

BLAGDON UNDER FIVES COMMUNITY GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 299312

Details

Other names BLAGDON PLAYGROUP, BLAGDON PRE-SCHOOL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1988-05-19

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

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Activities

Objects: The aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily 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, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, 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;(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) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

Activities: Provision of early years learning and play sessions in a dedicated facility at village primary school.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BLAGDON
- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£86,323	£64,688	-	-
2024-08-31	£80,663	£81,521	-	-
2023-08-31	£85,407	£73,721	-	-
2022-08-31	£90,920	£75,470	-	-
2021-08-31	£65,878	£60,369	-	-
2020-08-31	£63,044	£58,206	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Laura James	Chair	2019-09-18
GEMMA MILLS		2015-10-08
Rose Derbyshire		2019-09-18
Vikki Giordani		2021-10-12

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2024 To 31 August 2025

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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	<p>Blagdon Under Fives Community Group has operated as an early years education provider during Blagdon Primary School term times throughout the stated period.</p> <p>The setting has welcomed any children of the prescribed age in the surrounding area to attend and receive quality pre-school education in a safe and nurturing environment with qualified practitioners.</p> <p>For part of the reported period, the setting has also provided wraparound provision for those primary aged children requiring childcare outside of the standard school day.</p> <p>The charity has operated as a 'good' provider within the guidance set out by OFSTED.</p>

		The charity employed 8 people from Blagdon and the surrounding area during the period.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See attached accounts
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held due to accumulated surpluses and to provide for future deficits. The nature of the operation has historically seen fluctuations in surplus/deficit due the variable numbers of children attending the setting. Reserves may be used for reinvestment into the setting to provide the necessary equipment to ensure a safe and stimulating environment.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£89,385 as at 31/8/25
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

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Following the end of the financial period, Sarah Brunt stepped down from the office of Chair. The resignation was accepted at the AGM on 23/10/25 and Laura James was duly appointed to the position.

Declarations

Signature(s)	Gemma Mills
Full name(s)	Gemma Mills
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer
Date	13/11/25



Blagdon Under Fives Community Group

Treasurer's Report

With

Accounts

Year Ended - 31 August 2025

Charity No: 299312



Summary

- Total income for the year was £86k which is an increase of 7% on last year.
- Expenditure decreased by 21%, to £65k.
- There was a resulting surplus for the year of £22k.
- The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as in prior years, in line with the Charity Commission guidance for charities making less than £250k.
- The Trustees have carried out a review of the charity's internal financial controls for the year ended 31 August 2025, in line with the Charity Commission's CC8 guidance.

Income Analysis

Funding, Fees and Child Numbers

- Pre-School fees increased by £6.5k and North Somerset funding increased by £10.7k from last year to give a combined rise of 39%. This significant increase is due to multiple factors.
- Child numbers were high throughout the year. We didn't face the usual slow start to the year as a number of new children started in the Autumn terms as well as there being a low number of children of school age having left at the end of the previous year.
- There was an increase in both the council funding rates and the rate for paid hours for 3 and 4 year olds, which hadn't been increased for the previous 5 years.

After School Club

- The After School Club ceased operation in February 2025. This decision was made following the resignation of the After School Club leader and subsequent lack of applications during the recruitment process to find a replacement. This also coincided with the Primary School being in a position to start offering their own wraparound care to ensure there was minimal disruption to the provision for the children.
- As a result of the closure, fees from After School Club decreased by 46% to £15k for the year, however the strong Pre-School figures meant that this didn't result in a fall in total income.

Fundraising and Donations

- Fundraising income decreased from prior year due to the absence of a Wreath Making event.
- The main fundraising contributions came from the following:

▪ Easyfundraising	£ 154
▪ Concept Photography	£ 76

Our thanks go to all who have contributed to fundraising activities and continued to support the Pre-School.

- Donations were slightly lower than last year, due to no deposits being donated by leaving families. Our gratitude goes to The Plume of Feathers, Rickford, with a contribution from the annual duck race.

Restricted Funds



- Blagdon Under Fives Community Group received no restricted funds during the accounting period and there were no unspent restricted funds to be carried forward on 31 August 2025.

