



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 September 2023 To 31 August 2024**

**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	£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

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

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



**Blagdon Under Fives Community Group**

**Treasurer's Report**

**With**

**Accounts**

**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
<b>Income</b>			
Pre-School Fees	11,625	19,027	-39%
Nursery Funding	40,189	35,873	12%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>51,814</b>	<b>54,900</b>	<b>-6%</b>
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%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>80,663</b>	<b>85,407</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
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%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>81,521</b>	<b>73,721</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Net (Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>(858)</b>	<b>11,686</b>	<b>-107%</b>



## Fundraising

	2024	2023
Item	£	£
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>921</b>

## Donations

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



## 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
<b>Closing Balance 31 August 2024</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,471</b>	<b>43,735</b>	<b>24,016</b>	<b>67,751</b>	<b>68,608</b>



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 2024

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 **31/08/2024**.

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.

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:

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

**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.**