



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2022 To 31 August 2023

Charity name: Blagdon Under Fives Community Group

Charity registration number: 299312

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Early years education provider.
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	Provision of Pre-School sessions for children aged 2-4 in a dedicated classroom on the site of Blagdon Primary School and wraparound provision for primary aged children. Sessions are open to all children of the prescribed age within the local area.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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>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 4 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	£68,608 as at 31/8/23
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 (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated charity with wider membership
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	Trustees may be appointed by any 2 members of the charity.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Blagdon Under Fives Community Group
Other name the charity uses	Blagdon Pre-School
Registered charity number	299312
Charity's principal address	Blagdon Primary School Bath Road Blagdon Bristol BS40 7RW

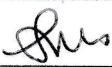

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gemma Mills	Treasurer		
2	Sarah Brunt	Chair		
3	Laura James	Secretary		
4	Rose Derbyshire			
5	Vikki Giordani			
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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)		
Full name(s)	Gemma Mills	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date		



Blagdon Under Fives

Treasurer's Report

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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%
Subtotal	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

	2023	2022
Item	£	£
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

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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 **31/08/2023**.

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:

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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.