Expense Analysis

- 84% of the total expenditure relates to staff costs. The staffing cost decreased by £8k as a result of the closure of the After School Club for half of the year. There was also a saving as a result of the Graduate Leaders hours being replaced by minimum wage employees.
- There was an overall decrease in expenditure of £17k. The remaining decrease, not explained by the reduction in staffing cost, was mainly due to the absence of a £6k investment in outdoor play equipment that had occurred in the previous year. There was also a reduction in the utilities cost due to terms 5 & 6 not being billed before the year end. Other expenses also decreased due to the absence of additional educational support that had been funded in the previous year.



Income Statement

	2025	2024	% Variance
Income			
Pre-School Fees	20,972	11,625	80%
Nursery Funding	50,865	40,189	27%
<i>Subtotal</i>	71,837	51,814	39%
After School Club Fees	14,809	27,429	-46%
After School Club Deposits	(591)	209	-383%
Pre-School Deposits	(620)	(61)	-916%
Fundraising (net)	295	592	-50%
Donations	325	431	-25%
Interest Received	268	249	8%
Total Income	86,323	80,663	7%
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	54,481	62,934	-13%
Rent (Pre-School)	2,000	2,000	0%
Pre-School Utilities/Cleaning	2,660	3,873	-31%
Mobile Phone	196	231	-15%
Consumables (Pre-School)	2,052	2,122	-3%
Toys & Equipment	652	5,994	-89%
Insurance/PLA Membership	914	852	7%
Ofsted Fees	50	50	0%
Advertising	48	48	0%
Staff Training: Course Costs	255	330	-23%
Other Expenses	1,380	3,087	-55%
Total Expenditure	64,688	81,521	-21%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	21,635	(858)	2622%



Fundraising

Item	2025 £	2024 £
easyfundraising.org.uk	154	75
Concept Photography	76	32
Charity Box	45	29
Pre-School Christmas Party	20	2
Wreath Making	-	454
Total	295	592

Donations

	2025 £	2024 £
Plume of Feathers Duck Race	325	250
Deposit Donations	-	181
Total	325	431



Bank and Cash Balance

	(a) Master Cash box	(b) Current Account	c=(a+b) Total Cash & Current	(d) Deposit A&L	(c+d) Total 2025 Bank and Cash Balance	2024 Bank and Cash Balance
Opening balance 1 September 2024	1,264	42,471	43,735	24,016	67,751	68,608
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	536	20,830	21,366	-	21,366	(1,106)
Interest Received	-	-	-	268	268	249
Closing Balance 31 August 2025	1,800	63,301	65,101	24,284	89,385	67,751



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Blagdon Under Fives Community Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2025	Charity no (if any)	299312
Set out on pages	1-6		

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

Signed:		Date:	13 May 2026
Name:	Jennifer Gerrard		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA, DChA		
Address:	Uitenhage, High Street, Blagdon, North Somerset, BS40 7RA		

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.

BLAGDON UNDER FIVES COMMUNITY GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 299312

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2023 To 31 August 2024

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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£67,751 as at 31/8/24
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

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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)	Gemma Mills	
Full name(s)	Gemma Mills	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	29/6/25	



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Treasurer's Report

With

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Year Ended - 31 August 2024

Charity No: 299312



Summary

- Total income for the year was £81k which is a decrease of 6% on last year.
- Expenditure increased by 11%, to £82k.
- There was a resulting deficit for the year of £1k.

Income Analysis

Funding, Fees and Child Numbers

- North Somerset funding increased from last year to £40k. This is the result of a higher proportion of funded hours being used. This also explains the fall in Pre-School Fees. The extended hours funded by the government has resulted in a higher uptake of funded hours.

After School Club

- Fees from After School Club decreased by 8% to £27k which represents 34% of the total income. Despite the slight decrease in numbers, the After School Club continued to be a valuable source of income for the charity.

Fundraising and Donations

- Fundraising income decreased slightly due to reduced uptake of some of the events and the removal of the Amazon Smile scheme.
- The main fundraising contributions came from the following:

▪ Wreath Making	£ 454
▪ Easyfundraising	£ 75

Our thanks go to all who have contributed to fundraising activities and continued to support the Pre-School.

