



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2024 To 31 August 2025

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>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

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
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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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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%
Subtotal	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

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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

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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.