

ARGOED PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1184038

Details

Other names ARGOED PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-21

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

Contact

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Mynydd Isa
Flintshire
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN WALES, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR NEEDS THROUGH HIGH QUALITY CHILDCARE PROVISION.

Activities: We provide a safe learning environment for children from the age of two to nursery age. Children learn through play with a wide variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. They also learn basic social skills while mixing with their peers, sharing toys and sitting down to eat snacks together.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Flintshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£21,490	£22,294	-	-
2023-08-31	£22,493	£21,661	-	-
2022-08-31	£29,086	£25,311	-	-
2021-08-31	£26,494	£23,614	-	-
2020-08-31	£19,100	£17,237	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alys Williams		2024-09-17
Claire Patrick		2026-04-01
Lois Homan-Russell		2025-10-01
Lynne Julia Ingman		2018-09-01
Rebecca Sian Ashbrook		2022-09-01

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

2023/2024

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Charity Number: - 1184038

Trustees:-

Samantha Ramsay - Secretary

Victoria Mann - Chair

Rebecca Ashbrook – Treasurer

Responsible Person – Lynne Ingman

Supervisors:- Tracy Porter – Setting Supervisor

Natalie Jones- Senior Supervisor

Bianca Simpson – Relief Playworker

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Staff

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Bianca Simpson is our relief worker. Bianca holds a DBS for Argoed playgroup and has attended a Child Protection Awareness Training. Bianca is willing to work towards a Childcare qualification.

Argoed playgroup work to ensure all the staff are well qualified and experienced. We are open to new ideas and to make the most of opportunities that enable us to acquire knowledge and develop our expertise. This enables us to share responsibilities and ensures the smooth running of the playgroup.

We have implemented Planning in the moment. We let the children choose what they want to do, join them and support them in their pursuits. We work closely with the children and observe their interactions and choices. We then use this knowledge to extend a child's learning in the moment. We identify when a child first shows an interest/fascination in something, then we wait for the opportunity to extend the child's interest by asking open-ended questions and thinking of ways this interest can be applied to other areas of teaching. We document the observations and what we did to support that

child on their focus week page in their learning booklets. We have appropriate storage to allow the children to have free access to a variety of resources, they can

access and explore everything independently. We observe and alter areas within the playgroup to further a child's learning, by adding or changing resources.

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Sessions

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Finances

The fees for this year were set at £12.50 per session. From January we benefitted from EE funding for some of our children.

Wage slips are produced for us by AVOW and the wages averaged out over twelve months.

We have continued to fundraise this year. We held successful Hallloween and Easter events, as well as an Autumn raffle and a Christmas toy tombola.

We benefitted from several grants this year from Flintshire County Council – some of these were for sustainability and others to purchase resources. In particular, in the new year, we had a substantial grant and the supervisors used this money to organise a Creepy Crawly Show, and to purchase new resources and equipment for the playgroup2.

Committee

We currently have five members on the committee – three members take up the officer positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee meet regularly and often invite the supervisors to join us at these meetings.

Policies

All the necessary policies are in place and we annually review these to make sure they are up to date.

Constitution CIO – we have used the Early Years Wales constitution template and have adapted it to be suitable for our playgroup setting.

The trustees are selected from members of the committee – between September 2023 and August 2024, the trustees were the chair, secretary, treasurer, responsible person and one parent.

Outside Agencies

We are supported by Early Years Wales and have regular contact with our development officer. We are also supported by Flintshire County Council Early Education advisory teachers. We are registered with Care Inspectorate Wales who monitor childcare and early education.

Argoed Playgroup			
Income and Expenditure Report			
Year ended 31st August 2024			
	Income Sheet	Snack Sheet	Total
Income	£	£	£
Playgroup Weekly Fees	£ 11,436.00	£ 25.00	£ 11,461.00
Grants	£ 5,789.12		£ 5,789.12
Early Entitlement Funding	£ 2,750.00		£ 2,750.00
HRMC SSP	£ -		£ -
Fundraising	£ 1,352.00	£ 138.20	£ 1,490.20
Match Funding	£ -		£ -
Snacks Money	£ -		£ -
Total Income	£ 21,327.12	£ 163.20	£ 21,490.32
Expenditure			
Wages	£ 16,180.88		£ 16,180.88
Rent	£ 2,496.00		£ 2,496.00
Insurance	£ 406.16		£ 406.16
AVOW - payroll fees	£ 252.32		£ 252.32
Snacks	£ -	£ 128.09	£ 128.09
Data Protection	£ 35.00		£ 35.00
Lottery Licence	£ 20.00		£ 20.00
Courses/Training	£ 25.00		£ 25.00