- Donations were slightly higher than last year, due to a greater number of deposits being donated by leaving families. Our gratitude goes to The Plume of Feathers, Rickford, with a contribution from the annual duck race.



Expense Analysis

- 77% of the total expenditure relates to staff costs. The staffing cost increased by £4k as a result of a rise in the national living wage and associated increases to pay to maintain differentiation between levels of pay.
- There was an overall increase in expenditure of £8k largely due to a £6k investment in outdoor play equipment. The majority of this was funded from surplus income in the current year, with the remainder being sourced from reserves.



Income Statement

	2024	2023	% Variance
Income			
Pre-School Fees	11,625	19,027	-39%
Nursery Funding	40,189	35,873	12%
Subtotal	51,814	54,900	-6%
After School Club Fees	27,429	29,757	-8%
After School Club Deposits	209	(138)	251%
Pre-School Deposits	(61)	(465)	89%
Fundraising (net)	592	921	-36%
Donations	431	315	37%
Other Income	-	-	-%
Interest Received	249	117	113%
Total Income	80,663	85,407	-6%
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	62,934	59,072	7%
Rent (Pre-School)	2,000	2,000	0%
Pre-School Utilities/Cleaning	3,873	2,670	45%
Mobile Phone	231	153	51%
Consumables (Pre-School)	2,122	3,202	-34%
Toys & Equipment	5,994	3,106	93%
Insurance/PLA Membership	852	813	5%
Ofsted Fees	50	50	0%
Advertising	48	48	0%
Staff Training: Course Costs	330	195	69%
Other Expenses	3,087	2,412	28%
Total Expenditure	81,521	73,721	11%
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	(858)	11,686	-107%



Fundraising

Item	2024 £	2023 £
Wreath Making	454	564
easyfundraising.org.uk	75	135
Concept Photography	32	82
Charity Box	29	29
Pre-School Christmas Party	2	36
Amazon Smile	-	29
Personalised Craft Products	-	46
Total	592	921

Donations

	2024 £	2023 £
Plume of Feathers Duck Race	250	250
Deposit Donations	181	65
Total	431	315



Bank and Cash Balance

	(a) Master Cash box	(b) Petty Cash	(c) Current Account	d=(a+b+c) Total Cash & Current	(e) Deposit A&L	(d+e) Total 2024 Bank and Cash Balance	2023 Bank and Cash Balance
Opening balance 1 September 2023	943	-	43,898	44,841	23,767	68,608	56,922
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	321	-	(1,427)	(1,106)	-	(1,106)	11,569
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	249	249	117
Closing Balance 31 August 2024	1,264	-	42,471	43,735	24,016	67,751	68,608



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

Signed:  **Date:** 1 September 2025

Name: Jennifer Gerrard

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCCA, DChA

Address: Uitenhage, High Street, Blagdon, North Somerset, BS40 7RA

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Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
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Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/a

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Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gemma Mills	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date		



Blagdon Under Fives

Treasurer's Report

with

Accounts

Year Ended - 31 August 2023

Charity No: 299312



Summary

- Total income for the year was £85k which is an decrease of 6% on last year.
- Expenditure also decreased by 2%, to £74k.
- There was a resulting surplus for the year of £12k.

Income Analysis

Funding, Fees and Child Numbers

- North Somerset funding increased slightly from last year to £36k. This is the result of a higher proportion of funded hours being used. This also explains the fall in Pre-School Fees.
- Child numbers were fairly consistent but dropped slightly from the previous year, leading to a fall in Pre-School income of 3%.

After School Club

- Fees from After School Club increased by 4% to £30k and now represent 35% of the total income. The increase is a result of higher child numbers throughout the year and demonstrates the valuable contribution made by the After School Club.

Fundraising and Donations

- Fundraising income decreased slightly as a couple of village events weren't repeated in the current year.
- The main fundraising contributions came from the following:

▪ Wreath Making	£ 564
▪ Easyfundraising	£ 135

Our thanks go to all who have contributed to fundraising activities and continued to support the Pre-School.

- Donations were slightly lower than last year, as there was a specific donation last year for the purchase of a freezer. Our gratitude goes to The Plume of Feathers, Rickford, with a contribution from the annual duck race.

Other Income

- Other income in the prior year included the final Covid restart grant. There was no equivalent income in the current year.



