

WOODCHESTER PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 292714

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1985-10-24

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

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Activities

Objects: THE AIM OF THE GROUP IS TO EMBODY THE VISION OF PATA THROUGH THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, CARE AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE AND ALSO OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY (VOLUNTARY MANAGED) GROUPS AND BY: (A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY FACILITIES AND TRAINING COURSES, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY (B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREA

Activities: Providing an environment to learn through play for pre school children aged between 2 years 9 months and 4 years

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WOODCHESTER AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£99,843	£87,233	-	-
2024-07-31	£99,723	£86,045	-	-
2023-07-31	£99,296	£100,886	-	-
2022-07-31	£92,333	£70,591	-	-
2021-07-31	£67,327	£61,307	-	-
2020-07-31	£63,870	£63,733	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Wheeler		2024-11-11
Bex Harris		2025-10-10
Ellie Gillingham		2025-10-09
Emma Steinberg		2025-10-09
Jessica Rivers		2025-10-09
Leo Steinberg		2025-10-09
Mark Lemon		2025-10-09
William Humphries		2024-10-03

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Accounts

Executive Summary

Woodchester Playgroup For the year ended 31 July 2025

	2025	2024	VARIANCE
Cash			
Cash received	101,023.18	99,405.87	1.63% ↑
Cash spent	88,423.22	87,468.28	1.09% ↑
Cash surplus (deficit)	12,599.96	11,937.59	5.55% ↑
Closing bank balance	103,271.62	90,671.66	13.90% ↑
Profitability			
Income	107,131.58	99,722.73	7.43% ↑
Direct costs	-	-	-
Gross profit (loss)	107,131.58	99,722.73	7.43% ↑
Other income	-	-	-
Expenses	87,462.78	86,045.11	1.65% ↑
Profit (loss)	19,668.80	13,677.62	43.80% ↑
Balance Sheet			
Debtors	7,586.75	298.50	2,441.62% ↑
Creditors	143.38	(81.04)	276.92% ↑
Net assets	111,892.99	92,224.19	21.33% ↑
Sales			
Number of invoices issued	129.00	112.00	15.18% ↑
Average value of invoices	819.39	523.22	56.61% ↑
Performance			
Gross profit margin (%)	100.00	100.00	-
Net profit margin (%)	18.36	13.72	33.86% ↑
Return on investment (p.a.) (%)	17.58	14.83	18.52% ↑
Position			
Average debtor days	25.85	1.10	2,259.39% ↑
Average creditor days	-	-	-
Short term cash forecast	7,443.37	379.54	1,861.16% ↑
Current assets to liabilities	747.12	(1,122.53)	166.56% ↑
Term assets to liabilities	-	-	-

Cash Summary

Woodchester Playgroup For the year ended 31 July 2025

	2025	YEARLY AVERAGE (YTD)	VARIANCE	
Income				
Accounts Receivable	3.50	1.50	133.33%	↑
Donations	690.41	577.50	19.55%	↑
Fees	13,564.87	18,447.25	-26.47%	↓
Fundraising	702.92	1,171.60	-40.00%	↓
Grants	75,268.92	75,333.65	-0.09%	↓
Hall Hire	3,322.00	3,300.00	0.67%	↑
HP EHCP Grants/Funding	5,241.00	-	-	—
Other Revenue	511.48	180.00	184.16%	↑
Registration Fee	510.00	210.00	142.86%	↑
Stay & Play	28.23	255.23	-88.94%	↓
Total Income	99,843.33	99,476.73	0.37%	
Less Expenses				
Accounts Payable	(94.51)	241.25	-139.18%	↓
Bad Debt Write Off	-	127.50	-100.00%	↓
Bookkeeping	3,180.00	3,260.00	-2.45%	↓
Cleaning	558.71	1,255.08	-55.48%	↓
Consumables	853.21	1,352.70	-36.93%	↓
DBS Checks	288.01	62.98	357.30%	↑
Gifts	256.00	18.37	1,293.58%	↑
Insurance	3,274.16	2,732.97	19.80%	↑
Light & Heat	2,247.93	1,189.13	89.04%	↑
NIC Payable	4,415.93	3,087.41	43.03%	↑
Office Salaries	69,769.27	71,914.74	-2.98%	↓
Other Staff Costs	1,220.71	383.99	217.90%	↑
Pata Payroll	547.35	582.40	-6.02%	↓
PAYE Payable	(4,991.87)	(7,077.88)	29.47%	↑
Pension Contributions - Neste	964.37	919.87	4.84%	↑
Pensions Control - Neste	(19.81)	(3.00)	-560.33%	↓
Phone and Broadband	575.91	487.38	18.16%	↑

	2025	YEARLY AVERAGE (YTD)	VARIANCE
Premises	1,038.00	1,679.97	-38.21% ↓
Printing, Stationary, Postage	223.21	266.26	-16.17% ↓
Professional Fees	721.71	1,870.37	-61.41% ↓
Refreshments	496.31	543.13	-8.62% ↓
Repairs and Maintenance	617.46	769.83	-19.79% ↓
Rounding	(5.00)	-	- —
Subscriptions	1,020.39	701.70	45.42% ↑
Wages	75.91	-	- —
Total Expenses	87,233.36	86,366.15	1.00%
Surplus (Deficit)	12,609.97	13,110.58	-3.82%
Plus Other Cash Movements			
Fixed Assets	(10.01)	(1,172.99)	99.15% ↑
Total Other Cash Movements	(10.01)	(1,172.99)	99.15%
Net Cash Movement	12,599.96	11,937.59	5.55%
Summary			
Opening Balance	90,671.66	78,734.07	15.16%
Plus Net Cash Movement	12,599.96	11,937.59	5.55% ↑
Cash Balance	103,271.62	90,671.66	13.90%

