

# BUCKDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 291840

## Details

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Other names	BUCKDEN PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1985-08-21
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE BY A. PROVIDING SAFE AND SATISFYING GROUP PLAY, IN WHICH PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART; B. ENCOURAGING OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN; C. FURTHERING THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION.

**Activities:** PLAYGROUP FOR UNDER FIVE'S

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** BUCKDEN
- Cambridgeshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£58,900	£58,525	-	-
2023-08-31	£49,202	£56,152	-	-
2022-08-31	£49,137	£54,217	-	-
2021-08-31	£52,665	£61,007	-	-
2020-08-31	£64,722	£51,656	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Helen Lumb</b>	Chair	2019-11-04
Debra Beachus-Wells		2017-07-17
Hannah Jupp		2025-06-29
Keeley Mooney		2025-06-29

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# Accounts

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## AGM Treasurer's Report for year 01/09/2023 to 31/08/2024

This year has been a great push to building the preschool back up again with ending on a surplus, while the surplus is minimal it is still a positive and this is greatly down to the hard work of the team with building numbers from the beginning of the year. This has meant we have not had to use the reserves account this year like in previous years.

With costs increasing in comparison to 2022-23, they are consistent with the cost of living increase. We are still consistent with wages being our biggest expense but without this we would not be able to offer the children the opportunity to come to our setting and learn and flourish in the way that they do. We have also enriched the access and resources for some of our EYPP children with the funding that we have received for them.

We have had a large increase from last year in fundraising which is highly down to Nikki and all her efforts into helping the preschool with the elf in the window and not forgetting jumping out of a plane. We are so grateful for everything you have done to support us. We have also had the continued support from NISA the children are able to enjoy a varied healthy snack which is donated to us.

Insurance has increased slightly from the previous year, which is to be expected.

Rental of the setting has increased this year largely down to the renewal of contracts and now paying full utilities.

While we have had a positive amount of children this a careful watch needs to remain on spending since our income can fluctuate with decreased child numbers due to circumstances outside our control – changes of job/working hours/moving out of the area.

We have had our first full year with our permanent manager and the team she has built around her, this has been positive throughout the setting with the children experiencing new things and new topics. I am grateful to all of the staff who have gone above and beyond to keep the setting running, without them we would have no setting and the children would not have had the wonderful experiences they do, so from myself and all the other committee members we would like to say Thank you and we look forward to working as a stronger team this coming year.

Debby Beachus-Wells

Treasurer

**BUCKDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>FEE INCOME</b>				
Fees from parents		13,559		13,983
Vouchers (funding)		43,278		34,373
		<u>56,837</u>		<u>48,356</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Training/Grants/Donations	1,233		250	
Other income	142		110	
Deposit A/c Interest			2	
	<u>1,375</u>		<u>362</u>	
<b>FUND RAISING</b>				
Income	688		484	
Less Expenses	-		-	
	<u>688</u>		<u>484</u>	
		<u>58,900</u>		<u>49,202</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Rent & utilities	11,515		5,463	
Insurance	876		835	
Staff Costs	40,988		44,544	
Training	251		634	
Travelling	-		-	
Consumables	2,511		1,498	
Stationery & Postage	114		319	
Advertising	-		167	
Computers & Software	360		510	
Telephone	588		655	
Accountancy Fee	426		426	
Payroll Processing	141		434	
Cleaning & Hygiene Exp	114		303	
Uniform	394		125	
Legal Fees	35		-	
Depreciation	212		239	
	<u>58,525</u>		<u>56,152</u>	
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		<u>375</u>		<u>(6,950)</u>

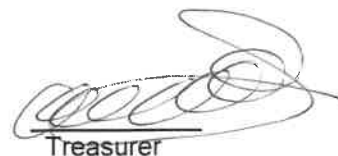
**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2024**

	2024	2023
		£
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>241</b>	453
<b>Current assets</b>		
Deposit Account	2,305	3,055
Bank Current Co-Op	3,046	2,415
Cash	62	62
	<u>5,413</u>	<u>5,532</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accruals	450	450
Paye	356.00	1,298
Pensions	763	528
	<u>1,569</u>	<u>2,276</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>3,844</b>	3,256
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>4,085</b></u>	<u>3,710</u>
<b>Balance at 31st August 2023</b>	<b>3,710</b>	12,196
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>	<b>375</b>	(6,950)
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>	<u><b>4,085</b></u>	<u>5,246</u>