Expense Analysis

- 80% of the total expenditure relates to staff costs. The staffing cost increased by £3k as a result of cost of living pay increases and a rise in the national living wage.
- There was an overall decrease in expenditure of £2k due to a large cost in the prior year relating to the purchase of furniture for the Pre-School's new room within the school building. This investment has proved worthwhile as the space used by the Pre-School children is much improved. Some of the surplus for the current year will be used to improve the outdoor space.

Toddler Group

- The Toddler Group did not run in the current year. There is no loss of income as the group had been in deficit for a couple of years.



Income Statement

	2023	2022	% Variance
Income			
Pre-School Fees	19,027	25,018	-24%
Nursery Funding	35,873	31,661	13%
<i>Subtotal</i>	54,900	56,679	-3%
After School Club Fees	29,757	28,742	4%
After School Club Deposits	(138)	586	-123%
Pre-School Deposits	(465)	1,268	-137%
Toddler Fees	-	355	-100%
Fundraising (net)	921	1,448	-36%
Donations	315	698	-55%
Other Income	-	1,135	-100%
Interest Received	117	9	1198%
Total Income	85,407	90,920	-6%
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	59,072	55,968	6%
Rent (Pre-School)	2,000	2,000	0%
Rent (Toddlers)	-	720	-100%
Pre-School Utilities/Cleaning	2,670	2,170	23%
Mobile Phone	153	126	21%
Consumables (Pre-School)	3,202	2,379	35%
Toys & Equipment	3,106	10,477	-70%
Insurance/PLA Membership	813	977	-17%
Ofsted Fees	50	50	0%
Advertising	48	35	37%
Staff Training: Course Costs	195	381	-49%
Other Expenses	2,412	187	1190%
Total Expenditure	73,721	75,470	-2%
Net Surplus	11,686	15,450	-24%



Fundraising

Item	2023 £	2022 £
Wreath Making	564	481
easyfundraising.org.uk	135	115
Concept Photography	82	99
Personalised Craft Products	46	53
Pre-School Christmas Party	36	29
Charity Box	29	24
Amazon Smile	29	14
Advent Windows	-	350
Christmas Fair	-	283
Total	921	1,448

Donations

	2023 £	2022 £
Plume of Feathers Duck Race	250	383
Deposit Donations	65	55
T Mead	-	200
Parent Donation	-	60
Total	315	698



Toddler Group Summary

	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Toddler Fees	-	355
Total Income	-	355
Costs		
Hire of Hall	-	720
Insurance	-	187
Total Costs	-	907
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	-	(552)

Bank and Cash Balance

	(a) Master Cash box	(b) Petty Cash	(c) Current Account	d=(a+b+c) Total Cash & Current	(e) Deposit A&L	(d+e) Total 2023 Bank and Cash Balance	2022 Bank and Cash Balance
Opening balance 1 September 2022	1,289	17	31,966	33,272	23,650	56,922	41,472
Transfers	(750)	-	750	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	404	(17)	11,182	11,569	-	11,569	15,441
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	117	117	9
Closing Balance 31 August 2023	943	-	43,898	44,841	23,767	68,608	56,922



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Blagdon Under Fives Community Group

On accounts for the year ended

31 August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

299312

Set out on pages

1-6

(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 **31/08/2023**.

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.

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

Signed:

Date:

23 July 2025

Name:

Jennifer Gerrard

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

FCCA, DChA

Address:

Uitenhage, High Street, Blagdon, North Somerset, BS40 7RA

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.

BLAGDON UNDER FIVES COMMUNITY GROUP

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Blagdon Under Fives

Treasurer's Report

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Year Ended - 31 August 2022

Charity No: 299312



Summary

- Total income for the year was £91k which is an increase of 38% on last year.
- Expenditure also increased by 25%, to £75k.
- There was a resulting surplus for the year of £15k.

Income Analysis

Funding, Fees and Child Numbers

- North Somerset funding almost doubled from last year to £32k, reflecting the return to childcare for many families after the Covid-19 period. This was also demonstrated in the 55% increase in Pre-School fees, to £25k. The Other Council Support of £9k in the previous year related to top up funding provided by the local council to cover lost income due to Covid-19. This was not required in the current year as the setting was fully open and in receipt of normal funding.
- Child numbers were strong throughout the year.