Profit and Loss

Woodchester Playgroup For the year ended 31 July 2025

	2025	JUL 2024-JUN 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Trading Income			
Donations	690.41	634.91	690.41
Fees	14,733.37	14,733.37	14,733.37
Fundraising	702.92	397.20	702.92
Grants	81,582.17	78,768.45	81,582.17
Hall Hire	3,322.00	3,344.00	3,322.00
HP EHCP Grants/Funding	5,241.00	5,241.00	5,241.00
Other Revenue	531.48	531.48	531.48
Registration Fee	300.00	810.00	300.00
Stay & Play	28.23	13.73	28.23
Total Trading Income	107,131.58	104,474.14	107,131.58
Gross Profit	107,131.58	104,474.14	107,131.58
Operating Expenses			
Bad Debt Write Off	-	75.00	-
Bookkeeping	3,180.00	3,180.00	3,180.00
Cleaning	558.71	558.62	558.71
Consumables	777.81	771.35	777.81
DBS Checks	288.01	288.01	288.01
Gifts	256.00	186.00	256.00
Insurance	3,274.16	3,274.16	3,274.16
Light & Heat	2,344.25	2,142.22	2,344.25
NIC Payable	4,415.93	4,180.83	4,415.93
Office Salaries	69,769.27	70,187.36	69,769.27
Other Staff Costs	1,382.13	1,220.71	1,382.13
Part Payroll	547.35	559.60	547.35
PAYE Payable	(4,991.87)	(5,042.31)	(4,991.87)
Pension Contributions - Neste	964.37	945.13	964.37
Pensions Control - Neste	(19.81)	51.22	(19.81)
Phone and Broadband	571.15	550.91	571.15
Premises	1,038.00	943.00	1,038.00
Printing, Stationary, Postage	223.21	221.71	223.21
Professional Fees	674.04	674.04	674.04
Refreshments	496.31	500.75	496.31
Repairs and Maintenance	617.46	617.46	617.46
Subscriptions	1,020.39	1,016.79	1,020.39
Wages	75.91	75.91	75.91
Total Operating Expenses	87,462.78	87,178.47	87,462.78
Net Profit	19,668.80	17,295.67	19,668.80

Balance Sheet

Woodchester Playgroup As at 31 July 2025

	31 JUL 2025	31 JUL 2024
Assets		
Bank		
09015110138309	103,130.26	90,476.86
Petty Cash	141.36	194.80
Total Bank	103,271.62	90,671.66
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	7,586.75	298.50
Total Current Assets	7,586.75	298.50
Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment	1,172.99	1,172.99
Equipment	10.01	-
Total Fixed Assets	1,183.00	1,172.99
Total Assets	112,041.37	92,143.15
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	143.38	(81.04)
Rounding	5.00	-
Total Current Liabilities	148.38	(81.04)
Total Liabilities	148.38	(81.04)
Net Assets	111,892.99	92,224.19
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	19,668.80	13,677.62
Retained Earnings	92,224.19	78,546.57
Total Equity	111,892.99	92,224.19

Aged Receivables Summary

Woodchester Playgroup

As at 31 July 2025

Ageing by due date

CONTACT	CURRENT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	OLDER	TOTAL
Alfia Wilkins	-	-	-	-	-	(1.50)	(1.50)
Archie Cook	-	-	-	-	-	30.00	30.00
Bear Girvan	-	-	-	-	-	624.00	624.00
Bo Pietrantonio	-	-	-	198.00	-	-	198.00
Dylan Crawshaw	-	115.50	-	-	-	-	115.50
Elijah Cook-Lund	-	115.50	-	49.50	(0.50)	20.00	184.50
Elodie Walker	-	-	-	-	-	30.00	30.00
Fred Ward	-	-	-	-	-	30.00	30.00
Gloucestershire County Council Shire Hall	6,313.25	-	-	-	-	-	6,313.25
Harley Pearse	-	-	-	-	-	66.00	66.00
Molly Hobbins	-	-	-	-	-	(3.00)	(3.00)
Total	6,313.25	231.00	-	247.50	(0.50)	795.50	7,586.75
Percentage of total	83.21%	3.04%	-	3.26%	-0.01%	10.49%	100.00%

Aged Payables Summary

Woodchester Playgroup

As at 31 July 2025

Ageing by due date

CONTACT	CURRENT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	OLDER	TOTAL
Aged Payables							
British Gas	-	112.88	(16.82)	-	-	-	96.06
Edf Electricity & Gas	-	-	-	(4.49)	-	(142.25)	(146.74)
Indeed	-	161.42	-	-	-	-	161.42
Pozitive Energy	-	-	-	-	0.26	-	0.26
Tesco Mobile	-	-	-	(17.50)	-	-	(17.50)
XLN - Daisy Communications	49.88	-	-	-	-	-	49.88
Total Aged Payables	49.88	274.30	(16.82)	(21.99)	0.26	(142.25)	143.38
Total	49.88	274.30	(16.82)	(21.99)	0.26	(142.25)	143.38
Percentage of total	34.79%	191.31%	-11.73%	-15.34%	0.18%	-99.21%	100.00%

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Rounding	(5.00)	-	- —
Subscriptions	1,020.39	701.70	45.42% ↑
Wages	75.91	-	- —
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Pensions Control - Neste	(19.81)	51.22	(19.81)
Phone and Broadband	571.15	550.91	571.15
Premises	1,038.00	943.00	1,038.00
Printing, Stationary, Postage	223.21	221.71	223.21
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Equipment	10.01	-
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Current Liabilities		
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Rounding	5.00	-
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Elijah Cook-Lund	-	115.50	-	49.50	(0.50)	20.00	184.50
Elodie Walker	-	-	-	-	-	30.00	30.00
Fred Ward	-	-	-	-	-	30.00	30.00
Gloucestershire County Council Shire Hall	6,313.25	-	-	-	-	-	6,313.25
Harley Pearse	-	-	-	-	-	66.00	66.00
Molly Hobbins	-	-	-	-	-	(3.00)	(3.00)
Total	6,313.25	231.00	-	247.50	(0.50)	795.50	7,586.75
Percentage of total	83.21%	3.04%	-	3.26%	-0.01%	10.49%	100.00%

Aged Payables Summary

Woodchester Playgroup

As at 31 July 2025

Ageing by due date

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Aged Payables							
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Edf Electricity & Gas	-	-	-	(4.49)	-	(142.25)	(146.74)
Indeed	-	161.42	-	-	-	-	161.42
Pozitive Energy	-	-	-	-	0.26	-	0.26
Tesco Mobile	-	-	-	(17.50)	-	-	(17.50)
XLN - Daisy Communications	49.88	-	-	-	-	-	49.88
Total Aged Payables	49.88	274.30	(16.82)	(21.99)	0.26	(142.25)	143.38
Total	49.88	274.30	(16.82)	(21.99)	0.26	(142.25)	143.38
Percentage of total	34.79%	191.31%	-11.73%	-15.34%	0.18%	-99.21%	100.00%



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Woodchester Playgroup

On accounts for the year ended

31/07/2025

Charity no (if any)

292714

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 31/07/2025.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

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

Signed:

Date:

20/05/2026

Name:

Tracy Peart

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

TLP Bookkeeping Services

Address:

Eastleigh, Townsend, Randwick, Stroud, Glos. GL5 4RY

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Disclosure

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WOODCHESTER PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292714

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Woodchester Playgroup		
	On accounts for the year ended	31/07/2024	Charity no (if any) 292714
Set out on pages	7 pages <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2024.

