

SOUTH CERNEY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 301614

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1970-06-01

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE AIM OF THE GROUP IS TO EMBODY THE VISION OF PATA THROUGH THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, CARE AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE AND ALSO OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY (VOLUNTARY MANAGED) 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 AND YOUNG PEOPLE, 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 AREA

Activities: We provide sessional day care for children aged 2 to 4 years.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF SOUTH CERNEY
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£166,258	£157,461	-	-
2024-08-31	£153,237	£145,872	-	-
2023-08-31	£154,520	£138,091	-	-
2022-08-31	£150,849	£134,315	-	-
2021-08-31	£127,813	£120,483	-	-
2020-08-31	£110,579	£94,974	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanne Hanson	Chair	2018-10-18
HOLLY GREENHOUGH		2023-11-07
LAURA JOHNSTON		2023-11-07
LYDIA SOUTH		2022-11-07
Rebecca Owen Mrs		2024-11-14
Sarah Taylor		2024-11-14
Zara Dix		2024-11-14

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	1 st	Sept	2024		31	August

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	South Cerney Preschool Playgroup
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	301614
Charity's principal address	Berkeley Close South Cerney Gloucestershire Postcode GL75UW

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	Jo Hanson	Chair		
2	Lydia South	Secretary		
3	Ellie Hanks	Treasurer		
4	Laura Johnston			
5	Becky Owen			
6	Zara Dix			
7	Holly Greenhough			
8	Sarah Taylor			
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Aimee – Louise Thomson (Manager) and Tracey Smart (Deputy Manager)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	By voluntary management committee
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed at AGM or co-opted by committee/members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We operate in accordance with our Policies and Procedures. The policies are put in place by the Management Committee and reviewed annually, or as required. The procedures are implemented by our staff members.

We are members of PATA which offers support and guidance for preschools within Gloucestershire.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The aim of the Playgroup is to enhance the development, care and education of children primarily under statutory school age and also of children and young people of school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the need of their children through community (voluntary managed) groups and by:-

1. 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 and young people, whatever their races, cultures, religion, means or ability.
2. 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 area.

3. Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims of PATA.

We provide early years education and childcare for children aged from 2 years until statutory school age. We offer half, and full day sessions, and follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. We offer funded places for children aged 2 and above.

Our setting is open and accessible to all members of the community and we base our admissions policy on a fair system.

I confirm that we have had regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have had another successful year at Playgroup with our dedicated team of staff continuing to grow and have particularly benefitted from Mrs Roberts and Mrs Fenton taking on the role of Pre School Room Leader.

Mrs Thomson continues to fulfil her role as Manager to a very high standard and Miss Smart and Mrs Fenton provide excellent support as Deputy Manager and SENDCo.

We continue to run a dedicated Committee with great support from the local community.

In September we had 22 children enrolled with us in Pre-school, and we had 12 children enrolled with us in the Pod. Since the changes to Government funded hours, especially the new funding for 2 year olds we have more children accessing extra sessions per week. This means that rather than having more children enrolled who attend 1 or 2 sessions per week we now find most children are attending a minimum of 3 full days a week.

In July, 21 children left us to begin Primary School. Sixteen of these children went to Ann Edwards C of E Primary School in South Cerney with whom we continue to have strong links. We ran a very successful transition period with school from May 2024 which has significant benefits for the children.

We are working closely with Bromford Housing on their planned developments for the housing estate that borders with Playgroup and we maintain a strong working relationship with their contractors on site.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

South Cerney Playgroup aims to hold enough financial reserves to meet redundancy obligations and to sustain the Playgroup if income falls below expected levels.

Aims:

- To manage our finances responsibly
- To budget for predictable fluctuations in income and expenditure
- To hold reserves to cover redundancy obligations, half a term's running cost and to pay lieu of the notice (and building maintenance costs).