After School Club

- Fees from After School Club increased by £21k to £28k and now represent 32% of the total income. The increase is a result in high child numbers throughout the year, assisted by the closure of a local after school setting.

Fundraising and Donations

- Fundraising income increased slightly to £1.4k as a result of some new fundraising activity.
- The main fundraising contributions came from the following:

▪ Wreath Making	£ 481
▪ Advent Windows	£ 350
▪ Christmas Fair	£ 283

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- Donations were in line with last year, although funds were received from different sources. Our gratitude goes to The Plume of Feathers, Rickford, with a contribution from the annual duck race, and the Mead family, who enabled the purchase of a new freezer to facilitate meal provision for the increased after school club attendance.

Other Income

- Other income in the prior year included the support from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, which provided income to cover wages during periods of closure. There were also local council business grants to cover fixed costs during Covid-19 restriction periods. The only grant received in the current year was the final Covid restart grant of £1k, as the job retention scheme had ended and the setting was open for the whole year. Other income therefore decreased by 92% to £1.1k.



Expense Analysis

- 73% of the total expenditure relates to staff costs. The staffing cost increased by £4k as a result of wage increases.
- The main increase in expenditure from the prior year was due to the purchase of furniture for the new premises that the Pre-School moved to within the school building. £9.8k was invested in furniture and resources to improve the setting. The expenditure was easily covered by the increase in income generated from the After School Club as well as generally buoyant child numbers.

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	2022	2021	% Variance
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<i>Subtotal</i>	56,679	41,369	37%
After School Club Fees	28,742	7,408	288%
After School Club Deposits	586	(215)	373%
Pre-School Deposits	1,268	1,637	-23%
Toddler Fees	355	-	-
Fundraising (net)	1,448	1,160	25%
Donations	698	704	-1%
Other Income	1,135	13,813	-92%
Interest Received	9	2	350%
Total Income	90,920	65,878	38%
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	55,968	52,042	8%
Rent (Pre-School)	2,000	2,000	0%
Rent (Toddlers)	720	-	-
Pre-School Utilities/Cleaning	2,170	2,906	-25%
Mobile Phone	126	122	3%
Consumables (Pre-School)	2,379	1,079	120%
Toys & Equipment	10,477	743	1,310%
Insurance/PLA Membership	977	959	2%
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Advertising	35	-	-
Staff Training: Course Costs	381	30	1,170%
Other Expenses	187	438	-57%
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Concept Photography	99	-
Personalised Craft Products	53	72
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Charity Box	24	-
Amazon Smile	14	-
PayPal Giving Fund	-	750
Book Sale	-	32
Total	1,448	1,160

Donations

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T Mead	200	-
Parent Donation	60	-
Deposit Donations	55	104
Baynard Trust	-	500
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Total	698	704



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Transfers	(933)	683	250	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	1,482	(704)	14,663	15,441	-	15,441	5,507
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	9	9	2
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees/members of		Wells Home Region Under Fives	
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2022	Charity no (if any)	209312
Set out on pages	1-5 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
State the responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. 		
State of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>I 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.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		
Signed:	<i>Lynsey Hatherall</i>	Date:	30/06/23
Name:	Lynsey Hatherall		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CIMA		
Address:	Highlands Ellick Rd Glasgow B84 7W		
Section B Disclosure			
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	N/A.		

BLAGDON UNDER FIVES COMMUNITY GROUP

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Treasurer's Report

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Year Ended - 31 August 2021

Charity No: 299312



Summary

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- Expenditure also increased by 4%, to £60k. This is a result of higher staff costs due to the lack of casual staff during the year.
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Income Analysis

Funding, Fees and Child Numbers

- North Somerset funding decreased by £11k from the previous year, reflecting lower numbers of children attending in the Autumn terms. This was still greatly influenced by Covid-19 due to reluctance by many families to return to childcare settings as well as the reduced need for childcare with many parents still working from home. The shortfall in funding was covered by funding top-up payments from North Somerset Council. Pre-School fees income increased however, by £10k, as numbers picked up in the summer terms and the Pre-School had been closed over the equivalent period in the previous year.
- Fundraising income decreased by 23% due to restrictions on gatherings over the whole year.
- Donations were lower than the previous year due to a reduced contribution from the Baynard Trust.
- Other income was similar to last year. The total of £13.8k includes £7.2k of business grants from North Somerset and £6.5k from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

After School Club

- Fees from After School Club decreased by £4.7k. This was the area most impacted by many parents continuing to work from home.