Approved and Agreed

  
Chairperson

31.3.25  
Date

  
Treasurer

31.3.25  
Date

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2024**

1) Fixed Assets

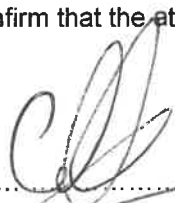
	Fixtures & Fittings £	Office Equipment £
Cost		
1st September 2023	5,989	2,204
Additions	-	-
31st August 2024	5,989	2,204
Depreciation		
1st September 2023	5,730	2,010
Charge for Year	65	147
31st August 2024	5,795	2,157
Written Down Value		
31st August 2024	194	47
31st August 2023	259	194

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the**

We have examined the accounts of the Buckden Pre - School Playgroup for the year ended 31st August 2024

We confirm that the attached financial statements are in accordance therewith.

Signed.....

  
GRH Accountancy Limited  
First Floor CQL House  
Alington Road  
Little Barford  
St Neots  
PE19 6YH

Date.....

31.3.25



## **Buckden Preschool Playgroup**

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**Registered Charity No: 291840**

This is a report in the chair capacity for the academic year 2023 – 2024.

We are pleased to announce that following our well-deserved Ofsted accreditation thanks hugely to the manager, Charlene and her supportive team, Estelle and Gemma the preschool continues to grow and flourish. There is no doubt that the preschool opportunities available for the children would not be for their dedication, knowledge and super creative skills

The committee are delighted to be joined by two new members, Hannah and Keeley for the new academic year.

Recruiting and retention of qualified staff remains a concern however, Charlene and the Treasurer, Debby have looked at numbers of children requesting places, the Early Years framework guidance on staff to pupil ratios and continue to make it work within our budget.

The one area that we would like to do better with is fundraising. Despite the magnanimous skydive for the preschool by Nikki we learned that certain sites such as “just giving” retain a percentage of funds raised.

I accepted the chair role for another year as this is a brilliant community preschool setting with a wonderful and talented team lead by a wonderful manager which I didn't want to see close through a lack of committee members or children attending. So, there is always a plea to join us to do a little or a lot as you can offer the preschool.

There are statutory Ofsted regulations and the Early Years framework to be followed which is not for the faint hearted and I would like to publicly thank Debby as treasurer, Nikki, and Emma Scott for their support during this year especially as Emma leaves the committee.

Next year we want to look at funding streams to improve our facilities, increase security protection and outcomes for the children. We are keenly aware that we need to have discussions on a new lease with the village hall trust and it must benefit the pre-school if associated charges/rent will increase which we fear they will as have the utilities. Grant funding will be applied for as well as working with local partners.

Helen Lumb

Chairpersons report.

**BUCKDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION**

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# Accounts

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## **AGM Treasurer's Report for year 01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023**

With this year ending on a minus it has not been as significant to previous years, this is following on still from COVID 19 and low admissions to the preschool, this has meant we have had to use some of our reserves for this financial year.

With costs increasing in comparison to 2021-22, they are consistent with the cost of living increase. We are still consistent with wages being our biggest expense but without this we would not be able to offer the children the opportunity to come to our setting and learn and flourish in the way that they do. We have also needed to make sure EYPP money is being spent to improve the experience and learning of the children in receipt of this payment.

We have had a slight increase from last year in fundraising which we were unable to do during the Covid-19 pandemic. With the continued support from NISA the children are able to enjoy a varied healthy snack which is donated to us.

Insurance has increased slightly from the previous year, which is to be expected.

Rental of the setting has increased this year largely down to the renewal of contracts.

A careful watch needs to remain on spending since our income can fluctuate with decreased child numbers due to circumstances outside our control – changes of job/working hours/moving out of the area.

While we had been running with an acting manager in the setting for the start of this year, we are extremely grateful to the now permanent manager, who has brought the team together and secured us a Good rating back with Ofsted. I am grateful to all of the staff who have gone above and beyond to keep the setting running, without them we would have no setting and the children would not have had the wonderful experiences they have, so from myself and all the other committee members we would like to say Thank you and we look forward to working as a stronger team this coming year.