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.

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Signed: K Wilson Date: 20/05/2025

Name: Karen Wilson

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

Address: 29 Gerald's Way, Chalford, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 8FJ

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None.

Executive Summary

Woodchester Playgroup For the year ended 31 July 2024

2024

Cash

Cash received	99,405.87
Cash spent	87,468.28
Cash surplus (deficit)	11,937.59
Closing bank balance	90,671.66

Profitability

Income	99,722.73
Direct costs	-
Gross profit (loss)	99,722.73
Other income	-
Expenses	86,045.11
Profit (loss)	13,677.62

Balance Sheet

Debtors	298.50
Creditors	(81.04)
Net assets	92,224.19

Sales

Number of invoices issued	112.00
Average value of invoices	523.22

Performance

Gross profit margin (%)	100.00
Net profit margin (%)	13.72
Return on investment (p.a.) (%)	14.83

Position

Average debtor days	1.10
Average creditor days	-
Short term cash forecast	379.54
Current assets to liabilities	(1,122.53)
Term assets to liabilities	-

Cash Summary

Woodchester Playgroup For the year ended 31 July 2024

	2024	YEARLY AVERAGE (YTD)	VARIANCE
Income			
Accounts Receivable	1.50	-	-
Donations	577.50	-	-
Fees	18,447.25	(52.50)	35,237.62% ↑
Fundraising	1,171.60	-	-
Grants	75,333.65	-	-
Hall Hire	3,300.00	-	-
Other Revenue	180.00	-	-
Registration Fee	210.00	-	-
Stay & Play	255.23	-	-
Total Income	99,476.73	(52.50)	189,579.49 %
Less Expenses			
Accounts Payable	241.25	-	-
Bad Debt Write Off	127.50	-	-
Bookkeeping	3,260.00	(240.00)	1,458.33% ↑
Cleaning	1,255.08	-	-
Consumables	1,352.70	-	-
DBS Checks	62.98	-	-
Gifts	18.37	-	-
Insurance	2,732.97	-	-
Light & Heat	1,189.13	-	-
NIC Payable	3,087.41	-	-
Office Salaries	71,914.74	-	-
Other Staff Costs	383.99	-	-
Pata Payroll	582.40	-	-
PAYE Payable	(7,077.88)	-	-
Pension Contributions - Neste	919.87	-	-
Pensions Control - Neste	(3.00)	-	-
Phone and Broadband	487.38	-	-
Premises	1,679.97	-	-

	2024	YEARLY AVERAGE (YTD)	VARIANCE
Printing, Stationary, Postage	266.26	-	-
Professional Fees	1,870.37	-	-
Refreshments	543.13	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	769.83	-	-
Subscriptions	701.70	-	-
Total Expenses	86,366.15	(240.00)	36,085.90%
Surplus (Deficit)	13,110.58	187.50	6,892.31%
Plus Other Cash Movements			
Fixed Assets	(1,172.99)	-	-
Total Other Cash Movements	(1,172.99)	-	-
Plus Movements in Equity			
Retained Earnings	-	78,546.57	-100.00% ↓
Total Movements in Equity	-	78,546.57	-100.00%
Net Cash Movement	11,937.59	78,734.07	-84.84%
Summary			
Opening Balance	78,734.07	-	-
Plus Net Cash Movement	11,937.59	78,734.07	-84.84% ↓
Cash Balance	90,671.66	78,734.07	15.16%

Profit and Loss

Woodchester Playgroup For the year ended 31 July 2024

	2024	YEAR TO DATE
Trading Income		
Donations	577.50	577.50
Fees	18,394.75	18,394.75
Fundraising	1,171.60	1,171.60
Grants	75,333.65	75,333.65
Hall Hire	3,300.00	3,300.00
Other Revenue	180.00	180.00
Registration Fee	510.00	510.00
Stay & Play	255.23	255.23
Total Trading Income	99,722.73	99,722.73
Gross Profit	99,722.73	99,722.73
Operating Expenses		
Bad Debt Write Off	127.50	127.50
Bookkeeping	3,020.00	3,020.00
Cleaning	1,255.08	1,255.08
Consumables	1,428.10	1,428.10
DBS Checks	62.98	62.98
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Pensions Control - Neste	(3.00)	(3.00)
Phone and Broadband	524.52	524.52
Premises	1,679.97	1,679.97
Printing, Stationary, Postage	266.26	266.26
Professional Fees	1,918.04	1,918.04
Refreshments	543.13	543.13
Repairs and Maintenance	769.83	769.83
Subscriptions	701.70	701.70
Total Operating Expenses	86,045.11	86,045.11
Net Profit	13,677.62	13,677.62

Balance Sheet

Woodchester Playgroup As at 31 July 2024

	31 JUL 2024	31 JUL 2023
Assets		
Bank		
09015110138309	90,476.86	78,664.94
Petty Cash	194.80	69.13
Total Bank	90,671.66	78,734.07
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	298.50	52.50
Total Current Assets	298.50	52.50
Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment	1,172.99	-
Total Fixed Assets	1,172.99	-
Total Assets	92,143.15	78,786.57
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	(81.04)	240.00
Total Current Liabilities	(81.04)	240.00
Total Liabilities	(81.04)	240.00
Net Assets	92,224.19	78,546.57
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	13,677.62	-
Retained Earnings	78,546.57	78,546.57
Total Equity	92,224.19	78,546.57

Aged Receivables Summary

Woodchester Playgroup

As at 31 July 2024

Ageing by due date

CONTACT	CURRENT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	OLDER	TOTAL
Alfia Wilkins	-	-	(1.50)	-	-	-	(1.50)
Alice Gillingham	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Amos Walker-Tims	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Bo Pietrantonio	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Elodie Walker	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Elsie Wood	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
River Evans-Thirlwell	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Romy Boswell	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Rupert Dowden	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Seth Brigstocke	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Vidar Bei	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
Total	300.00	-	(1.50)	-	-	-	298.50
Percentage of total	100.50%	-	-0.50%	-	-	-	100.00%

