



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **Period start date 1.4.23** **To 31.3.24** **Period end date**

Charity name:The Opportunity Group (Frome and District)

Charity registration number:294106

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Opportunity Group (Frome and District) T/A Frome Opportunity Nursery. established 1986, is a pre-school for children.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	It currently has 43 children on roll aged between 2 and 4 years, who attend for a varying number of sessions a week. The objectives of The Opportunity Group (Frome and District) are to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community 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, regardless of race, culture, religion or means, and; 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 areas.c) investigating and adhering to and furthering the aim of the pre-school playgroups association.At The Opportunity Group (Frome and District) our mission is 'Striving for Excellence in Early Years'.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees acknowledge that as some of us are parents of children at The Opportunity Group (Frome and District) we have an indirect benefit from the charity and thus a conflict of interest arises in certain circumstances. During the financial period, no discussions or decisions have taken place to which the trustees have been conflicted.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Nursery continues to provide a good level of progress in the learning and development of the Children so that they achieve the National Standards set by OFSTED and are prepared for their entry to mainstream education. The Trustees and Management Committee wish it to be placed on record that the success of The Opportunity Group (Frome and District) is attributable to the hard work of all the Staff of the Nursery.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	For the year ending March 2023, The Opportunity Group (Frome and District) received EYE/Child place funding/fees in the sum of £119,473 and delivered a deficit of expenditure over income over of £13,555 with total unrestricted funds carried forward of £37,121 (reserves, plus surplus/deficit)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees aim to hold in cash reserves a figure of £22,500 (to cover the costs of salaries and outstanding bills for 3 months and restricted funds in the event of nursery closing).At 31 March 2024 the cash reserves stood at £37,121
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,871
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	The Opportunity Group (Frome and District) is governed by a Constitution. The Constitution was adopted on 25th March 1986 and amended on 11th May 1992. The Constitution Governing Document is being utilised
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees have the power to elect new members and will do so in accordance with the Constitution Governing document..New trustees will be recruited in the coming financial period from the existing parent base and the wider community.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Opportunity Group (Frome and District)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	294106
Charity's principal address	Wyville Road, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2BN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew Marr			
2	Anna Rootes			
3				
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Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Andrew Marr	Anna Rootes
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Position)

Trustee	Trustee
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Opportunity Group (Frome & District)

No (if any)
294106

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2023

To

Period end date
31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees/funding	119,473	-	-	119,473	120,655
Grants		-	-		
Interest	440	-	-	440	87
Fundraising	36	-	-	36	1,381
Donations		-	-		8,327
MiscDeposits/Refunds	85	-	-	85	68
		-	-		-
		-	-		-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	120,034	-	-	120,034	130,518
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	120,034	-	-	120,034	130,518
A3 Payments					
Wages/salaries	104,692	-	-	104,692	98,601
HMRC	7,882	-	-	7,882	6,120
Pensions	5,006	-	-	5,006	5,134
consumables/equipment	7,747	-	-	7,747	5,728
Maintenance/services	4,615	-	-	4,615	3,192
Insurance/ofsted	1,324	-	-	1,324	1,243
training	784	-	-	784	952
Utilities/rates	1,001	-	-	1,001	2,066
other/adjustment	538	-	-	538	1,035
Sub total	133,589	-	-	133,589	124,071
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	133,589	-	-	133,589	124,071
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,555	-	-	- 13,555	964
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	50,555	3,750	-	54,305	-
Cash funds this year end	37,121	3,750	-	40,871	964

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Community Account	23,995	-	-
	Business Saver Account	13,126	3,750	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,121	3,750	-
	(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	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Opportunity Group (Frome and District)

On accounts for the year
ended

2024

Charity no
(if any)

294106

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

11.05.25

Name:

Craig Pocock

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

Chartered Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Personnel and Development

Address:

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Long Ashton, Bristol

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

I have audited for year ending 2024 verifying the end of year cash position - along with some of the larger receipts and payments using the bank statements including:

- Fees/Funding
- Interest receipts
- Wages/salaries

All of which I have found to be in a satisfactory condition.

On this basis I am satisfied that based on the checks that I have undertaken the accounts for 2024 represent a true and accurate record and would be happy to sign off the accounts in accordance with the guidance set out by the Charity Commission.