Fundraising and Donations

- The contribution from fundraising was reduced due to restrictions on events throughout the year. There were however, contributions from the following:

▪ PayPal Giving Fund	£ 750
▪ Wreath Making	£ 215
▪ Personalised Crafts	£ 72
▪ Easyfundraising	£ 64

Our thanks go to all who have contributed to fundraising activities and continued to support the Pre-School, particularly during uncertain times.

- Our gratitude goes to the Baynard Trust, who supported us with a donation of £500.



Expense Analysis

- 85% of the total expenditure relates to staff costs. The staffing cost increased by £2k as a result of wage increases and the loss of casual staff hours which meant there were reduced savings over the lockdown period. There were some other small increases in expenditure. Toys and Equipment costs increased by £324 as a result of investment in the outside space and Other Expenses includes £280 of external support paid for out of top-up funding.

Toddler Group

- The Toddler Group did not operate over the year. Covid restrictions in place at St Andrews Church meant that it was not possible to run sessions at the setting. Insurance premiums were paid using income generated the previous year to cover any risk to toys and equipment.



Income Statement

	2021	2020	% Variance
Income			
Pre-School Fees	16,185	6,172	162%
Nursery Funding	15,970	27,371	-42%
Other Council Support	9,214	-	-
	41,369	33,543	23%
<i>Subtotal</i>			
Summer Activity Week	-	50	-100%
After School Club Fees	7,408	12,137	-39%
After School Club Deposits	(215)	(126)	71%
Pre-School Deposits	1,637	748	119%
Toddler Fees	-	603	-100%
Fundraising (net)	1,160	1,499	-23%
Donations	704	1,000	-30%
Other Income	13,813	13,458	3%
Interest Received	2	132	-98%
	65,878	63,044	4%
Total Income			
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	52,042	49,664	5%
Rent (Pre-School)	2,000	2,000	0%
Rent (Toddlers)	-	240	-100%
Pre-School Utilities/Cleaning	2,906	2,909	-0%
Mobile Phone	122	128	-5%
Consumables (Pre-School)	1,079	1,298	-17%
Consumables (Toddlers)	-	5	-100%
Toys & Equipment	743	419	77%
Insurance/PLA Membership	959	959	0%
Ofsted Fees	50	50	0%
Advertising	-	175	-100%
Staff Training: Course Costs	30	105	-71%
Other Expenses	438	254	72%
	60,369	58,206	4%
Total Expenditure			
Net Surplus	5,509	4,838	14%



Fundraising

Item	2021 £	2020 £
PayPal Giving Fund	750	-
Flower Arranging/Wreath Making	215	502
Personalised Craft Products	72	21
easyfundraising.org.uk	64	619
Book Sale	32	-
Pre-School Christmas Party	27	85
Concept Photography	-	112
Raffle	-	78
Charity Box	-	76
Cake Stall	-	71
Ice Cream Sales	-	35
Ceilidh	-	(100)
Total	1,160	1,499

Donations

	2021 £	2020 £
Baynard Trust	500	1,000
P Crawford	100	-
Deposit Donations	104	-
Total	704	1,000



Toddler Group Summary

	2021 £	2020 £
Income		
Toddler Fees	-	603
Total Income	-	603
Costs		
Hire of Hall	-	240
Insurance	183	143
Consumables/Equipment	-	5
Total Costs	183	388
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	(183)	215

Bank and Cash Balance

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Opening balance 1 September 2020	1,941	337	10,047	12,325	23,638	35,963	31,125
Transfers	(1,764)	300	1,464	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	563	(599)	5,542	5,506	1	5,507	4,706
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	2	2	132
Closing Balance 31 August 2021	740	38	17,053	17,831	23,641	41,472	35,963



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- Fees from After School Club decreased by £4.7k. This was the area most impacted by many parents continuing to work from home.