Aged Payables Summary

Woodchester Playgroup

As at 31 July 2024

Ageing by due date

CONTACT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	OLDER	TOTAL
Aged Payables						
Avensure Limited	47.67	-	-	-	-	47.67
Early Years Resources	75.40	-	-	-	-	75.40
Edf Electricity & Gas	(68.81)	-	-	(94.00)	(78.44)	(241.25)
XLN - Daisy Communications	37.14	-	-	-	-	37.14
Total Aged Payables	91.40	-	-	(94.00)	(78.44)	(81.04)
Total	91.40	-	-	(94.00)	(78.44)	(81.04)
Percentage of total	-112.78%	-	-	115.99%	96.79%	100.00%



Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	08	2023		31	07	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Church Road	
North Woodchester	
Stroud	
Postcode	GL5 5PD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for a whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rachel Jane Lee	Chair	01.10.20 - Present	
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4	Alex Wheeler	Member	02.10.202 - Present	
5	Megan Boswell	Member	02.10.2024 - Present	
6	Bethan Samuel	Member	02.10.2024 - Present	
7	Steve Williams	Member	02.10.2023 – Present	
8	Jo Hindle	Member	02.10.2024 - Present	
9	Joana Esteves	Member	02.10.2024 - Present	
10	Sam Hart	Secretary	02.10.2022 – 02.10.2024	
11	Emily Birch	Member	25.11.21 – 02.10.2024	
13	Menna Jenkins	Member	02.10.2022 – 02.03.2024	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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Playgroup sessions are held five days a week during term time in Woodchester and the surrounding villages.

All decisions are made with due regard to the guidelines on public benefit. Furthermore, these sessions are designed to positively impact the local community, fostering a safe and supportive environment for families.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Over the past year, despite the challenges faced by many playgroups across the country, we have continued to provide a safe, fun, and enriching environment for children and their families. Our weekly sessions have remained a source of comfort and learning. The playgroup has continued to foster an environment where children can explore, socialise, and develop essential early childhood skills.

One of the highlights of my term has been seeing our playgroup grow in numbers. This year, we welcomed 20 new families and we do hold a awaiting list of families waiting to join. It has been heartening to see so many new faces and to witness the relationships that form, not just among the children, but also among parents and caregivers.

Our toddler group continues to be held in the school holidays, and the sessions continue to be an excellent success and very popular.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

£30,000 (a term's running costs) is reserved to cover any significant unforeseen costs. This amount would comfortably cover statutory redundancy payments for all staff.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The bank balance at the yearend was comfortably more than the required reserves. Detailed cash flow forecasts are maintained, and we are confident that the playgroup remains sustainable going forwards.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rachel Lee	Erin Windless
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 21/05/2025

Playgroup Chair Report for the Annual General Meeting

Date: 1st October 2024

Location: Woodchester Playgroup

As I sit to write my final report as Chairperson, it's hard to believe that four years have passed since I first took on this role. It has been an incredible journey, full of learning, growth, and countless moments of joy shared with all of you.

Today, I am both proud and humbled to present my final report to you at this AGM.

Highlights of the Past Year

1. Playgroup Activities and Programs

Over the past year, despite the challenges faced by many playgroups across the country, we have continued to provide a safe, fun, and enriching environment for children and their families. Our weekly sessions have remained a source of comfort and learning. The playgroup has continued to foster an environment where children can explore, socialise, and develop essential early childhood skills.

2. Growth in Membership

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3. Staff Support and Committee Dedication

I am deeply grateful for the hard work and dedication of the staff and committee members. The time and energy they have invested have been instrumental in the success of the playgroup. From organising events to managing the logistics of our sessions, the contributions of each member have been invaluable. Without your efforts, none of this would have been possible.

Challenges Faced

Like any organisation, we have faced challenges. Ensuring sufficient funding and managing the administrative load has required patience and collaboration. However, I am proud of how we have navigated these hurdles with resilience and determination. Looking ahead, one of the significant challenges our playgroup will face is the changing landscape of funding for early years childcare. As government policies and funding allocations shift, many playgroups and early childhood programs, including ours, may find it harder. Reduced financial support could impact everything from staffing to the materials and activities we offer. It is essential that we remain proactive, exploring alternative funding streams, fundraising initiatives, and strengthening community partnerships to ensure the sustainability of our playgroup. Navigating these changes will require creativity, advocacy, and continued collaboration from everyone involved.

Looking Forward

As I step down from the position of Chairperson, I am confident that the future of this playgroup is bright. I have no doubt that the incoming committee and leadership will continue to nurture and grow this incredible setting. My hope is that the values of inclusiveness, play-based learning, and parental support will remain at the heart of everything the playgroup does.

While my term may be ending, I will continue to support the playgroup in whatever way I can. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve in this role, and I will always cherish the memories and friendships formed here.

Closing Remarks

In closing, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the staff, committee members and parents for your trust, support, and friendship over the past four years. Whether you were a parent attending your first session, a volunteer lending a hand, or a fellow committee member working behind the scenes, you have all played a part in making this playgroup the thriving, supportive setting it is today.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Chairperson. I look forward to seeing how the playgroup continues to flourish in the years to come.

Rachel Lee

Chairperson, Woodchester Playgroup

Term of Service: 2019 - 2024

***Term extended by 1yr during meeting, due to no volunteers for Chair Role**

Woodchester Playgroup - Treasurer's Report 2023/24

The accounts to 31 July 2024 are currently being finalised and will be examined by an independent accountant after the AGM.

The bank balance as at 31 July 2024 was £90,566 (2023: £78,665).

Draft annual income 2024: £99,290 (2023: £99,296)

Draft annual expenses 2024: £84,564.90 (2023: £100,885)

Draft profit of £14,725.99 (2023: £1,589 loss)

Based on a revised reserve fund of £30,000, to reflect staff changes in the year and inflationary increase to running costs, available funds at 31 July 2024 we're healthy at £60,665.

The rising rate environment provides opportunity for reserves to be held in an interest earning savings account.

Reserves were held for a term's running costs plus estimated redundancy costs are held in reserve to cover any unforeseen costs or events. It is important that required reserves are recalculated regularly as the amount will increase as running costs increase and as staff lengths of service increase. Reserves will be reviewed again in due course and will need to account for the impact of new 30 hours childcare allowance.

Given the age and condition of the playgroup building, before any significant one-off expenditure is considered, a detailed building survey should be undertaken, to ensure that sufficient funds are retained to cover any building works that may be required in the short-to medium term. This is essential to safeguard the future of the playgroup.

Income:

Income remained flat year on year.

Grant income decreased slightly from £79,242 to £75,333. Grant income varies year on year dependent on the proportion of children eligible for funding compared to those paying fees and we expect this to make up a greater proportion of income when 30 free hours is fully rolled out.

