

Chair's Review

The Preschool Year September 2022 – 31st August 2023

How the Preschool Met Its Charitable Aims

During the 2022–2023 year the Preschool continued to fulfil its charitable aim of advancing the education and development of young children within a safe, inclusive and nurturing early years environment.

This year marked a period of transition within both the staff team and the governance structure, while maintaining consistency and quality of provision for the children attending.

The staff team this year included Maxine, Annette, Chloe, Laura and Beth. During the year, Christine and Emily left their roles within the setting. The Preschool would like to thank them for their contribution and care shown to the children during their time with the setting.

Maxine and Annette took on additional leadership responsibilities and became Managers, providing strong guidance and continuity for the staff team. Their leadership supported the smooth running of the setting and ensured high standards of care, safeguarding and learning were maintained.

Staff continued to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum through play-based learning, responsive planning and strong key person relationships, ensuring each child's individual needs were met.

Trustee and Governance Changes

This year also saw developments within the Trustee team. The Committee consisted of Sarah and Charlotte, who continued in their roles, and were joined by Laura, Emily and Beth as Trustees. This strengthened the governance of the Preschool and provided additional support in overseeing the strategic direction and charitable aims of the setting.

The Trustees worked closely with the Managers to ensure the Preschool remained financially sustainable, compliant and focused on providing high-quality early years provision.

Learning and Development

Children continued to benefit from a rich and stimulating learning environment both indoors and outdoors. Staff focused on:

- Developing communication and language
- Building confidence and independence
- Supporting social skills and emotional wellbeing

The Preschool maintained strong partnerships with parents, sharing children's progress and supporting learning at home.

Community Involvement and Fundraising

As the year progressed, the Preschool was able to re-establish more community activities and fundraising events, strengthening relationships with families.

Events included:

- Mother's Day Coffee Morning Fundraiser, which brought families together in a relaxed and welcoming environment
- Bake Sales, which were well supported by parents and carers
- Christmas Fair, which was a highlight of the year and helped raise valuable funds for resources and activities

These events not only supported fundraising but also reinforced the Preschool's role at the heart of the community.

Looking Forward

The Preschool looks forward to continuing to build on the leadership of Maxine and Annette, strengthening the staff team and maintaining high standards of early years education. The Trustees remain committed to supporting the Preschool's growth and ensuring it continues to provide a safe, caring and enriching environment for all children.

The Trustees would like to thank all staff and committee members for their dedication, teamwork and commitment throughout the year.

Shipdham Playgroup
Income and expenditure account
For the year ended 31 August 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Playgroup fees	28,484		11,157	
Playgroup funding	46,172		56,866	
Other	<u>1,141</u>	75,797	<u>293</u>	68,316
Expenditure				
Staff costs	61,875		65,532	
Training	1,541		150	
Building hire	720		720	
Heat and light etc	5,540		6,973	
Waste disposal	877		1,227	
Cleaning	1,476		1,468	
General expenditure	3,023		1,284	
Maintenance	545		2,738	
Licences & registrations	1,373		1,351	
Educational materials	-		104	
Equipment	70		504	
Uniforms	533		165	
Parties and trips	<u>-</u>	(77,573)	<u>322</u>	(82,538)
Surplus/(Deficit) in year		<u>(1,776)</u>		<u>(14,222)</u>
Cash funds as at 1 September 2022		6,817		21,039
Cash funds as at 31 August 2023		<u><u>5,041</u></u>		<u><u>6,817</u></u>
Cash at bank:				
Lloyds Bank Treasurers account 74738368		5,041		6,817
		<u><u>5,041</u></u>		<u><u>6,817</u></u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	SHIPDHAM PLAYGROUP		
On accounts for the year ended	31 AUGUST 2023	Charity no (if any)	1019292
Set out on pages	3		

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:  Date: 9 APRIL 2025

Name: ROBERT KENDALL

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