Fundraising and Donations

- The contribution from fundraising was reduced due to restrictions on events throughout the year. There were however, contributions from the following:

▪ PayPal Giving Fund	£ 750
▪ Wreath Making	£ 215
▪ Personalised Crafts	£ 72
▪ Easyfundraising	£ 64

Our thanks go to all who have contributed to fundraising activities and continued to support the Pre-School, particularly during uncertain times.

- Our gratitude goes to the Baynard Trust, who supported us with a donation of £500.



Expense Analysis

- 85% of the total expenditure relates to staff costs. The staffing cost increased by £2k as a result of wage increases and the loss of casual staff hours which meant there were reduced savings over the lockdown period. There were some other small increases in expenditure. Toys and Equipment costs increased by £324 as a result of investment in the outside space and Other Expenses includes £280 of external support paid for out of top-up funding.

Toddler Group

- The Toddler Group did not operate over the year. Covid restrictions in place at St Andrews Church meant that it was not possible to run sessions at the setting. Insurance premiums were paid using income generated the previous year to cover any risk to toys and equipment.



Income Statement

	2021	2020	% Variance
Income			
Pre-School Fees	16,185	6,172	162%
Nursery Funding	15,970	27,371	-42%
Other Council Support	9,214	-	-
	41,369	33,543	23%
<i>Subtotal</i>			
Summer Activity Week	-	50	-100%
After School Club Fees	7,408	12,137	-39%
After School Club Deposits	(215)	(126)	71%
Pre-School Deposits	1,637	748	119%
Toddler Fees	-	603	-100%
Fundraising (net)	1,160	1,499	-23%
Donations	704	1,000	-30%
Other Income	13,813	13,458	3%
Interest Received	2	132	-98%
	65,878	63,044	4%
Total Income			
Expenditure			
Staff Costs	52,042	49,664	5%
Rent (Pre-School)	2,000	2,000	0%
Rent (Toddlers)	-	240	-100%
Pre-School Utilities/Cleaning	2,906	2,909	-0%
Mobile Phone	122	128	-5%
Consumables (Pre-School)	1,079	1,298	-17%
Consumables (Toddlers)	-	5	-100%
Toys & Equipment	743	419	77%
Insurance/PLA Membership	959	959	0%
Ofsted Fees	50	50	0%
Advertising	-	175	-100%
Staff Training: Course Costs	30	105	-71%
Other Expenses	438	254	72%
	60,369	58,206	4%
Total Expenditure			
Net Surplus	5,509	4,838	14%



Fundraising

Item	2021 £	2020 £
PayPal Giving Fund	750	-
Flower Arranging/Wreath Making	215	502
Personalised Craft Products	72	21
easyfundraising.org.uk	64	619
Book Sale	32	-
Pre-School Christmas Party	27	85
Concept Photography	-	112
Raffle	-	78
Charity Box	-	76
Cake Stall	-	71
Ice Cream Sales	-	35
Ceilidh	-	(100)
Total	1,160	1,499

Donations

	2021 £	2020 £
Baynard Trust	500	1,000
P Crawford	100	-
Deposit Donations	104	-
Total	704	1,000



Toddler Group Summary

	2021 £	2020 £
Income		
Toddler Fees	-	603
Total Income	-	603
Costs		
Hire of Hall	-	240
Insurance	183	143
Consumables/Equipment	-	5
Total Costs	183	388
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	(183)	215

Bank and Cash Balance

	(a) Master Cash box	(b) Petty Cash	(c) Current Account	d=(a+b+c) Total Cash & Current	(e) Deposit A&L	(d+e) Total 2021 Bank and Cash Balance	2020 Bank and Cash Balance
Opening balance 1 September 2020	1,941	337	10,047	12,325	23,638	35,963	31,125
Transfers	(1,764)	300	1,464	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	563	(599)	5,542	5,506	1	5,507	4,706
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	2	2	132
Closing Balance 31 August 2021	740	38	17,053	17,831	23,641	41,472	35,963



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Blagdon Under Fives

On accounts for the year ended

31 August 2021

Charity no (if any)

299312

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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:

[Signature]

Date:

30/6/22

Name:

Lynsey Hatherall

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

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