Fee income increased this year from £13,091 to £18,394 although this is reflective of age mix and free hours funding entitlement.

The Playgroup also benefited from over £527 of donations this year and £969 was raised through fundraising, with our fun run being a great success.

Income from hall hire this year was £3,300 vs £2,860 last year as Woodpeckers use the playgroup for after school club.

Costs:

Employment costs increased this year by £9,205. At £71,914 (2023: £62,709) employment costs make up the vast majority of the playgroup's running costs. This is to be expected in an early years setting where appropriately qualified and experienced staff are key to the stated objectives of development, care and education of children. Staff wages are benchmarked using data provided by PATA and the committee is comfortable that the hourly rates are appropriate.

The main expenditure of note this year was £1018 for Playgroup Leader and Playgroup Treasurer Laptops.

If you'd like more details or to see copies of the accounts, I would be happy to provide you with them.

WOODCHESTER PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292714

Accounts



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From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

22/23 was a successful year for the playgroup. Over the year, the playgroup has achieved a full staff complement, providing children with better and more personalised care, which is essential for the development of children.

The Playgroups numbers continue to grow and continues to have a waiting list. this is a testament to the Play leader's continued efforts to ensure that we operate in one of the best settings in the area.

We have now fully completed the upgrade to our vibrant outdoor space with additional of further canopy cover to allow outside play in all seasons and weather.

In March 2023 the Playgroup achieved a rating of 'Good' from Ofsted, where we were commended for our SEND work with it noted that our Staff implement consistent strategies to support children and ensure the setting is fully inclusive for children with limited communication skills.

Our toddler group continues to be held in the school holidays, and the sessions continue to be an excellent success and very popular.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The bank balance at the yearend was comfortably more than the required reserves. Detailed cash flow forecasts are maintained, and we are confident that the playgroup remains sustainable going forwards.

Following identification of a small number of non-material omissions by the independent examiner, the prior year comparators have been updated.

Section F

Other optional information

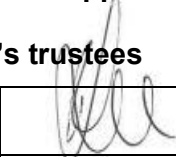

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rachel Lee	Erin Windless
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 30/05/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Woodchester Playgroup

292714

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/08/2022

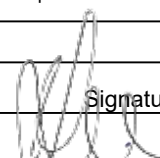
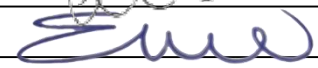
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31/07/2023

Section A receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	79,242	-	-	79,242	77,680
Fees	13,091	-	-	13,091	9,619
Hall Hire	2,860	-	-	2,860	2,794
Other	249	-	-	249	97
Fundraising	744	-	-	744	1,621
Donations	429	2,680	-	3,109	619
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for	96,616	2,680	-	99,296	92,429
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	96,616	2,680	-	99,296	92,429
A3 Payments					
Employment Costs	62,709	-	-	62,709	56,823
Premises Costs	24,158	2,680	-	26,838	3,485
Trips	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	6,009	-	-	6,009	4,686
Insurance	2,612	-	-	2,612	2,311
Refreshments	536	-	-	536	947
Consumables	733	-	-	733	1,527
Subscriptions	44	-	-	44	211
Fundraising Costs	47	-	-	47	-
Printing, Postage and Stationary	225	-	-	225	190
Other Costs	592	-	-	592	215
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	97,666	2,680	-	100,346	70,396
A4 Asset and investment					
Equipment	540	-	-	540	604
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	540	-	-	540	604
Total payments	98,206	2,680	-	100,886	71,001
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,589	-	-	(1,589)	21,429
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	80,323	-	-	80,323	58,894
Cash funds this year end	78,734	-	-	78,734	80,323

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	78,665	-	
	Cash Balances	69	-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	78,734	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Fees Owing	53	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Original Cost of Rollalong Building	Unrestricted	4,500	-
	Building refurbishment	Unrestricted	52,733	-
	Garden Refurbishment	Unrestricted	33,011	-
	Free Flow Curtain	Unrestricted	359	-
	Digital Camera	Unrestricted	100	-
	9 Bin organiser	Unrestricted	151	-
	Shed	Unrestricted	261	-
	Laptops	Unrestricted	658	-
	Outside Play equipment	Unrestricted	1,065	-
	Kitchen Equipment	Unrestricted	292	-
	Play Equipment	Unrestricted	910	-
	Learning Books	Unrestricted	711	-
	Ipad	Unrestricted	429	-
	Laptopn - HP	Unrestricted	530	-
	Sand and Water Play Table	Unrestricted	138	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
	Payroll	Unrestricted	5,185	19 August 2023
	PAYE	Unrestricted	1,051	09 October 2023
	Garden Improvments	Unrestricted	5,000	Sep-23
		Unrestricted	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of	
		Rachel Lee	30/05/2024	
		Erin Windless	30/05/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Woodchester Playgroup

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2023

Charity no
(if any)

292714

Set out on pages

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(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/ 07 / 2023**.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

L Farrer

Date:

26 May 2024

Name:

Leah Farrer, Farrer Financials Limited

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

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Address:

Brook House, Toadsmoor Road, Brimscombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 2TB

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.

There are no material matters to disclose.

Chairs Report – October 2023

I am pleased to present the annual report for Woodchester Playgroup, highlighting our achievements, challenges, and future endeavors.

Staffing and Achievements: I am proud to announce that Woodchester Playgroup continues to have a full complement of dedicated staff who tirelessly work to provide the best learning environment for our children. Their commitment and efforts were recently validated when, in March 2023, we achieved a 'GOOD' Ofsted rating. This accomplishment stands as a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff members. I am also delighted to say that as a committee we delivered 90% of our planned activities for this year. We have recruited a full complement of staff; the outdoor space has been completed and we have recruited new committee members. The upgrading of the bathroom facilities is still in our future plans but we are aware that we need to plan this in line with our financial stability.

Training and qualifications

Throughout this year, Staff have undertaken training. They have completed training in GDPR, the revised EYFS (Sept 2021), Assessment, Child Development, SEND, Designated Safeguarding and numerous other short courses that have particularly interested individual staff.

Financial Overview: In the past financial year, fundraising efforts faced challenges, resulting in lower than anticipated income. However, we are grateful for the generous £500 donation from Tesco and thank those who do take part in our fundraising activities, including our weekly Severn Lottery.

Despite facing financial hurdles, we have completed a significant upgrade to our outdoor space. With this improvement completed, our committee's primary focus is now on rebuilding our surplus funds for future sustainability.