Toys, Equipment and Stationery	£ 2,565.02	£ 11.17	£ 2,576.19
Cleaning Products	£ -	£ 19.73	£ 19.73
Sundry	£ 115.00		£ 115.00
Refunds	£ 40.00		£ 40.00
Total Expenditure	£ 22,135.38	£ 158.99	£ 22,294.37
Net Position	-£ 808.26	£ 4.21	-£ 804.05
Opening Bank Balance	£4,563.84		
Closing Bank Balance	£3,755.58		
snack balance 1/9/23	£ 42.09		
snack balance 31/8/24	£ 46.30		

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Argoed playgroup work to ensure all the staff are well qualified and experienced. We have attended training to enable us to provide the new curriculum for Wales which came into effect from September 2022. We attended training sessions provided by Early Entitlement and have completed all of the Curriculum for Wales modules during this term. We also attended regular cluster meetings, which provided knowledge and guidance on how to effectively implement the 'focus week', planning in the moment and a child's next steps. We are open to new ideas and to make the most of opportunities that enable us to acquire knowledge and develop our expertise. This enables us to share responsibilities and ensures the smooth running of the playgroup.

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We benefitted from several grants this year from Flintshire County Council – some of these were for sustainability and others to purchase resources. In particular in the summer term, the supervisors used grant money to organise various activities such as a multi sports experience and a tae kwon do session.

Committee

We currently have four members on the committee – three members take up the officer positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee meet regularly and often invite the supervisors to join us at these meetings.

Policies

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Income and Expenditure Report			
Year ended 31st August 2023			
	Income sheet	Snack sheet	Total
	£	£	£
Income			
Playgroup weekly fees	£6,622.00	35.50	£6,657.50
Grants	£7,535.48		£7,535.48
Early Entitlement Funding	£7,158.00		£7,158.00
HMRC SSP	£0.00		£0.00
Fund Raising	£705.58	110.00	£815.58
Match Funding	£0.00		£0.00
Snacks money	£296.00	30.00	£326.00
Total income	£22,317.06	175.50	£22,492.56
Expenditure			
Wages	£15,373.78		£15,373.78
Rent	£2,368.00		£2,368.00
Insurance	£390.32		£390.32
AVOW - payroll fees	£277.72		£277.72
Snacks	£75.00	112.10	£187.10
Cleaning / toiletries		18.89	£18.89
U Check	£56.00		£56.00
Data Protection	£35.00		£35.00
Lottery licences	£20.00		£20.00
Courses / training	£20.00		£20.00
Toys purchased from grants	£1,102.45		£1,102.45
Other equipment	£1,134.55		£1,134.55
Stationery	£311.23		£311.23
Sundry	£230.83	35.48	£266.31
Memberships and subscriptions	£0.00		£0.00
Refunds	£100.00		£100.00
Total expenditure	£21,494.88	166.47	£21,661.35
Net position	£822.18	9.03	£831.21
snack balance 1/9/22		33.05	
snack balance 31/8/23		42.08	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name Argoed Playgroup

On accounts for the year ended 31/08/2023 Charity no (if any) 1184038

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/ 08 / 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). CGMA

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Barbara Goode Date: 15 JAN 2024

Name: Barbara Goode

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CGMA ACMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)

Address: 40 Greenway, Saughall, Chester, CH1 6EQ

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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Staff

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All staff and volunteers have a DBS disclosure certificate either specific to the Argoed Playgroup or portable for use in childcare settings.

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Since Covid parents are not allowed into the setting but drop their children at the door and wait outside to collect them at the end of each session.

Finances

The fees for this year were set at £10 per session. From January we benefitted from EE funding for some of our children.

Wage slips are produced for us by AVOW and the wages averaged out over twelve months.

We have continued to fundraise this year. We held a successful raffle at Christmas which was also match funded by a parent's employer. In the Spring we had a sponsored walk, a clothes collection and an Easter Egg Hunt. We also had a table at a local community event where we ran an Egg Tombola stall.