Procedures

The Playgroup operates three bank accounts:

- A general account for day to day income and expenditure.
- An account to cover any redundancy obligations (currently held as reserves) required as well as building and maintenance costs if necessary.
- A Fundraising account, for all additional equipment, or buildings.

The amount held to cover any redundancy obligations is reviewed regularly to ensure that sufficient funds are available. Current estimation is £20,000 to cover this.

Budgets are completed annually and updated on a termly basis to take account all factors affecting income and expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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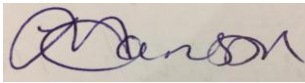
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal source of funds is from Gloucestershire County Council's funding for the 15 hours (universal) and 30 hours (extended). We also charge fees for children not yet eligible to receive funding. We also fundraise throughout the year and apply for appropriate grants and funding to purchase equipment and resources as necessary.

Section GDeclaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jo Hanson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	12.11.25	

South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Receipts and Payments Account
1 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2025

2024		2025 Restricted	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Total	Notes 1a
	Receipts				
£42770	Children's fees	-	£34226	£34226	
£106555	Grant (children funding)	-	£128664	£128664	
£1151	Other Receipts (Playgroup)	-	£1380	£1380	
£275	Interest (Bank accounts)	-	£228	£228	
£2487	Fundraising/ Donations income	-	£1761	£1761	
£153237	Total Receipts	-	£166258	£166258	1b
	Payments				
£108026	Salaries	-	£123661	£123661	
£2971	Refreshments & consumables	-	£2468	£2468	
£4346	Play materials	-	£3485	£3485	
£4385	Equipment	-	£3006	£3006	
-	New fixtures	-	-	-	
£6456	Maintenance & cleaning	-	£8813	£8813	
£1811	Insurance	-	£2248	£2248	
£653	Rates	-	£679	£679	
£9906	Utilities - electric, telephone, broadband	-	£7795	£7795	
-	Utilities - Water	-	-	-	
£1414	Recycling and rubbish disposal	-	£1421	£1421	
£171	Subscriptions & other fees	-	£50	£50	
-	Bank fees	-	-	-	
£1284	Administration costs	-	£1785	£1785	
£2269	Training costs	-	£808	£808	
£2179	Other (playgroup)	-	£1243	£1243	
-	Other (fundraising)	-	-	-	
£145872	Total Payments	-	£157461	£157461	
£7365	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	-	£8798	£8798	

2024		2025 Restricted	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Total
	Movement in Reserves			
£85970	Reserves b/fwd	-	£93335	£93335
£7365	Added to reserves	-	£8798	£8798
-	Used from reserves	-	-	-
£93335	Reserves c/fwd	-	£102133	£102133

South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As At 31 August 2025

2024		2025 Restricted	2025 Unrestricted	Notes
	Movement in reserves			
£85970	Reserves fund as at 1 Sept	-	£93335	
£7365	Add Surplus of receipts over payments	-	£8798	
£93335	Reserve fund as at 31 Aug	-	£102133	2
	Represented by cash funds			
£58575	Lloyds general account 1		£48160	
£12715	Lloyds savings account (fundraising)		£11715	
£21965	Lloyds savings account (redundancy contingency)		£42193	
£79	Cash in hand		£65	
£93335	Total cash		£102133	
	Assets retained for charities own use			
£283250	Buildings		£283250	
£11536	Office, computers & electronic equipment		£11536	
£31003	Furniture, fixtures & fittings		£31003	
£20440	Other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives		£20440	
£346229	Total assets		£346229	1c
	Liabilities			
£637	HM Revenue & Customs PAYE/NIC (payable September 2025)		£971	
£303	Other various (payable September 2025)		£397	
£940	Total Liabilities		£1368	

Notes:

1. Accounting policies

- a) Basis of accounting: The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.
- b) Turnover: Income is credited to the receipts and payments account when received.
- c) Assets retained for charities own use: are listed at estimated replacement insurance value.