Challenges Ahead: Planned government changes to funding pose a significant challenge to our Playgroup. However, our dedicated committee is committed to ensuring that necessary funds are sourced to sustain our operations. We are determined to navigate through these changes while maintaining the high standards of care and education that define our Playgroup.

Looking Ahead: As we move forward, our focus remains on providing exceptional care and education to the children in our community. We are committed to overcoming financial challenges and adapting to changing regulations to ensure the continued success of Woodchester Playgroup.

Thank you to our staff, volunteers, supporters, and committee members for their unwavering dedication and support throughout the year.

As a reminder to all parents/carers, we are a charity committee-led setting which relies on a committee of volunteers to stay open, regardless of the strength of our finances and how well we perform with Ofsted; without a committee, the setting cannot run. We always welcome interest from new committee members and any time they can offer.

Woodchester Playgroup - Treasurer's Report 2022/23

The accounts to 31 July 2023 are currently being finalised and will be examined by an independent accountant after the AGM.

The bank balance as at 31 July 2023 was £78,665 (2022: £80,135).

Draft annual income 2023: £99,296 (2022: £92,429)

Draft annual expenses 2023: £100,346 (2022: £70,396)

Draft loss of £1,589 (2022: £21,429 profit)

Based on a revised reserve fund of £30,000, to reflect staff changes in the year and inflationary increase to running costs, available funds at 31 July 2023 we're healthy at £48,665.

The rising rate environment provides opportunity for reserves to be held in an interest earning savings account.

Reserves were held for a term's running costs plus estimated redundancy costs are held in reserve to cover any unforeseen costs or events. It is important that required reserves are recalculated regularly as the amount will increase as running costs increase and as staff lengths of service increase.

Given the age and condition of the playgroup building, before any significant one-off expenditure is considered, a detailed building survey should be undertaken, to ensure that sufficient funds are retained to cover any building works that may be required in the short-to medium term. This is essential to safeguard the future of the playgroup.

Income:

There was an overall increase in income of £6,867 this year.

Grant income increased slightly from £77,680 to £79,242. Grant income varies year on year dependent on the proportion of children eligible for funding compared to those paying fees.

Fee income increased slightly this year from £9,619 to £13,091 although this is reflective of age mix and free hours funding entitlement.

The Playgroup also benefited from over £3,109 of donations this year. £744 was raised through fundraising.

Income from hall hire this year was £2,860 vs £2,794 last year as Woodpeckers use the playgroup for after school club.

Costs:

Employment costs increased this year by £5,886. At £62,709 (2022: £56,823) employment costs make up the vast majority of the playgroup's running costs. This is to be expected in an early years setting where appropriately qualified and experienced staff are key to the stated objectives of development, care and education of children. Staff wages are benchmarked using data provided by PATA and the committee is comfortable that the hourly rates are appropriate.

The main expenditure of note this year was £21,288 for garden works to replace decking in disrepair, improve the outdoor space and provide shelter to enable better use of the out door space all year round

If you'd like more details or to see copies of the accounts, I would be happy to provide you with them.

WOODCHESTER PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292714

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	08	2021		31	07

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Church Road	
North Woodchester	
Stroud	
Postcode	GL5 5PD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for a whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rachel Jane Lee	Chair	01.10.20 - Present	
2	Emily Birch	Member	25.11.21 - Present	
3	Erin Windless	Treasurer	28.05.2022 – Present	
4	Menna Jenkins	Member	02.10.2022 - Present	
5	Sam Hart	Member	02.10.2022 – Present	
6	Rachael Merrett	Secretary	02.10.20 – 02.10.2022	
7	Rose Anna Mitchell	Member	01.08.19 – 02.10.2022	
8	Rebecca Anthony	Member	25.11.21 – 02.10.2022	
9	Rosa Barratt	Member	29.04.21 – 16.11.2022	
10	Ella Gillingham	Member	29.04.2021 – 23.02.2023	
11				
13				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution adopted 17 April 1985 as amended 9 November 2000, 10 June 2008 and October 2019
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	The Trustees are elected at the annual AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

<p>Woodchester Playgroup is a member of PATA, a membership organisation with member groups drawn from the childcare sector in Gloucestershire.</p> <p>The Committee Handbook is annually reviewed to enable a complete handover of information and an in-depth introduction to the roles and responsibilities of the Committee.</p> <p>PATA Training is also made available for members to undertake throughout the year.</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

<p>To enhance the development, care and education of children primarily under statutory school age and children and young people of school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community (voluntarily managed) groups and by</p> <p>(a) offering appropriate play facilities and training courses, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and become involved in such groups' activities, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children, whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.</p> <p>(b) encouraging the study of such needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local area.</p> <p>(c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aim of PATA.</p>

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Preschool children between the ages of 2 years, 9 months and 4 years can learn through play at the playgroup. The playgroup helps children learn essential communication, problem-solving, and social interaction skills. It also allows children to make friends and develop a sense of community. It provides parents with a safe and supportive environment for their children to learn and grow.

Playgroup sessions are held five days a week during term time in Woodchester and the surrounding villages.

All decisions are made with due regard to the guidelines on public benefit. Furthermore, these sessions are designed to positively impact the local community, fostering a safe and supportive environment for families..

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

21/22 was a successful year for the playgroup. Over the year, the playgroup has increased staffing, providing children with better and more personalised care, which is essential for the development of children. The Playgroups numbers continue to grow, and for the first time in 5 years, Woodchester Playgroup has a waiting list and children already booking in for September 2023; this is a testament to the Play leaders continued efforts to ensure that we operate one of the best settings in the area.

We now have a vibrant outdoor space for the children to learn and play. The playgroup has successfully fundraised and secured matched giving, allowing us to develop our outdoor space. This included landscaping existing areas, installing bug-shaped chalkboards and painting the fences, making the space brighter, and improving access. A new mud kitchen was also installed, allowing children to explore the outdoors and develop their imaginations.