We benefitted from several grants this year from Flintshire County Council - some of these were for sustainability and others to purchase resources. In particular in the summer term, we had a Wellbeing Grant and the

supervisors used this money to organise various activities such as a Creepy Crawly Show, a visit from a magician, several sessions run by Elite - a local fitness and dance studio and an outing for parents and children. Also, in the summer term we had a substantial grant which enabled us to buy a wide variety of new resources for both inside and outside play.

Committee

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Argoed Playgroup
Income and Expenditure Report
Year 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

Income:	£	£
Playgroup Weekly Fees		
7,389.00		
Grants		
9,369.93		
Early Entitlement Funding		5,440.00
Childcare Funding		272.50
Training Funding		912.00
One to One Support		
1,000.00		
Fundraising		1,385.30
Match Funding		
437.00		
Subtotal of Income 2021/22		
26,205.73		
Balance B/F as per Accounts 2020/21		
2,880.22		

Total Income:
£29,085.95

Expenditure:

Wages	16,641.49	
Rent		2,540.00
Insurance	751.22	
AVOW – payroll fees		267.56
Snacks and Sundries	153.18	
U Check	106.80	
Data Protection	35.00	
Lottery Licences		20.00
Courses		182.40
Toys purchased from grants		3,926.68
Wellbeing Grant		439.85
General resources		160.06
Refunds		87.00

Total Expenditure **25,311.24**

Income Exceeding Expenditure as per Bank Balance at 31st August 2022

Cash in Hand £33.05 Bank £3,741.66

£3,774.71

Signed as correct by

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Vicki Mann
Chairperson

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Sam Ramsay
Treasurer

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Rebecca Ashbrook
Secretary



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

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On accounts for the year ended

2022

Charity no (if any)

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Set out on pages

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Signed:

DM Watton

Date:

24/05/2023

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

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To keep our fees at a realistic level the committee and parents fundraise and this in turn raises our profile in the community.

The trustees have received a copy of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Staff

Tracy has NVQ Level 3 and 4 in Children's Care, Learning and Development and CACHE Level 3 in Childcare and Child Development. During the year Emma has gained her NVQ Level 3 in Children's Care and Development. This has meant that Emma has been able to take charge as lead supervisor on the odd occasion when Tracy has been absent. The staff regularly attend any training courses that become available to update them on new practices. This academic year Tracy has had to renew her First Aid and Hygiene certification and both Emma and Tracy have been on Autism Awareness Training and Additional Learning Needs Training.

We were delighted this year when Emma received an award of Childcare Work Based Learner of the Year for all here efforts in promoting Welsh within the playgroup setting.

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Resources

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Thankfully we didn't have to cancel any sessions this year because of cases of Covid but the supervisors continued to take precautions as before. Parents were still not allowed into the setting but dropped their children at the door and waited outside to collect them at the end of each session.

Finances

The fees for this year were set at £10 per session. From January we benefitted from EE funding for some of our children.

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We were able to do more fundraising this year. We held a successful raffle at Christmas, a clothes collection, and an Easter Egg Hunt. We were also fortunate to receive match funding for some of this fundraising from one of the parent's employers.

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Income and Expenditure Report
Year 1st September 2020 To 31st August 2021

Income:	£	£
Playgroup Weekly Fees		
7,925.51		
Grants		
5,989.14		
Early Entitlement Funding		4,083.75
HMRC Furlough and Statutory Sick Pay		
2,947.40		
Fund Raising		1,501.70
Match Funding		
1,500.00		
Overpayment refund		
632.15		
Subtotal of Income 2020/21		
24,579.65		
Balance B/F as per Accounts 2019/20		
1,914.50		

Total Income:
26,494.15

Expenditure:

Wages	14,812.16	
Rent		2,090.00
Insurance	535.08	
AVOW – payroll fees		242.16
Snacks and Sundries	135.12	
U Check	47.20	
Date Protection	40.00	
Lottery Licences		40.00
Courses		128.00
Toys purchased from grants		3,471.02
Tables bought from last year’s Bryn Gwalia Grant		783.99
General resources		562.05
Refunds		95.00
Overpayment		632.15

Total Expenditure **23,613.93**

Income Exceeding Expenditure as per Bank Balance at 31st August 2021

Cash in Hand £18.30 Bank £2,861.92
£2,880.22

Signed as correct by

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Janice Shaw
Chairperson

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Lynne Ingman
Treasurer

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Helena Heaps
Secretary



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
AREOED PLAYGROUPE

On accounts for the year ended

AUGUST 2021 Charity no (if any) 1184038

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended AUGUST 31st 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ~~accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or~~
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: DM WATTON Date: 02/12/2021

