

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

01 09 2022

Period end date

31 08 2023

Charity name: Deganwy Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1182908

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Our objects are to enhance the development and education of pre-school children in Wales, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for their needs through high quality pre-school provision and childcare.
	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We provide childcare for children between 2½ and full-time school age, including wrap-around for children in nursery class at Ysgol Deganwy. We provide limited provision for children between 2 and 2½, primarily to support the Flying Start scheme. Our sessions run 08:45-14:45 on weekdays during term time.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts	Para 1.18	Our services are available to all families in the community (subject to capacity) and offer high-quality childcare at as low a price as possible. We satisfy both the 'public' and 'benefit' aspects of this requirement.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not offer grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We further our purpose through our services, not through social investment. Our reserves are held in a basic bank account.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are not reliant on contributions from volunteers. The chair of our trustees is not included in staff ratios.

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

SOP reference	Para 1.20	<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole:</p> <p>We adopted a new fees policy that allows us to offer, in a fair and consistent way, a discount to families who are struggling financially. We used the policy to help two families during the period:</p> <p>We secured the services of an HR consultancy. Avenure, to help us bring our contracts and employment policies up to date.</p> <p>We continued with our core activity of providing high-quality childcare, and we experienced high demand for places.</p>
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Additional information (optional)
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>1. Improve outdoor area and introduce free-flow. Develop use of Welsh in the setting. There has been clear progress this year, with staff putting considerable time and energy into Welsh training sessions, new Welsh songs being introduced to amser cyrch. We made a number of improvements to our outdoor equipment and free-flow is working well, with almost all children spending some of their session outdoors, and the return of a Welsh-fluent member of staff.</p> <p>2. Develop children's and staff's confidence with Welsh. Increase family involvement. We continue to use Welsh as a key part of our routine, and have introduced more Welsh-speaking member of staff. Our manager now provides digital reports to families on their child's progress, allowing more frequent and convenient updates. Transition to the new Curriculum for Wales. Develop outdoor growing area.</p> <p>3. Our growing area has provided some</p>
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Other			
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Our reserves are held in a basic bank account. Given the relatively small amount, actively investing them would be disproportionate.	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The vast majority of our income is from fees and government funding. We do not have fundraising objectives.	
		<p>great activities for the children, and is full of flowers! Staff have been trained and we have purchased new play equipment to fit with the new curriculum.</p> <p>4. Offer differentiated play and learning opportunities for younger and older children. Continue transition to new curriculum for Wales. Our manager has continued to be ahead of the curve on this, as acknowledged by our Local Authority contact. We have separated register and circle time into two age groups. We have received training on strategies to engage the youngest children.</p> <p>5. Improve childcare offering. Following a break over the COVID period, we have now reintroduced outings for the children such as a trip to shop in Coope and a short ride on the bus to the park. Strengthen resilience. We have made good progress in reducing key person risk through job shadowing and documentation of processes.</p> <p>6.</p>	

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We began the year with cash of £55k-74k and ended it with £64k-85k. This was supported by a combination of good take up, high levels of funding through the Childcare Offer for Wales, and unexpected funding from local government.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>We aim to hold a reserve of between 3 and 6 months of operating costs, in order that we can keep operating even if we lose our main sources of income. Abruptly stopping our services would be difficult for families and very disruptive to the children in our care.</p> <p>We began the year within this target range and ended the year slightly above it. Trustees decided to set aside some of the surplus reserves to cover the cost of Avensure.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>At the end of the year, we held £85.6k in cash, which is roughly equivalent to reserves since we have no material liabilities.</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>None. We are in a strong and stable financial position.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? <small>(must be a royal charter)</small>	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election either by members (broadly our families) or by existing trustees.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Deganwy Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1182908
Charity's principal address	DPLA Building Ysgol Deganwy Park Drive Deganwy Conwy LL31 9YB

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Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Lisa Morgan, Manager and Registered Person

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Jack Smith</i>	<i>H Smith</i>
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Full name(s)	Jack Smith-Keegin	Hannah Smith
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
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Date	25/6/24
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Deganwy Playgroup

Accounts

For the Year Ending 31st Aug 2023

Registered Charity Number: 1182908

Prepared by: Jackson Accountants Ltd, 6 Everard Road, Rhos on Sea, Conwy. LL28 4EY

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Accountants Report on the unaudited Accounts for Deganwy Playgroup

We report on the Accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023

Basis of Opinion

Our work has been carried out in accordance with Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993. It is our responsibility under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act to state as to whether any particular matters have come to our attention. Our procedure consisted of comprising the financial statements from the accounting records supplied and kept by the Playgroup and making limited enquiries of the Officers of the Playgroup as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report.

Accountants Report

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
- (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Detailed Receipts and Payments Account For the Year Ending 31st August 2023

	2023	2022
Receipts		
Fees	133,003	114,505
Grants	0,924	12,149
Fundraising	1,092	137
Other Income	186	123
Bank Interest	736	26
Total Receipts	143,941	126,941
Less Payments		
Equipment & Materials	(1,398)	(1,780)
Purchases - Grant Money	(972)	(4,727)
Food & Snacks	(1,173)	(1,280)
Wages & Salaries	(115,135)	(89,324)
Pensions	(3,028)	(1,888)
Covid Expenditure		
Rent	(7,050)	(6,772)
Insurance	(1,843)	(756)
Telephones & Broadband	(256)	(256)
Printing, Stationery, & Postage		(412)
Professional Fees		(125)
Accountancy Fees	(417)	(417)
Subscriptions	(573)	(114)
Training	(532)	
Sundry Expenses	(637)	(272)
Bank Charges	(60)	(40)
Total Payments	(133,075)	(108,163)
Net Receipts / (Payments)	10,866	18,777

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Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2023

	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-22
Current Assets		
Inland Revenue	84,637	1,051
Cash at Bank and in Hand	04,637	72,720
Current Liabilities		
Pension - Nest		
Net Assets	84,637	73,771
Cash Funds		
Cash forwards	73,771	54,994
Surplus for the year	10,866	18,777
	84,637	73,771

These Accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

I, as the Treasurer, hereby approve the attached accounts on behalf of the Trustees.

Dated

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Jack Smith-Keegin	Hannah Smith
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Full name(s)	Jack Smith-Keegin	Hannah Smith
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
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Date	26/6/24
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M. J.

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Date: 26/6/2024