2. Reserves

	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance as at 1 Sep 2024	-	£93335
Addition to reserves	-	£8798
Reserves used in the 12 months to 31 Aug 2025	-	-
Balance as at 31 August 2025	-	£102133

3. South Cerney Pre-school Playgroup is a registered charity and is not liable to taxation.

4. The average number of staff employed in the period was 10.

The accounts are signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Position: _____



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

SOUTH CERNEY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2025.

**Charity no
(if any)**

301614.

Set out on pages

ONE and TWO.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 08 2025.

**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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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:

Paul King

Date:

8th June 2026.

Name:

PAUL KING FCCA FMAAT

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS.
ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS.

Address:

64 DROVE ROAD

SWINDON

WILTSHIRE SN1 3AF.

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.

NO MATERIAL MATTERS OF CONCERN .

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Two committee members left at the AGM (Nov 2024) but this was expected as they no longer have children at the setting. We were very pleased to welcome some new members with children in The Pod.

We started the academic year with 21 children on our register for Pre School and 19 in The Pod. This was an increase from 7 in The Pod in September 2023. This is largely due to the introduction of Government funded places for two year olds at Easter. It has had a positive impact on us financially and also secures more places for Pre School in the future. We also receive a higher hourly rate of £7.14 per hour for 2 year olds compared to £5.21 per hour for children aged 3 and above.

In July, we saw 22 leavers off to Primary school, with 14 going to Ann Edwards school in South Cerney, with whom we continue to have strong links. We ran a very successful transition period with school from May 2023 which has significant benefits for the children.

This year we were very fortunate to receive £2000 from South Cerney Duck Race Committee. The majority of this money has been spent on a new mud kitchen and a defibrillator as well as further improvements in the garden.

We are working closely with Bromford Housing on their planned developments for the housing estate that borders with Playgroup. Now that Stage 1 of the demolition has been completed, fencing and temporary fencing have been erected as required to ensure the safety and privacy of our setting at a cost to Bromford. Works continue and we maintain a strong working relationship with Bromford and their contractors.

Finally, the most significant part of the year was our 'Good' rating by Ofsted which we were very proud to receive. The visit was a fantastic opportunity to show case the excellent provision we provide for the children in our care.

Section E

Financial review

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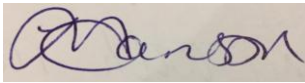
Section F

Other optional information

Section GDeclaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jo Hanson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	7 th November 2024	

South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Receipts and Payments Account
1 Sep 2023 to 31 Aug 2024

2023		2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	Notes 1a
	Receipts				
£29380	Children's fees	-	£42770	£42770	
£113770	Grant (children funding)	-	£106555	£106555	
£5039	Other Receipts (Playgroup)	-	£1151	£1151	
£110	Interest (Bank accounts)	-	£275	£275	
£6221	Fundraising/ Donations income	-	£2487	£2487	
£154520	Total Receipts	-	£153237	£153237	1b
	Payments				
£94144	Salaries	-	£108026	£108026	
£2391	Refreshments & consumables	-	£2971	£2971	
£4129	Play materials	-	£4346	£4346	
£2195	Equipment	-	£4385	£4385	
-	New fixtures	-	-	-	
£15507	Maintenance & cleaning	-	£6456	£6456	
£1873	Insurance	-	£1811	£1811	
£1082	Rates	-	£653	£653	
£9384	Utilities - electric, telephone, broadband	-	£9906	£9906	
£107	Utilities - Water	-	-	-	
£1138	Recycling and rubbish disposal	-	£1414	£1414	
£50	Subscriptions & other fees	-	£171	£171	
-	Bank fees	-	-	-	
£1408	Administration costs	-	£1284	£1284	
£1042	Training costs	-	£2269	£2269	
£3196	Other (playgroup)	-	£2179	£2179	
£445	Other (fundraising)	-	-	-	
£138091	Total Payments	-	£145872	£145872	
£16428	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	-	£7365	£7365	

