

NURSERY RHYMES PLAYGROUP

Registered Charity 1180347

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED: 31 AUGUST 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

STATUS

The organisation (previously an unregistered playgroup) was formed and granted charitable status on 17th October 2018 (charity number 1180347).

The charity is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 5th September 2018.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

TRUSTEES

The board members serving during the period and since the year end were as follows:

T Williams - Chair
VA Morgan – Treasurer
KA Lewton – Secretary (resigned 25.10.24)
R Durham (resigned 11.01.24)
C Wilton (appointed 11.01.24)
DG Richards
MA Bounds
LC Arnold

Day to day Management

Leanne Jenkins - Manager
Melanie Powney - Manager

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Treharris Community Centre
Perrott Street
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Mid Glamorgan
CF46 5ER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

R I Knoyle ACA FCCA
Baker Knoyle Accountancy Limited
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BANKERS

HSBC
50 Perrott Street
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024. Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

Purposes and aims

The Charity's objects are specifically to provide high quality affordable childcare that enhances the development, care and education of pre school children in a safe and stimulating environment, where they can learn through play in partnership with parent/carers.

The charity aims to offer a child centred environment to meet the social, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional needs of each child and to encourage parents/carers to understand and provide for the needs of their children.

The charity is fully committed to the active promotion of equality and inclusion and put children's rights at the centre of everything we do.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware that the Charity has a responsibility under the Charities Act to demonstrate that it has charitable aims that meet the public benefit requirement and are therefore charitable. The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and comply with S17 Charities Act 2011 when considering, planning and implementing the activities of the charity. As Trustees, we believe that the aims of our organisation are charitable and for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity is CIW (Care Inspectorate Wales) registered, and the latest inspection report can be seen on CIW website.

The setting is registered to provide the Welsh Government's Flying Start initiative and the Childcare Offer For Wales.

The Welsh Governments new curriculum for funded non-maintained nursery settings continues to be implemented this year.

The group took part in a pilot transition transformation programme and staff were asked to collaborate with the local nursery school and train other settings within their area cluster.

Phase three of the Healthy Sustainable Preschool scheme was achieved this year.

Achievements include:

High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan Award
Award for Recognition of contribution to children with additional needs
Award for Commitment to working with the local community.
Gold Award for Design-a-Smile initiative
Phase one, two and three of the Healthy Sustainable Preschool Scheme
Green award for the Amber/Green Inclusion Scheme
Commitment to Continuous Professional Development of Staff

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has had a difficult year with funding reducing from £150,704 in 2023 to £133,179 in 2024. Expenditure however has only fallen by £2,673 to £146,044 in 2024. The main source of funding being Fees received. The charity also received £4,177 from fundraising and donations. It is the aim of the charity to continually source additional funding. As a result of the difficult year, a cash deficit of £12,865 was made in the year. It is the aim of the charity through careful business management and budgeting by the trustees throughout the forthcoming year, to continue to be able to maintain, and in the future, to build up again, reserves of the organisation.

Reserves Policy

Upon reviewing the reserves policy, the trustees decided to maintain a financial reserve, approximately equivalent to the normal, predictable outgoings in three months. In 2024 that is approximately £36,510. The charity currently has free reserves slightly below this, being £35,885. The reserves policy does also however, have a caveat, that if a pressing financial need arises within the charity, and the charity has the ability to meet this out of the reserve, then this should be done, in accordance with the aims and objectives of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Nursery Rhymes Playgroup is an incorporated charity with the registered charity number 1180347. The charity is governed by their constitution and registered in England & Wales.

Organisation

The method of appointment of trustees is set out in the constitution dated 17th July 2018. There are currently seven trustees involved in the organisation. See page 1 for details.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees


New Trustees must be interviewed by the current Board of Trustees, and if appointed are informed of their legal obligations under charity law, the decision-making process and business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. The charity aims to recruit people who can offer a range of skills for example personnel, training, finance etc.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We are continually investigating potential new sources of income. We are also continually trying to identify any new services, consistent with the primary purpose of the charity that may be of benefit to the public in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil area.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in January 2015).

Signed on behalf of the board:


T Williams - Trustee

Dated:10/3/25.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NURSERY RHYMES PLAYGROUP

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nursery Rhymes Playgroup

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nursery Rhymes Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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Date:

10/03/25

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Receipts				
Fees received	126,422	-	126,422	145,671
Bank interest received	521	-	521	258
Other	-	-	-	-
HMRC SSP Grant	-	-	-	-
HMRC JRS Grant	-	-	-	-
Cymryd Rhan Grant	-	150	150	-
MTCBC Cover for Training Grant	-	1,204	1,204	-
MTCBC Covid Capital Small Grant Scheme	-	-	-	-
MTCBC Child Development Grant	-	400	400	2,112
MTCBC Fos y Fran Small Grant	-	305	305	300
VAMT Wellbeing Grant	-	-	-	-
MTCBC Children Services	-	-	-	-
MTCBC Early Years ALN	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	4,177	-	4,177	2,344
Donations	-	-	-	19
Total Receipts	131,120	2,059	133,179	150,704
Payments				
Wages	127,030	1,204	128,234	128,185
Food & Resources	3,437	550	3,987	2,670
Equipment	262	305	567	992
Rent	8,056	-	8,056	11,752
Administration & Other costs	5,200	-	5,200	5,118
Total Payments	143,985	2,059	146,044	148,717
Net of Receipts	(12,865)	-	(12,865)	1,987
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	48,750	-	48,750	46,763
Cash funds this period end	35,885	-	35,885	48,750

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31st August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank	34,938	-	34,938	48,616
Cash in hand	947	-	947	134
Total Cash Funds	35,885	-	35,885	48,750
Other monetary assets				
Other debtors	2,552	-	2,552	630
Total monetary assets	2,552	-	2,552	630
Liabilities				
Accruals	936	-	936	936
Other creditors	7,150	-	7,150	3,684
	8,086	-	8,086	4,620

T. C. Williams

T Williams - Trustee & Chair

Dated: *10/3/25*