Debby Beachus-Wells

Treasurer

**BUCKDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**



**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2023**


	2023		2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>FEE INCOME</b>						
Fees from parents		13,983		4,659		4,604
Vouchers (funding)		34,373		44,478		45,934
		<u>48,356</u>		<u>49,137</u>		<u>50,538</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>						
Training/Grants/Donations	250		106		2,027	
Other income	110		124		90	
Deposit A/c Interest	2		7		-	
		<u>362</u>		<u>237</u>		<u>2,117</u>
<b>FUND RAISING</b>						
Income	484		-		-	
Less Expenses	-		-		-	
		<u>484</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
		<u>49,202</u>		<u>49,374</u>		<u>52,655</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Rent & Insurance	5,463		5,550		3,574	
Insurance	835		384		726	
Staff Costs	44,544		39,952		42,719	
Training	634		505		541	
Travelling	-		-		48	
Consumables	1,498		4,041		5,768	
Property maintenance	-		-		-	
Stationery & Postage	319		191		506	
Advertising	167		338		573	
Gifts and samples	-		525		924	
Computers & Software	510		515		694	
Telephone	655		703		792	
Accountancy Fee	426		426		426	
Payroll Processing	434		302		712	
Snacks	-		-		87	
Cleaning & Hygiene Exp	303		-		1,816	
Uniform	125		423		471	
Legal Fees	-		87		308	
Depreciation	239		275		322	
		<u>56,152</u>		<u>54,217</u>		<u>61,007</u>
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		<u>(6,950)</u>		<u>(4,843)</u>		<u>(8,352)</u>

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2023**

	2023		2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		<b>453</b>		<b>692</b>		<b>967</b>
<b>Current assets</b>						
Deposit Account	<b>3,055</b>		4,553		13,046	
Bank Current Co-Op	<b>2,415</b>		6,370		1,991	
Cash	<b>62</b>		62		207	
	<u><b>5,532</b></u>		<u>10,985</u>		<u>15,244</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Accruals	<b>450</b>		450		450	
Paye	<b>1,298</b>		567		258	
Pensions	<b>528</b>					
	<u><b>2,276</b></u>		<u>1,017</u>		<u>708</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>3,256</b>		<b>9,968</b>		<b>14,536</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>3,710</b></u>		<u>10,660</u>		<u>15,503</u>
<b>Balance at 31st August 2022</b>		<b>10,660</b>		<b>15,503</b>		<b>23,855</b>
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		<b>(6,950)</b>		<b>(4,843)</b>		<b>(8,352)</b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		<u><b>3,710</b></u>		<u>10,660</u>		<u>15,503</u>

Approved and Agreed

  
Chairperson

  
Treasurer

24/6/24  
Date

24/6/24  
Date

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2023**

1) Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings £	Office Equipment £
<b>Cost</b>		
1st September 2022	5,989	2,204
Additions	-	-
31st August 2023	5,989	2,204
<b>Depreciation</b>		
1st September 2022	5,644	1,857
Charge for Year	86	153
31st August 2023	5,730	2,010
<b>Written Down Value</b>		
31st August 2023	259	194
31st August 2022	345	347

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This is a report in the chair capacity for the financial year 2022 - 2023.

At the beginning of the period of this report the received notice that we would receive an Ofsted inspection. Whilst on initial inspection the setting and managerial leadership was found to be good the committee were unaware of the failings of the previous chair to notify Ofsted of elements, she should have done within 14 days of leaving which led to a requires improvement grading in April 2022 and to begin working with the Cambridgeshire Early Years Team which was frustrating at times as communications were enforced rather than explanations and encouragement. When we were reassessed in February 2023, down to the fantastic work of the new manager and her team the setting achieved Good with outstanding in the effectiveness of the setting's personal development.

The committee have met as per our constitution to agree action plans and work on areas required by the Early Years Team. The committee have supported the manger and deputy manager when required and now Ofsted has published, they excel in leadership and management and safeguarding something we always knew.