2023		2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total
	Movement in Reserves			
£69542	Reserves b/fwd	-	£85970	£85970
£16428	Added to reserves	-	£7365	£7365
-	Used from reserves	-	-	-
£85970	Reserves c/fwd	-	£93335	£93335

South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As At 31 August 2024

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£16428	Add Surplus of receipts over payments	-	£7365	
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	Represented by cash funds			
£54187	Lloyds general account 1		£58575	
£10076	Lloyds savings account (fundraising)		£12715	
£21690	Lloyds savings account (redundancy contingency)		£21965	
£17	Cash in hand		£79	
£85970	Total cash		£93335	
	Assets retained for charities own use			
£283250	Buildings		£283250	
£11536	Office, computers & electronic equipment		£11536	
£31003	Furniture, fixtures & fittings		£31003	
£20440	Other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives		£20440	
£346229	Total assets		£346229	1c
	Liabilities			
-	HM Revenue & Customs PAYE/NIC (payable September 2024)		£637	
£206	Other various (payable September 2024)		£303	
£206	Total Liabilities		£940	

Notes:

1. Accounting policies

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2. Reserves

	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance as at 1 Sep 2023	-	£85970
Addition to reserves	-	£7365
Reserves used in the 12 months to 31 Aug 2024	-	-
Balance as at 31 August 2024	-	£93335

3. South Cerney Pre-school Playgroup is a registered charity and is not liable to taxation.

4. The average number of staff employed in the period was 10.

The accounts are signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Position: _____



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

Charity Name

SOUTH CERNEY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2024

Charity no
(if any)

301614

Set out on pages

ONE and TWO

(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

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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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Paul King

Date:

9th June, 2025

Name:

PAUL KING FCCA FMAAT

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS

Address:

64 Drove Road

SWINDON

WILTSHIRE SN1 3AF.

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.

No material matters of concern.

I suggested to the Trustees to review the level of funds to place on deposit to allow the Charity to generate further income in respect of bank interest receivable.

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	Sept	2021		31	August	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name South Cerney Preschool Playgroup

Other names charity is known by n/a

Registered charity number (if any) 301614

Charity's principal address Berkeley Close

South Cerney

Gloucestershire

Postcode GL75UW

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	Jo Hanson	Chair		
2	Louisa Hall	Secretary		
3	Ellie Hanks	Treasurer		
4	Laura Johnston		7/11/23	
5	Naomi Nethercott			
6	Lydia South			
7	Laura Gopsill			
8	Holly Greenhough		7/11/23	
9	Jade Summers		7/11/23	
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	By voluntary management committee
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Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The aim of the Playgroup is to enhance the development, care and education of children primarily under statutory school age and also of children and young people of school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the need of their children through community (voluntary managed) groups and by:- 1. 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 and young people, whatever their races, cultures, religion, means or ability. 2. 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 area. 3. Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims of PATA.
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We provide early years education and childcare for children aged from 2 years until statutory school age. We offer half, and full day sessions, and follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. Our setting is open and accessible to all members of the community and we base our admissions policy on a fair system.

I confirm that we have had regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have had another successful year at Playgroup with our dedicated team of staff continuing to grow. Mrs Thomson continues to fulfil her role as Manager to a very high standard and Miss Smart and Mrs Fenton provide excellent support as Deputy Manager and SENDCo. Emma Hunter – Osborne has joined us on a permanent basis after many years as bank staff and Mrs Snow who also joined us to provide lunch cover will be increasing her hours after Easter.

A number of long standing Committee members are left at the AGM (Nov 2023) but this was expected as they no longer have children at the setting. We were very pleased to welcome some new members.

We started the academic year with 38 children on our register and ended it with 53 – a slight increase on the previous year.

In July, we saw 25 leavers off to Primary school, with the majority going to Ann Edwards school in South Cerney, with whom we continue to have strong links. We ran a very successful transition period with school from May 2023 which has significant benefits for the children.