Our toddler group continues to be held in the school holidays, and the sessions continue to be an excellent success and very popular.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

£30,000 (a term's running costs) is reserved to cover any significant unforeseen costs. This amount would comfortably cover statutory redundancy payments for all staff.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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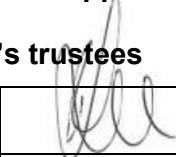

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rachel Lee	Erin Windless
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 22/05/2023



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Aug-21	To	31-Jul-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	77,680	-	-	77,680	52,186
Fees	9,619	-	-	9,619	12,869
Hall Hire	2,794	-	-	2,794	-
Other	-	-	-	-	288
Fundraising	1,621	-	-	1,621	86
Donations	619	-	-	619	1,911
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	92,333	-	-	92,333	67,340
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	92,333	-	-	92,333	67,340
A3 Payments					
Employment Costs	56,415	-	-	56,415	47,253
Premises Costs	3,485	-	-	3,485	5,569
Trips	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	4,686	-	-	4,686	3,090
Insurance	2,311	-	-	2,311	2,138
Refreshments	947	-	-	947	375
Consumables	1,527	-	-	1,527	1,393
Subscriptions	211	-	-	211	477
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Printing, Postage and Stationary	190	-	-	190	179
Other Costs	215	-	-	215	918
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,987	-	-	69,987	61,392
A4 Asset and investment					
Equipment	604	-	-	604	613
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	604	-	-	604	613
Total payments	70,591	-	-	70,591	62,005
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,742	-	-	21,742	5,335
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	58,894	-	-	58,894	53,558
Cash funds this year end	80,636	-	-	80,636	58,893

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

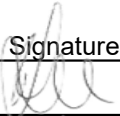

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Bank Account	80,135	-	-
	Cash Balances	188	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	80,323	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Fees Owing		-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which	Cost (optional)	Current value
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			-	-
			-	-

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	Laptop - HP	Unrestricted	530	-

		Fund to which	Amount due	When due
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	Payroll	Unrestricted		
	PAYE	Unrestricted	499	Sep-22
	Garden Improvement Works - committed	Unrestricted	15,000	Sep-22
	Unrestricted	-		

	Signature	Print Name	Date of
Signed by one or two trustees on		Rachel Lee	22/05/2023
		Erin Windless	22/05/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Woodchester Playgroup

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st July 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

292714

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Signed: 

Date: 19/02/2023

Name: Leah Farrer, Farrer Financials Limited

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

CIMA

Address:

Brook House, Toadsmoor Road, Brimscombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 2TB

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Chairs Report AGM October 2022

Firstly, I would like to thank the Staff and Committee members for a successful year. During the last year, we have welcomed new staff, extended our hours of provision and re-invested in the setting, refreshing the outdoor space and making good areas of unsafe decking.

Staffing

This year we welcomed Wendy and Frankie to our playgroup family; both arrived with a wealth of experience to compliment our current staff and have added to the caring, supportive and adventurous environment we provide to local families. With sadness, Alyson, our Deputy Playleader, served notice on her position, leaving the setting at the end of September 2022 to start a new life in Ireland. Alyson will be greatly missed, but we wish her every success in her next chapter. However, with change comes great opportunity, and we welcome Cherril to the management team; Cherril has been with the setting since 2017 working as a play assistant and Senco and the committee are delighted to be able to offer Cherril this opportunity and look forward to supporting her during her period of transition and look forward her fresh perspective on provision and sustainability.

For the first time in 5 years, Woodchester playgroup has a waiting list and children already booking in for September 2023; this is a testament to Bev's continued efforts to ensure that we operate one of the best settings in the area. In recognition of all staff efforts, this year, the committee awarded staff a pay rise that was 7.36 % above the national living wage and above the county average; I would like to thank the team for their continued support and motivation; without you, we wouldn't have a setting.

Fundraising

The committee has been working hard to source funds from different sources; rose sourced items for Christmas and easter fundraisers and ensured the special times of the year were celebrated with the children. Em Birch sourced a match funder who contributed £2,500 to our garden project, Rose and Rosa, with staff who organised a fantastic fun run raising over £1,000.00; Menna organised our first summer crafts packs which were terrific. We loved seeing pictures of the finished crafty crawlies, and Rosa continues to source grants and manages our lottery. The committee has many ideas for future fundraising, and we look forward to sharing them with you as 2022 progresses.

Training and qualifications

Throughout this year, Staff have undertaken training. They have completed training in GDPR, the revised EYFS (Sept 2021), Assessment, Child Development, SEND, Designated Safeguarding and numerous other short courses that have particularly interested individual staff.

The Future Plans

We currently have the following activities planned for the next year

- Recruit a new team member
- Build an all-weather canopy in the garden (October half term)
- Look at the possibility of updating the washroom facilities
- Recruit new committee members.

Committee

As I enter my last year of tenure as chair of the committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our committee members and praise the continuing efforts of those who supported the setting in 2022. In the last year, we bid farewell to Rose, Becky, and Rachel Merrett; our secretary will be stepping down today following 2 years of active service. I want to thank Rachael for her support and counsel during the early days of our commitment.

We have welcomed outstanding new members onto the committee, Erin, our Treasurer, Em, Menna and Ellie, all of whom have joined with enthusiasm and passion for spreading the Woodchester playgroup word, raising funds, and, most importantly, ensuring we continue to provide the best childcare by supporting staff.

As a reminder to all parents/carers, we are a charity committee-led setting which relies on a committee of volunteers to stay open, regardless of the strength of our finances and how well we perform with Ofsted; without a committee, the setting cannot run. We always welcome interest from new committee members and any time they can offer.

Woodchester Playgroup - Treasurer's Report 2021/22

The accounts to 31 July 2022 are currently being finalised and will be examined by an independent accountant after the AGM.

The bank balance as at 31 July 2022 was £80,135 (2021: £58,865).

Draft annual income 2022: £90,657 (2021: £67,345)

Draft annual expenses 2022: £70,114 (2021: £61,933)

Draft profit of £20,543 (2020: £5,412)

Based on the existing reserve fund of £25,000, available funds at 31 July 2022 we're healthy at £55,135. Given recent staff changes, energy price rises and cost of inflation, our reserves policy will need recalculating to ensure reserves are still sufficient.

The rising rate environment provides opportunity for reserves to be held in an interest earning savings account.

Reserves were held for a term's running costs plus estimated redundancy costs are held in reserve to cover any unforeseen costs or events. It is important that required reserves are recalculated regularly as the amount will increase as running costs increase and as staff lengths of service increase.

Given the age and condition of the playgroup building, before any significant one-off expenditure is considered, a detailed building survey should be undertaken, to ensure that sufficient funds are retained to cover any building works that may be required in the short-to medium term. This is essential to safeguard the future of the playgroup.

Income:

There was an overall increase in income of £23,312 this year.

Grant income increased significantly from £52,186 to £77,286. Grant income varies year on year dependent on the proportion of children eligible for funding compared to those paying fees.

Fee income decreased slightly this year from £12,856 to £10,013 although this is reflective of age mix and free hours funding entitlement.

The Playgroup also benefited from over £600 of donations this year.