Recruiting and retention of qualified staff during the first part of the financial year remained a concern. We are still recruiting via formal channels and social media. The ability to have a lovely student in Emily from Cambridgeshire Regional College was invaluable support. However, we were delighted that Charlene applied and was successful for the manager role before Jasmine left for another position in September 2022. Her enthusiasm and ideas for our wonderful community setting is catching. When I visit the pre-school, I leave feeling incredibly happy and the children love working with Charlene and Estelle. We were also so lucky to welcome a fabulous practitioner, Gemma, in February 2023.

I accepted the chair role for another year as I believe passionately in the community, and this is a brilliant setting with a wonderful and talented team lead by a wonderful manager which I didn't want to see close through a lack of committee members or children attending. So, there is a plea to join us to do a little or a lot as you can offer the preschool.

There are statutory Ofsted regulations and the Early Years framework to be followed which is not for the feint hearted and I would like to publicly

thank Debby as treasurer, Nikki and Emma Scott for their support during this year.

Moving forward we want to raise funds to improve facilities and outcomes for the children. More grant funding will be applied for as well as local donations from Buckfest music festival.

Helen Lumb

Chairpersons report.

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Fundraising income has not happened this year again due to covid restrictions, but with the continued support from NISA the children are able to enjoy a varied healthy snack.

Insurance has decreased slightly from the previous year.

Rental of the setting has increased this year largely down to costs returning to normal following covid.

A careful watch needs to remain on spending since our income can fluctuate with decreased child numbers due to circumstances outside our control – changes of job/working hours/moving out of the area

The reserve account continues to cover 'closing down' costs. This is updated each year in accordance with an extra year's service for each staff member.

Fundraising needs to be upheld, this is a vital income – one on which the preschool relies upon. It is better practice to hold smaller, frequent fundraising events with less expenses incurred than a larger event where greater outlay is required and therefore the rate of financial risk has likewise greatly increased.

While we have been running with an acting manager in the setting this year, I am extremely grateful to all of the staff who have gone above and beyond to keep the setting running, without them we would have no setting and the children would not have had the wonderful experiences they have, so from myself and all the other committee members we would like to say Thank you and we look forward to working as a stronger team this coming year.

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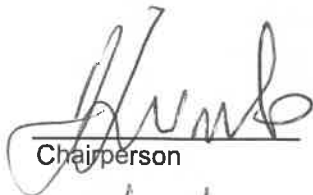
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YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2022**

	2022		2021		2020	
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<b>FEE INCOME</b>						
Fees from parents		4,659		4,604		3,371
Vouchers (funding)		44,478		45,934		57,081
		<u>49,137</u>		<u>50,538</u>		<u>60,452</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>						
Training/Grants/Donations	106		2,027		3,731	
Other income	124		90		140	
Deposit A/c Interest	7		-		4	
		<u>237</u>		<u>2,117</u>		<u>3,875</u>
<b>FUND RAISING</b>						
Income	-		-		1,043	
Less Expenses	-		-		(648)	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>395</u>
		<u>49,374</u>		<u>52,655</u>		<u>64,722</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Rent & Insurance	5,550		3,574		4,247	
Insurance	384		726		978	
Staff Costs	39,952		42,719		32,828	
Admin	-		-		1,439	
Training	505		541		45	
Travelling	-		48		-	
Consumables	4,041		5,768		5,355	
Property maintenance	-		-		553	
Stationery & Postage	191		506		560	
Advertising	338		573		266	
Gifts and samples	525		924		408	
Computers & Software	515		694		-	
Telephone	703		792		1,071	
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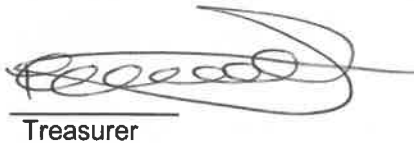
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	2022		2021		2020	
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<b>Fixed assets</b>		692		967		764
<b>Current assets</b>						
Deposit Account	4,553		13,046		12,038	
Bank Current Co-Op	6,370		1,991		11,296	
Cash	62		207		207	
	<u>10,985</u>		<u>15,244</u>		<u>23,541</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Accruals	450		450		450	
Paye & Pension Creditors	567		258		-	
	<u>1,017</u>		<u>708</u>		<u>450</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		9,968		14,536		23,091
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>10,660</u>		<u>15,503</u>		<u>23,855</u>
<b>Balance at 31st August 2021</b>		15,503		23,855		10,789
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		(4,843)		(8,352)		13,066
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		<u>10,660</u>		<u>15,503</u>		<u>23,855</u>

