	-	218	90
Outings & Snack	1,298	-	-	1,298	444
Miscellaneous expenses	576	-	-	576	608
Stationery & Printing	61	-	-	61	49
Debt Clearance	-	-	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>3,755</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>3,755</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,566</b>	<b>2,815</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>- 83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>847</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>3,705</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	2,197	-	-
	Cash	25	-	-
	PayPal Account - Restricted Fund		112	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

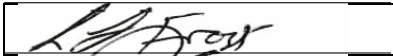

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lindsay Frost	04/05/2023
	David Greene	04/05/2023

**THE ARK BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1178356

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	August	2020		31	July	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

The Ark Baby & Toddler Group

**Other names charity is known by**

The Ark

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1178356

**Charity's principal address**

Aldreth Village Centre  
 High Street  
 Aldreth  
**Postcode** CB6 3PQ

### 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	David Greene	Chair		
2	Susan Greene	Group Leader		
3	Maureen Haigh	Treasurer		
4	Lindsay Frost	Secretary		
5	Margaret Duffield	Craft Co-ordinator		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 06/12/2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed for a period of three years at the Annual General Meeting held in April by the existing trustees.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustees are appointed for a term of three years. The initial appointments have been given staggered terms so that not all trustees come up for re-election in the same year.</li> <li>• There is a child protection policy in place. All Trustees &amp; other volunteers helping run the group(s) have been DBS checked and are given copies of current policies.</li> <li>• At induction all volunteers are given a safety briefing and description of their role and are required to sign that they have understood it and will comply with the charities safety policy.</li> <li>• All trustees and volunteer helpers give their time voluntary and receive no remuneration or other benefits.</li> </ul>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to promote development, education and socialisation of children aged 0 to 3 and to provide support to their parents or carers by:

- providing a regular group, or groups, where they can meet in the community and build relationships with others
- ensuring that such groups offer equal opportunities to all families with appropriate aged children, regardless of race, culture, religion or means

- providing activities for 0 to 3 year olds that stimulate, challenge and develop them both cognitively and physically
- providing information and raising awareness on matters relating to health and general wellbeing of 0 to 3 year olds by the provision of suitable books, signposting other organisations and training.
- introducing the Christian Faith and its values in an age appropriate way through storytelling, songs and craft activities.

The trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning events and activities for the year.

For the first part of the year COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were in force and we were unable to run our normal Wednesday Group. We were particularly concerned during the continuing restrictions for new parents. The pandemic restrictions in November allowed for small support groups to be run and we therefore decided that we would run an Under Ones support group for these families. Our current venue at Aldreth was still closed but we were able to rent a room in an alternative hall in Haddenham. We held two 1 hour groups of 7 families at each on a Wednesday morning, which were very much appreciated by the new parents who came.

In April 2021 our old venue became available and with a lessening of the pandemic restrictions, we were able to re-commence our Wednesday Groups. We also moved the Under Ones Group to Aldreth on a Monday, as we felt it was still needed. Due to changes in the restrictions, we could now run one group of 15 families for an hour and a half.

For the time being we did not run the dad's group and our focus remained on running the Wednesday & Monday groups in a safe and welcoming manner within the COVID-19 restrictions.

The main aim of these groups is to provide a safe and welcoming environment to under three year olds and their carers where the children can explore and discover new life skills, physical skills or educational skills in a fun and safe manner and their carers can relax, share concerns and experience with each other or voice questions and be directed to agencies that will offer them further support.

The Monday group for Under Ones offers a chance for new parents to meet and exchange worries, ideas and find support, encouragement and friendship. We have introduced some sensory play activities in recent months.

The Wednesday sessions are constructed around individual themes each week but always include sensory activities for the children to explore, small world play to develop fine motor skills, role play for children to explore the world around them, art and craft activities to stimulate and develop spacial awareness, larger toys to encourage physical development and action songs as a group activity.

Parents/Carers are encouraged to interact with their children in all the different activities and can therefore share activities that they may not wish to do or be able to do, at home. This is an important part of building child – parent relationships.

As a Christian group we build some of the sessions around Biblical themes introducing values such as 'Caring for others', 'Forgiveness' and Sharing.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

This work is only possible because of the huge commitment of our member volunteers and Trustees. We are extremely grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent setting up, moving boxes of toys, serving food and drink, sweeping floors and being available to chat, support and encourage all our families, not to mention the many hours of work that go into preparation and planning each term. None of this would be possible without them.