This year we were very fortunate to receive over £1000 from South Cerney Duck Race Committee. We also received £500 from Asda at Haydon Wick, £200 from Bathurst Mason's, £75 from South Cerney Flower show and also raised £350 from a recent raffle.

The majority of this money has been spent on developing sensory areas in both rooms and some further improvements in the garden.

We are working closely with Bromford Housing on their planned developments for the housing estate that borders with Playgroup and they have kindly agreed to fund some improvements to our garden and replace some fencing.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

South Cerney Playgroup aims to hold enough financial reserves to meet redundancy obligations and to sustain the Playgroup if income falls below expected levels.

Aims:

- To manage our finances responsibly
- To budget for predictable fluctuations in income and expenditure
- To hold reserves to cover redundancy obligations, half a term's running cost and to pay lieu of the notice (and building maintenance costs).

Procedures

The Playgroup operates three bank accounts:

- A general account for day to day income and expenditure.
- An account to cover any redundancy obligations (currently held as reserves) required as well as building and maintenance costs if necessary.
- A Fundraising account, for all additional equipment, or buildings.

The amount held to cover any redundancy obligations is reviewed regularly to ensure that sufficient funds are available. Current estimation is £20,000 to cover this.

Budgets are completed annually and updated on a termly basis to take account all factors affecting income and expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

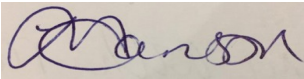
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal source of funds is from Gloucestershire County Council's funding for the 15 hours (universal) and 30 hours (extended). We also charge fees for children not yet eligible to receive funding. We also fundraise throughout the year and apply for appropriate grants and funding to purchase equipment and resources as necessary.

Section GDeclaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jo Hanson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	7 th November 2023	

South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Receipts and Payments Account
1 Sep 2022 to 31 Aug 2023

2022		2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	Notes 1a
	Receipts				
£37,985	Children's fees	-	£29,565	£29,565	
£86,423	Grant (children funding)	-	£113,770	£113,770	
£4,440	Other Receipts (Playgroup)	-	£4,855	£4,855	
£1	Interest (Bank accounts)	-	£110	£110	
£22,000	Fundraising/ Donations income	£700	£5,521	£6,221	
£150,849	Total Receipts	£700	£153,820	£154,520	1b
	Payments				
£86,152	Salaries	-	£94,144	£94,144	
£1,986	Refreshments & consumables	-	£2,320	£2,320	
£1,768	Play materials	£700	£4,301	£5,001	
£3,723	Equipment	-	£1,442	£1,442	
-	New fixtures	-	-	-	
£5,973	Maintenance & cleaning	-	£15,507	£15,507	
£2,036	Insurance	-	£1,873	£1,873	
£126	Rates	-	£1,082	£1,082	
£6,673	Utilities - electric, telephone, broadband	-	£9,384	£9,384	
-	Utilities - Water	-	£107	£107	
£1,133	Recycling and rubbish disposal	-	£1,138	£1,138	
£204	Subscriptions & other fees	-	£50	£50	
-	Bank fees	-	-	-	
£1,854	Administration costs	-	£1,365	£1,365	
£667	Training costs	-	£1,042	£1,042	
£2,863	Other (playgroup)	-	£3,192	£3,192	
£19,156	Other (fundraising)	-	£445	£445	
£134,315	Total Payments	£700	£137,391	£138,091	
£16,533	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	-	£16,428	£16,428	

2022		2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total
	Movement in Reserves			
£53,009	Reserves b/fwd	-	£69,542	£69,542
£16,533	Added to reserves	-	£16,428	£16,428
-	Used from reserves	-	-	-
£69,542	Reserves c/fwd	-	£85,970	£85,970