Approved and Agreed

  
Chairperson

12/06/23  
Date

  
Treasurer

12/6/23,  
Date

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31st August 2022	5,644	1,857
Written Down Value		
31st August 2022	345	347
31st August 2021	460	507

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the**

We have examined the accounts of the Buckden Pre - School Playgroup for the year ended 31st August 2022

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First Floor CQL House  
Alington Road  
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PE19 6YH

Date.....12.6.2022

**BUCKDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**


**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2022**

	2022		2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>FEE INCOME</b>						
Fees from parents		4,659		4,604		3,371
Vouchers (funding)		44,478		45,934		57,081
		<u>49,137</u>		<u>50,538</u>		<u>60,452</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>						
Training/Grants/Donations	106		2,027		3,731	
Other income	124		90		140	
Deposit A/c Interest	7		-		4	
		<u>237</u>		<u>2,117</u>		<u>3,875</u>
<b>FUND RAISING</b>						
Income	-		-		1,043	
Less Expenses	-		-		(648)	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>395</u>
		<u>49,374</u>		<u>52,655</u>		<u>64,722</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Rent & Insurance	5,550		3,574		4,247	
Insurance	384		726		978	
Staff Costs	39,952		42,719		32,828	
Admin	-		-		1,439	
Training	505		541		45	
Travelling	-		48		-	
Consumables	4,041		5,768		5,355	
Property maintenance	-		-		553	
Stationery & Postage	191		506		560	
Advertising	338		573		266	
Gifts and samples	525		924		408	
Computers & Software	515		694		-	
Telephone	703		792		1,071	
Accountancy Fee	426		426		476	
Payroll Processing	302		712		644	
Snacks	-		87		-	
Cleaning & Hygiene Exp	-		1,816		1,242	
Sundry	-		-		479	
Uniform	423		471		625	
Legal Fees	87		308		60	
Depreciation	275		322		191	
		<u>54,217</u>		<u>61,007</u>		<u>51,467</u>
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		<u>(4,843)</u>		<u>(8,352)</u>		<u>13,255</u>


**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2022**

	2022		2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		692		967		764
<b>Current assets</b>						
Deposit Account	4,553		13,046		12,038	
Bank Current Co-Op	6,370		1,991		11,296	
Cash	62		207		207	
	<u>10,985</u>		<u>15,244</u>		<u>23,541</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Accruals	450		450		450	
Paye & Pension Creditors	567		258		-	
	<u>1,017</u>		<u>708</u>		<u>450</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		9,968		14,536		23,091
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>10,660</u>		<u>15,503</u>		<u>23,855</u>
<b>Balance at 31st August 2021</b>		15,503		23,855		10,789
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		(4,843)		(8,352)		13,066
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		<u>10,660</u>		<u>15,503</u>		<u>23,855</u>

Approved and Agreed

  
Chairperson

12/06/23  
Date

  
Treasurer

12/6/23,  
Date

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2022**

1) Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings £	Office Equipment £
Cost		
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Additions	-	-
31st August 2022	5,989	2,204
Depreciation		
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England & Wales - Charity number 291840

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# Accounts

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## **AGM Treasurer's Report for year 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2021**

Although this year we have ended the year on a minus this is following the trend from previous years, this is done by spending some of the surplus from the previous year. We have still allowed for improvements to be made within the setting with resources for the children to flourish while with us.

With costs increasing in comparison to 2019-20, they are consistent given the choice to update and improve the preschool and relevant equipment. The increased spend on 'admin' – necessary educational supplies, replenishing of worn-out equipment and toys – this is also due to funding for EYPP needing to be spent.

Fundraising income has not happened this year due to covid restrictions, but with the continued support from NISA and the local community we have still managed to get £272.00 in donations.

Insurance has decreased slightly from the previous year.

Advertising costs have decreased from previous years as we are moving with the trend and looking to use social media more to advertise and promote the setting to a wider area. While we have had a small amount on advertising this has not been the form of increased interest so the current advert will be looked to stopped.

Rental of the setting had decreased this is largely down to while during covid the village hall trust were kind enough to half our rent during this time we would like to thank them for this support at a difficult time for everyone.

