

Trustees' Annual Report

Crowland Community Childcare

For the Financial Year Ended: 31st August 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Crowland Community Childcare

Charity Registration Number: 1209324

Principal Address: Wheatsheaf Rooms, North Street, Crowland, PE6 0EF

Trustees who served during the year:

- Natasha Miller
- Rhiannon Boon
- Dan Boon

Structure, Governance and Management

Crowland Community Childcare is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its Constitution and registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The trustees are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity. New trustees are appointed in accordance with the CIO Constitution and receive an induction covering their legal responsibilities and the charity's governing document.

The trustees meet regularly to oversee the development of the organisation and ensure compliance with charity law.

Objects and Public Benefit

The charity's object is to advance the education and development of preschool-aged children by establishing and operating a preschool that provides high-quality early years education and care in a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the charity's activities and future objectives.

Objectives and Activities

During the financial year, the charity remained in its development phase and did not commence trading or deliver preschool services.

The trustees focused on preparatory activities required to establish the preschool, including:

- Developing governance and operational policies.
- Exploring suitable premises.
- Planning registration requirements.
- Developing financial procedures.
- Investigating funding opportunities.
- Preparing for future Ofsted registration and operational readiness.

No children attended the preschool during the reporting period, and no charitable activities were delivered.

Achievements and Performance

Although the preschool did not begin operating during the financial year, the trustees made progress towards establishing the organisation.

Key achievements included:

- Maintaining compliance with Charity Commission requirements.
- Developing the organisational framework required for future operation.
- Beginning preparations for regulatory registration and operational planning.
- Identifying the resources and funding required before opening.

The trustees remain committed to opening the preschool once sufficient funding, premises and regulatory approvals have been secured.

Financial Review

The charity did not undertake trading activities during the financial year.

Income received during the year consisted of £0

Expenditure related primarily to the establishment of the charity, including administration, insurance, governance and other setup costs.

At the year end, the charity held unrestricted funds of £0

The trustees consider the charity's financial position to be satisfactory for its current stage of development.

Reserves Policy

As the charity has not yet commenced operations, the trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet essential governance and establishment costs while working towards opening the preschool.

The reserves policy will be reviewed once the preschool becomes operational.

Plans for Future Periods

During the next financial year, the trustees intend to:

- Secure suitable premises.
- Complete any outstanding regulatory requirements.
- Register with Ofsted where applicable.
- Recruit appropriately qualified staff and volunteers.
- Obtain additional funding and grants.
- Purchase equipment and educational resources.
- Open the preschool to provide early years education and childcare services.

The trustees remain committed to delivering high-quality early years provision that benefits children, families and the wider community.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 08/07/2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Natasha Miller

Chair of Trustees