We are very grateful, too, for the massive ongoing support we have received in running this group. We have continued to receive donations of money from supporters even through the COVID-19 crisis, for which we are very grateful.

We have also had many donations of toys, clothes & equipment that we have been able to distribute to families in need during this time; thank you to all of you for your support.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****Highlights and Developments of 2020**

- While we could not meet in person, we continued to make weekly sing-a-long videos and had compiled 47 by the time we finished.
- The weekly loan of toys continued to some families who had difficult circumstances during the pandemic
- We made 18 Storyboxes containing stories and related activities to pass between our families to use at home.
- In August we delivered 24 Starting School Packs to our ex-group children.
- Also, in August we delivered 20 Carers Packs of goodies to people from our group working in the care sector. These were provided by Kingsgate Church in Cambridge.

**Under Ones Group**

In October we realised we could run an under one's support group within the current regulations, if we could find a venue open. This started in November with two sessions for 7 families at each. In April we moved this group back to Aldreth and as the restrictions had been eased, we were now able to have one group with a maximum of 15 families.

**Highlights and Developments of 2021**

- At Christmas we put together Christmas Craft Bags with a book and delivered around the area to about 70 children.
- At Easter we put together Easter Craft Bags with a book and delivered around the area to 78 children from our families.
- We purchased a new trampoline and wooden climbing equipment.
- In June we celebrated Fathers Day, with the children making cards to give to their dads and gave out 40 cans of cider as gifts for the dads.

**Starting up again**

On April 14th 2021, we started back with a Toddler Group on Wednesdays. We started with two sessions, 9.15-10.30am & 11.00-12.15pm, as the restrictions limited us to 15 families at a time. This required us to have two different sets of toys and equipment for each session and so the 30 minutes between sessions saw us putting things away, cleaning and setting back up again. As places were limited, we put a booking system in place.

By May 19th, as lockdown eased, the restrictions on numbers were relaxed a little and we were able to join both groups together again. We decided that a limit of 25 families at a session would be appropriate to the size of the building.

**Community Involvement**

During the year our families & supporters have donated many items to provide for people and families in the wider community and we had a fund raising Pyjama Day for a local children's charity.

This season has been so hard for families with children who are under school age, especially when you have had a baby in isolation. We support our families in various ways as and when needed and we are building a strong community in the group, where friendships are made and nurtured and children feel relaxed and secure.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees are in the process of formulating our reserve policy and expect it to be in place by the end of 2021.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

We have cleared the interest free loan for the General Fund and have not needed any further loans.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our current bank account balance is £3900, of which £195 is reserved for offsetting the cost of running the Who Lets the Dads Out? group. All of the remainder is unrestricted funds.

Our principal source of funding is from the small attendance charge we make for the group and donations from supporters. All of the money raised goes towards running costs, new equipment and engaging with our families. We have no paid staff.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### Future Plans



We hope in the coming year to be able to develop what we offer families at both the Wednesday Group and the Who Let The Dads Out? sessions. We are currently exploring running a Paediatric First Aid course for parents and looking at other ways to support parenting, particularly new parents.

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Greene	Sue Greene
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Group Leader
Date	19/04/2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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Charity Name <b>The Ark Baby and Toddler Group</b>	No (if any) <b>1178356</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2020	To	Period end date 31/07/2021
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### 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>					
Admission fees	1,502	-	-	1,502	1,567
Donations	3,964	-	-	3,964	1,846
Fundraising	59	-	-	59	217
Gift Aid	656	-	-	656	-
Other Incomes	389	-	-	389	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>6,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,570</b>	<b>3,630</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,570</b>	<b>3,630</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment & Craft Materials	1,290	-	-	1,290	825
Fundraising for other Charities	389	-	-	389	-
Hire of hall	885	-	-	885	820
Insurance & PAT	90	-	-	90	90
Outings & Snack	444	-	-	444	384
Miscellaneous expenses	608	-	-	608	265
Stationery & Printing	49	-	-	49	-
Debt Clearance	-	-	-	-	528
Governance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>2,912</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>2,912</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>718</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>847</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	3,680	-	-
	Cash	25	-	-
	PayPal Account - Restricted Fund		195	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

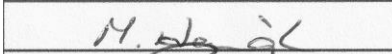

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Maureen Haigh	19/04/2022
	David Greene	19/04/2022