A careful watch needs to remain on spending since our income can fluctuate with decreased child numbers due to circumstances outside our control – changes of job/working hours/moving out of the are

The reserve account continues to cover all 'closing down' costs. This is updated each year in accordance with an extra year's service for each staff member.

Fundraising needs to be upheld, this is a vital income – one on which the preschool relies upon. It is better practice to hold smaller, frequent fundraising events with less expenses incurred than a larger event where greater outlay is required and therefore the rate of financial risk has likewise greatly increased.

While we have lost another manager to the setting this year, I am extremely grateful to the remaining staff who have gone above and beyond to keep the setting running without them we would have no setting and the children would not have had the wonderful experiences they have without you. so from myself and all the other committee members we would like to say Thank you and we look forward to working as a stronger team this coming year.

Debby Beachus-Wells

Treasurer



**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2021**

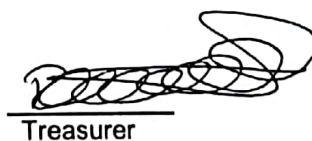
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	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>FEE INCOME</b>						
Fees from parents		4,604		3,371		8,657
Vouchers (funding)		45,934		57,081		42,547
		<u>50,538</u>		<u>60,452</u>		<u>51,204</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>						
Training/Grants/Donations	2,027		3,731		-	
Other income	90		140		133	
Deposit A/c Interest			4		27	
	<u>2,117</u>		<u>3,875</u>		<u>160</u>	
<b>FUND RAISING</b>						
Income			1,043		2,190	
Less Expenses			(648)		(224)	
	<u>-</u>		<u>395</u>		<u>1,966</u>	
		<u>52,655</u>		<u>64,722</u>		<u>53,330</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Rent & Insurance	3,574		4,247		5,710	
Room Hire	-		-		656	
Insurance	726		978		1,323	
Staff Costs	42,719		32,828		53,882	
Admin	-		1,439		-	
Training	541		45		1,222	
Travelling	48		-		-	
Equipment	-		-		2,714	
Consumables	5,768		5,355		2,019	
Property maintenance	-		553		143	
Stationery & Postage	506		560		361	
Advertising	573		266		1,028	
Gifts and samples	924		408		386	
Computers & Software	694		-		786	
Telephone	792		1,071		404	
Wi-Fi	-		-		54	
Accountancy Fee	426		476		390	
Payroll Processing	712		644		459	
Snacks	87		-		360	
Cleaning & Hygiene Exp	1,816		1,242		219	
Sundry	-		479		914	
Uniform	471		625		880	
Legal Fees	308		60		-	
Depreciation	322		191		494	
		<u>61,007</u>		<u>51,467</u>		<u>74,404</u>
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		<u>(8,352)</u>		<u>13,255</u>		<u>(21,074)</u>

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2021**

	2021	2020	2019	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		967	764	1,144
<b>Current assets</b>				
Deposit Account	13,046	12,038	6,534	
Bank Current Co-Op	1,991	11,296	3,389	
Cash	207	207	150	
Debtors	-	-	209	
	<u>15,244</u>	<u>23,541</u>	<u>10,282</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Trade Creditors	-	-	237	
Accruals	450	450	400	
Paye & Pension Creditors	258	-	-	
	<u>708</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>637</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		14,536	23,091	9,645
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>15,503</u>	<u>23,855</u>	<u>10,789</u>
<b>Balance at 31st August 2020</b>		23,855	10,789	31,863
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		(8,352)	13,066	(21,074)
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		<u>15,503</u>	<u>23,855</u>	<u>10,789</u>

Approved and Agreed

  
Chairperson

  
Treasurer

11/7/22  
Date

11/7/22  
Date

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2021**

**Fixed Assets**

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Office Equipment £
Cost		
1st September 2020		
Additions	5,989	1,679
31st August 2021	-	525
	<u>5,989</u>	<u>2,204</u>
Depreciation		
1st September 2020		
Charge for Year	5,376	1,528
31st August 2021	153	169
	<u>5,529</u>	<u>1,697</u>
Written Down Value		
31st August 2021	460	507
31st August 2020	613	151

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Date..... 11.7.2022



# Buckden Preschool Playgroup

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## Acting Chairpersons report

This is a report from the secretary for 2020 - 2021 acting in the chair role as the chairperson resigned in December 2021 and left the village without notifying Ofsted or providing the committee any correspondence during her tenure. Ofsted had suspended inspections during the pandemic and the setting retained its good grading.