Name: DIANE WATTON

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

Address: 3 BRON LLWYN
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CH6 5TJ

ARGOED PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1184038

Accounts

ARGOED PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT

2019/2020

Address:- W.I. Hall
Chambers Lane
Mynydd Isa
CH7 6UB

Charity Number: - 1184038

Trustees:- Jennifer Harthen
Helena Heaps
Lynne Ingman
Janice Shaw

Supervisors:- Tracy Porter – Lead Supervisor
Emma Meredith

Objectives

The aims of Argoed Playgroup are to provide a happy, safe and relaxed environment for children to learn and develop their skills through play and structured activities. We support children's development and ease the transition to school with the support of qualified staff.

The playgroup exists to provide pre-school education from the ages of 2 – 4. This takes place in the form of a wide variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. During sessions we help to develop fine and gross motor skills, basic maths and language skills, learning of the Welsh language and social interaction with peers. We deliver Early Education with the support of the Local Authority.

To keep our fees at a realistic level the committee and parents fundraise and this in turn raises our profile in the community. During this academic year Covid has impacted on our ability to undertake face to face fundraising.

The trustees have received a copy of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Staff

Tracy has NVQ Level 3 and 4 in Children's Care, Learning and Development and CACHE Level 3 in Childcare and Child Development. Emma is working on gaining her NVQ Level 3 in Children's Care and Development. The staff regularly attend any training courses that become available to update them on new practices.

All staff and volunteers have a DBS disclosure certificate either specific to the Argoed Playgroup or portable for use in childcare settings.

In January the staff began EE assessments which involves observing and planning suitable tasks to extend the children's learning and independence.

Premises

The W. I. Hall provides the group with a large indoor space where a good number of activities can be laid out for each sessions' activities. We have use of the kitchen in which we have a table top fridge to store milk and snacks. There are also two toilets for the group's use.

There is a large grass area to the side of the building which is fenced off. This is used daily for part of the playgroup session when the weather permits.

Resources

The playgroup has a wide selection of resources to stimulate the children's learning which enables the supervisors to change the activities regularly and in line with the theme for the week. There is also a selection of resources which are stored in the grass area outside.

Before moving to the W.I. Hall we had to purchase two large sheds which are at the back of the hall. Many of the resources are stored in these two locked sheds and we are able to keep some of the large items on half of the staged area in the hall.

Sessions

In the autumn term we were open for four morning sessions from 9.15 - 11.45. Due to demand for places, we increased this to five sessions each week in January.

Due to the Covid pandemic we were closed from March of this academic year.

Finances

The fees for this year were set at £8. From January we benefitted from EE funding for some of our children.

Wage slips are produced for us by AVOW and the wages averaged out over twelve months. Our staff were put on the furlough scheme for the summer term due to the Covid pandemic.

We endeavour to raise extra funds through fundraising during the year but the pandemic has made it difficult for us. We did hold a raffle in the summer using a company called Raffall and also sold some lottery type tickets but obviously these activities didn't raise anywhere near the amount we would be able to make with face-to-face events.

We also benefit from grants from Early Years and any others, that we are able to apply for. In the summer we received a grant from FLVC which was for the purpose of buying PPE equipment ready to re-open in September. This was a very welcome grant and was used to purchase a portable Kidysinc, a fogging machine, masks, gloves etc

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4,617.50		
Grants		
3,918.37		
Early Entitlement Funding		5,670.00
Fund Raising		648.75
HMRC Furlough		
3,019.34		
Early Years Wales		40.00
Subtotal of Income 2019/20		
17,913.96		
Balance B/F as per Accounts 2018/19		
1,186.10		

Total Income:
19,100.06

Expenditure:

Wages	12,909.50	
HMRC	189.00	
Insurance	537.89	
Snacks and Sundries	74.96	
U Check	54.40	
Early Years Wales Membership	48.75	
Payroll fees		274.66
Rent	1,615.00	
Resources		354.62
Children in Need		115.75
Refunds		32.00
PPE Equipment	1,016.30	
Training	14.40	

Total Expenditure **17,237.23**

Income Exceeding Expenditure as per Bank Balance at 31st August 2020

Cash in Hand £51.67 Bank £1,862.83
£1,914.50

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