Trustee Report 2025

As in the previous 2 years, there remains 2 holding trustees, myself Diane Taylor and Patrick Turner.. Since Patrick's move temporary to India at the beginning of the year, an additional trustee is needed and I am hopeful that a third trustee has been found. The role of holding trustee is not difficult; the main responsibility is looking after the fabric of the building, but the trustees also involve themselves in different aspects of Playgroup's life often attending committee meetings and taking an interest in its wider administration.

Maintenance of the building is ongoing. As the building is now 22 years old, there is a steady list of repairs with urgent maintenance taking priority and a wish list of projects undertaken as and when finances allow. An annual inspection is carried out each summer; this year relatively few general repairs were identified and none of an urgent nature. Those identified included a repair to the sealant of the rubber veranda flooring – now completed,, repainting of the red fencing and repairs to the outdoor shelter decking strip. Quotes will be needed for these repairs. The emergency lights are not working but this will be looked at very soon when planned electrical safety work is completed shortly. The revarnishing of the outside cills and apex wood surround will need to be undertaken in the next year or 2.

During the year, with the help of volunteers and staff, the main room, red room and adult toilet have been painted. The rotting wood on the sandpit cover roof has been removed, the wood replaced and the final felting will be completed next month. A shout out for volunteers Ben Merrill (who also volunteered painting the red room) and Ed Sykes for their efforts renewing the sandpit roof, donating both their time and the materials This project had been on last years wish list but financial constraints had prevented a contractor undertaking the task. Also a shout out for Phil and Francesca Hemmans for supplying the wood and building the canopy shelter over the mud kitchen which hopefully will solve the problem of bird drippings spoiling the children's enjoyment in this area. The roof should be completed soon. .

When funds allow, replacing the rotten fencing around the biodisk is the next maintenance project. Long term capital projects include enclosing the end section of the veranda to maximise use of the area during wet/cold weather.

Finally, I would like to thank Cindy and all the staff for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment during the year to provide such a happy environment for the children to learn and thrive. My thanks also to our chairman, Catherine White, our treasurer and secretary as well as the members of the voluntary management committee who are crucial to the running of Playgroup. My thanks also to Sharon for her meticulous eye on finances and admin and also this year in helping me with the annual maintenance inspection.

Diane Taylor

September 2025

GREAT GRANSDEN PRE-SCHOOL

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

		2025	2024	Notes
Fees (incl grants & lunch)		139,275	143,274	2.8% decrease
Events		997	1,256	
Fund Raising		1,307	1,333	
Misc (including donations)		3,145	2,448	
		144,725	**148,311**	2.4% decrease
Wages	Staff	121,272	114,299	6.1% increase
	Cleaning Costs	2,243	2,174	
	Admin Wages	0	5,277	
Utilities		5,561	5,837	
Education		3,682	3,366	
Equipment		73	631	
Fund Raising		153	179	
Office		6,428	6,704	
Sundries (incl Tesco)		2,178	2,564	
Maintenance		3,082	3,262	
		144,672	**144,293**	0.2% increase
NET EXCESS / (DEFICIT)		**53**	**4,019**	

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Opening balance	**76,768**	**71,210**
Excess / (Deficit)	53	4,019
Interest received	2,068	1,539
Closing Balance	**78,889**	**76,768**

Represented by

Current account	9,157	9,104
Nationwide 1 yr Saver (1)	0	0
Nationwide 1 yr Saver (2)	0	0
Cambridge BS savings	69,732	67,664
	78,889	**76,768**

GREAT GRANSDEN PRE-SCHOOL
Year ended 31st March 2025

Current Account

Balance B/f	01/04/2024	9,104.20
Income		144,725
Expenditure		(144,672)
Transfers		
Balance C/f	31/03/2024	**9,157.37**

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per statement at 31/03/25	9,157.37
Less U/P cheques at year end	
Add U/P receipts at year end	
Balance c/fwd	**9,157.37**
	0.00

Cambridge Building Society Savings account

Balance at	01/04/2024	67,663.93
Transfer		
Interest		2,067.96
Balance C/F	31/03/2022	**69,731.89**

Cash Summary

Current & Savings b/fwd	9,104.20
Total Income	53.17
Total Cash C/f	**9,157.37**