During the period of this report the setting had to follow Government guidance for Covid 19 and did have to close on 19 March 2020. Although we followed the guidance in the end we did not need to be open for children of keyworkers.

The committee were able to meet socially distanced for an hour on 20 May 2020 to agree a plan to reopen the setting from 1 June 2020. This had to be on reduced hours to cater for a weekly deep clean and with full risk assessments undertaken by the staff. During the second lockdown the setting closed again with a return to normal hours on 8 March 2021. I watched the children enthusiastically have their temperatures checked first thing.

Staffing issues caused the committee great concern. We lost two members of staff in early 2021 and we are so grateful that Jasmine accepted the role of acting manager for the start of the new academic year as we experienced real difficulty in recruitment. That has continued into the new academic year and as the saying goes please spread the word. Nothing sells like experience. We are still recruiting via formal channels and social media.

I have accepted the acting chair role as I believe passionately in the community and this is a brilliant setting with a great team lead by the wonderful Jasmine which I didn't want to see close through a lack of committee members or children attending. So, there is a plea to join us.

However, there are statutory DfE and Ofsted regulations to be followed which is not for the faint hearted and I would like to publicly thank Debby, Becky and JeanAnn for their enduring support because we are a unique setting.

Moving forward we want to grow our numbers and raise funds to improve facilities. Buckfest are promising to replace our dilapidated work table with a brilliant new one with matching seats for the autumn term.

Helen Lumb

**BUCKDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION**

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# Accounts

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## **AGM Treasurer's Report for year 01/09/2019 to 31/08/2020**

We have ended the year on a positive, which has largely come from staffing while we have been managing with the staff we have this is a lot lower than we have previously had.

- Although costs have decreased in comparison to 2018-19, they are consistent year on year. The increased spend on 'cleaning' – is in relation to the covid 19 pandemic which was needed to carry on the success of having the setting open following government guideline. While the number of children number of children on roll during the school year did improve the pandemic did have an affect on all. The Treasurer thanks all the staff for maintaining an excellent learning journey and happy environment for all the child and parents to be a part of.
- Fundraising income has decreased in comparison to the previous years largely due to the pandemic and restrictions put in place so no spring/ summer events were able to take place, with the continued efforts of the staff, committee members and parents we are hoping the coming year will be better.
- Insurance has increased slightly from the previous year in line with current inflation.
- Advertising costs have decreased on the past years mainly due to the pandemic and having restrictions on how much we can do within the setting. We have continued to improve our presence on social media which has proven every popular with some of the new parents enquiring about the setting.
- We currently have very little extra spent on extra room hire due to the pandemic but hopefully this will improve in the coming year with restrictions easing. The usage of extra rooms for activities such as circuits is very beneficial to the children; especially in preparing the school leavers for starting school.
- Monthly rental costs have decreased since last year due to a rental break to the Village Hall, we have continued the arranged set amount and have agreed a decrease while we are unable to run at full capacity.

### **Treasurer's suggested actions for the coming year:**

- Fundraising covid permitting will need to be increased, this is a vital income – one on which the preschool relies upon.
- We will continue to work with the village hall in the coming year depending on restrictions and attendance of children.
- The reserve account continues to cover all 'closing down' costs. This is updated each year in accordance with an extra years' service for each staff member.

After now being on the committee for 3 years and seeing all the hard work everyone puts into all that is involved into keeping the preschool running, I am grateful to all the committee and staff past and present for their dedication, teamwork and commitment.

I believe that the preschool will continue to grow with all the support and help given by all involved.