This was a difficult year for fundraising with some social distancing still in place but this year £1,585 was raised through fundraising, with Easter fun run accounting for £1,350 of this.

Income from hall hire this year was £2,794 vs nil last year now that Woodpeckers after school club has resumed back at the playgroup.

Costs:

Employment costs increased this year by £8,798. At £56,823 (2020: £48,025) employment costs make up the vast majority of the playgroup's running costs. This is to be expected in an early years setting where appropriately qualified and experienced staff are key to the stated objectives of development, care and education of children. Staff wages are benchmarked using data provided by PATA and the committee is comfortable that the hourly rates are appropriate.

The main equipment purchase was a new Laptop.

If you'd like more details or to see copies of the accounts, I would be happy to provide you with them.

WOODCHESTER PLAYGROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292714

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	08	2020	To	31	07	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Woodchester Playgroup

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

292714

Charity's principal address

Church Road

North Woodchester

Stroud

Postcode

GL5 5PD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for a whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rachel Jane Lee	Chair	01.10.20 - Present	
2	Rachael Merrett	Secretary	02.10.20 - Present	
3	Rose Anna Mitchell	Member	01.08.19 - Present	
4	Emily Birch	Member	25.11.21 - Present	
5	Rebecca Anthony	Member	25.11.21 - Present	
6	Rosa Barratt	Member	29.04.21 - Present	
7	Helen Elizabeth Evans	Member	01.08.19 – 02.10.20	
8	Stephaine Turkie	Treasurer	01.08.19 – 02.10.20	
9	Rebecca Anthony	Member	01.08.19 – 02.10.20	
10	Gemma Read	Treasurer	07.01.21 – 01.01.22	
11	Carla Dulare	Member	02.10.20 – 01.04.21	
13	Gemma Warden	Member	02.10.20 – 02.10.21	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 17 April 1985 as amended 9 November 2000, 10 June 2008, and October 2019
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are elected at the annual AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

<p>Woodchester Playgroup is a member of PATA, a membership organisation, with member groups drawn from the childcare sector in Gloucestershire.</p> <p>The Committee Handbook is annually reviewed to enable a more complete handover of information and an in-depth introduction to the roles and the responsibilities of the Committee.</p> <p>PATA Training is also made available for members to undertake throughout the year.</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

<p>To enhance the development, care and education of children primarily under statutory school age and also of children and young people of school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community (voluntary managed) groups and by;</p> <p>(a) offering appropriate play facilities and training courses, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability.</p> <p>(b) encouraging the study of such needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local area.</p> <p>(c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aim of PATA</p>

The playgroup provides an environment to learn through play for preschool children aged between 2 years, nine months and four years.

The playgroup provides sessions five days a week during term time to children living in Woodchester and the surrounding villages in the local districts.

All decisions are made with due regard to the guidance on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

20/21 continued to be challenging we had another national lockdown with restrictions lifted for Christmas. We stayed open for all children during this lockdown with increased cleaning protocols to ensure the safest environment possible. We could not show parents around during active hours. Therefore, visits were done outside of setting hours to reduce risk.

During 20/21, we made internal improvements to the setting, with the internal and external lighting system being replaced with more energy-efficient bulbs.

Over Christmas, the committee also refitted the internal structure to give the sharing and reading corner a new, fresher and lighter space.

An office was also created within the space to allow staff to have conversations with parents and each other in a more confidential and appropriate environment.

The committee has been working hard to source funds from different sources; we secured a £1000.00 grant for IT equipment and established our first lottery. We were able to run our own Christmas and Easter fundraising events, ensuring that the public holidays were celebrated with the children.

Our toddler group has been moved to school holidays as there is more interest in attending; the session continues to be a great success and very popular.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

£25,000 (a term's running costs) is held in reserve to cover any significant unforeseen costs. This amount would comfortably cover statutory redundancy payments for all staff.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The bank balance at the yearend was comfortably more than the required reserves. Detailed cash flow forecasts are maintained, and we are confident that the playgroup remains sustainable going forwards.

Section F

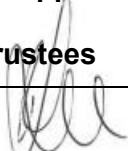

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rachel Lee	Rachael Merrett
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date 31st May 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Woodchester Playgroup

292714

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Aug-20

To

31-Jul-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	52,186	-	-	52,186	54,862
Fees	12,856	-	-	12,856	6,284
Hall Hire	-	-	-	-	2,112
Other	288	-	-	288	-
Fundraising	86	-	-	86	612
Donations	1,911	-	-	1,911	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for	67,327	-	-	67,327	63,870
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,327	-	-	67,327	63,870
A3 Payments					
Employment Costs	47,253	-	-	47,253	45,187
Premises Costs	5,529	-	-	5,529	9,015
Trips	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	3,090	-	-	3,090	2,697
Insurance	2,138	-	-	2,138	1,766
Refreshments	365	-	-	365	1,131
Consumables	1,364	-	-	1,364	1,810
Subscriptions	477	-	-	477	459
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Printing, Postage and Stationary	179	-	-	179	209
Other Costs	912	-	-	912	838
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	61,307	-	-	61,307	63,112
A4 Asset and investment					
Equipment	567	-	-	567	621
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	567	-	-	567	621
Total payments	61,874	-	-	61,874	63,733
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,453	-	-	5,453	137
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	53,558	-	-	53,558	53,422
Cash funds this year end	59,011	-	-	59,011	53,558

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	58,842	-	
	Cash Balances	169	-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,011	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

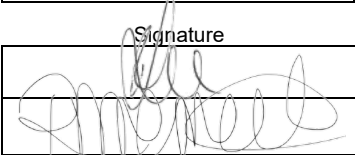
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Fees Owing	94	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which	Cost (optional)	Current value
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which	Cost (optional)	Current value
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Original Cost of Rollalong Building	Unrestricted	4,500	-
	Building refurbishment	Unrestricted	52,733	-
	Garden Refurbishment	Unrestricted	11,723	-
	Free Flow Curtain	Unrestricted	359	-
	Digital Camera	Unrestricted	100	-
	9 Bin organiser	Unrestricted	151	-
	Shed	Unrestricted	261	-
	Laptops	Unrestricted	658	-
	Outside Play equipment	Unrestricted	1,547	-
	Kitchen Equipment	Unrestricted	292	-
	Play Equipment	Unrestricted	1,117	-
	Learning Books	Unrestricted	711	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
B5 Liabilities				
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature	Print Name	Date of
	Rachel Lee	31/05/2022
	Rachael Merrett	31/05/2022