Debra Beachus-Wells, Treasurer

**BUCKDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2020**

	2020		2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>FEE INCOME</b>						
Fees from parents		3,371		8,657		11,577
Vouchers (funding)		57,081		42,547		60,148
		<u>60,452</u>		<u>51,204</u>		<u>71,725</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>						
Training/Grants/Donations	3,731		-		167	
Other income	140		133		-	
Deposit A/c Interest	4		27		5	
		<u>3,875</u>		<u>160</u>		<u>172</u>
<b>FUND RAISING</b>						
Income	1,043		2,190		703	
Less Expenses	(648)		(224)		(517)	
		<u>395</u>		<u>1,966</u>		<u>186</u>
		<u>64,722</u>		<u>53,330</u>		<u>72,083</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Rent & Insurance	4,247		5,710		4,833	
Room Hire	-		656		733	
Insurance	978		1,323		705	
Staff Costs	32,828		53,882		58,304	
Admin	1,439		-		10	
Training	45		1,222		893	
Travelling	-		-		34	
Equipment	-		2,714		1,091	
Consumables	5,355		2,019		243	
Property maintenance	553		143		105	
Stationery & Postage	560		361		1,023	
Advertising	266		1,028		867	
Gifts and samples	408		386		844	
Computers & Software	-		786		-	
Telephone	1,071		404		182	
Wi-Fi	-		54		126	
Accountancy Fee	476		390		390	
Payroll Processing	644		459		360	
Snacks	-		360		-	
Cleaning	1,242		219		860	
Sundry	479		914		815	
Uniform	625		880		-	
Legal Fees	60		-		-	
Depreciation	380		494		238	
		<u>51,656</u>		<u>74,404</u>		<u>73,277</u>
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		<u>13,066</u>		<u>(21,074)</u>		<u>(1,194)</u>

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2020**

	2020		2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		764		1,144		586
<b>Current assets</b>						
Deposit Account	12,038		6,534		17,307	
Bank Current Co-Op	11,296		3,389		14,290	
Cash	207		150		80	
Debtors	-		209		-	
	<u>23,541</u>		<u>10,282</u>		<u>31,677</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Trade Creditors	-		237		-	
Accruals	450		400		400	
	<u>450</u>		<u>637</u>		<u>400</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		23,091		9,645		31,277
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>23,855</u>		<u>10,789</u>		<u>31,863</u>
<b>Balance at 31st August 2019</b>		10,789		31,863		33,057
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		13,066		(21,074)		(1,194)
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		<u>23,855</u>		<u>10,789</u>		<u>31,863</u>

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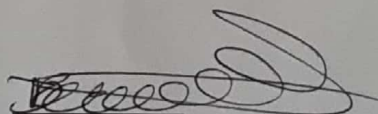


Chairperson

J Chumario

11/1/21

Date



Treasurer

D BOACHMUS-WELLS

11/1/21

Date

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2020**

1) Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings £	Office Equipment £
Cost		
1st September 2019	5,989	1,679
Additions	-	-
31st August 2020	5,989	1,679
Depreciation		
1st September 2019	5,147	1,377
Charge for Year	229	151
31st August 2020	5,376	1,528
Written Down Value		
31st August 2020	613	151
31st August 2019	842	302

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Depreciation	380		494		238	
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<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Trade Creditors	-		237		-	
Accruals	450		400		400	
	<u>450</u>		<u>637</u>		<u>400</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		23,091		9,645		31,277
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>23,855</u>		<u>10,789</u>		<u>31,863</u>
<b>Balance at 31st August 2019</b>		10,789		31,863		33,057
<b>Surplus / ( Deficit ) For The Period</b>		13,066		(21,074)		(1,194)
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		<u>23,855</u>		<u>10,789</u>		<u>31,863</u>

Approved and Agreed

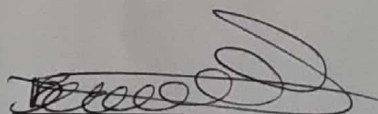


Chairperson

J Chumario

11/1/21

Date



Treasurer

D BOACHMUS-WELLS

11/1/21

Date

**BUCKDEN PRE - SCHOOL PLAYGROUP  
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 YEAR END 31ST AUGUST 2020**

1) Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings £	Office Equipment £
Cost		
1st September 2019	5,989	1,679
Additions	-	-
31st August 2020	5,989	1,679
Depreciation		
1st September 2019	5,147	1,377
Charge for Year	229	151
31st August 2020	5,376	1,528
Written Down Value		
31st August 2020	613	151
31st August 2019	842	302

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the**

We have examined the accounts of the Buckden Pre - School Playgroup for the year ended 31st August 2020

We confirm that the attached financial statements are in accordance therewith.

Signed.....  


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Date. 16.12.20.....