South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As At 31 August 2023

2022		2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	Notes
	Movement in reserves			
£53,009	Reserves fund as at 1 Sept	-	£69,542	
£16,533	Add Surplus of receipts over payments	-	£16,428	
£69,542	Reserve fund as at 31 Aug	-	£85,970	2
	Represented by cash funds			
£31,946	Lloyds general account 1		£54,187	
£15,972	Lloyds savings account (fundraising)		£10,076	
£21,580	Lloyds savings account (redundancy contingency)		£21,690	
£44	Cash in hand		£17	
£69,542	Total cash		£85,970	
	Assets retained for charities own use			
£283,250	Buildings		£283,250	
£11,536	Office, computers & electronic equipment		£11,536	
£31,003	Furniture, fixtures & fittings		£31,003	
£20,440	Other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives		£20,440	
£346,229	Total assets		£346,229	1c
	Liabilities			
-	HM Revenue & Customs PAYE/NIC (payable September 2023)		-	
£161	Other various (payable September 2022)		£206	
£161	Total Liabilities		£206	

Notes:

1. Accounting policies

- a) Basis of accounting: The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.
- b) Turnover: Income is credited to the receipts and payments account when received.
- c) Assets retained for charities own use: are listed at estimated replacement insurance value.

2. Reserves

	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance as at 1 Sep 2022	-	£69,542
Addition to reserves	-	£16,428
Reserves used in the 12 months to 31 Aug 2023	-	-
Balance as at 31 August 2023	-	£85,970

3. South Cerney Pre-school Playgroup is a registered charity and is not liable to taxation.

4. The average number of staff employed in the period was 10.

The accounts are signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Position: _____



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

Charity Name

SOUTH CERNEY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2023

Charity no
(if any)

301614

Set out on pages

(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 DD/MM/YYYY.

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ 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:

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Date:

22/4/24

Name:

ADAM RYALL

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

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

BROOK COTTAGE

SILVER STREET, SOUTH CERNEY

CIRENCESTER, GL4 5TP

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.

No material matters of concern.

I noted that the chair intends to complete a valuation of buildings and equipment which I agree would be a sensible exercise.

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	Sept	2021		31	August	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

South Cerney Preschool Playgroup

Other names charity is known by

n/a

Registered charity number (if any)

301614

Charity's principal address

Berkeley Close

South Cerney

Gloucestershire

Postcode

GL75UW

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	Jo Hanson	Chair		
2	Angharad Loxton	Secretary		
3	Ellie Hanks	Treasurer		
4	Rachel Perring			
5	Naomi Nethercott			
6	Kirsty Turner			
7	Sarah Daffern			
8	Aimee Arnell			
9	Lydia South		7 th November 2022	
10	Laura Gopsill		7 th November 2022	
11	Holly Greenhough	(Co-opted member)	7 th November 2022	
12	Fiona Ryan		7 th November 2022	
13	Louisa Hall		7 th November 2022	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Aimee - Louise Thomson (Manager) and Tracey Smart (Deputy Manager)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have had another successful year at Playgroup with our dedicated team of staff continuing to grow. Sophie Peglar is now employed on a permanent contract and Miss Smart has become our Deputy Manager following the departure of Mrs Saint. Mrs Thomson continues to fulfil her role as Manager to a very high standard.

A number of long standing Committee members are left at the AGM (Nov 2022) but this was expected as they no longer have children at the setting. We were very pleased to welcome some new members and our Committee is at full capacity.

We started the academic year with 43 children on our register (23 in Pre School and 20 in The Pod) and ended it with 52 (40 in Pre School & 12 in The Pod)

In July, we saw 23 leavers off to Primary school, with all going to Ann Edwards school in South Cerney, with whom we continue to have strong links. We ran a very successful transition period with school from May 2022 which has significant benefits for the children.

Mrs Fenton successfully completed both her Level 3 Award for Special Educational Needs Coordinator in Early Years Settings and her Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism. Mrs Taylor is continuing to study for her Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce and Educator. 8 staff completed their First Aid training over two Saturday's at the beginning of the year and 2 staff have completed their renewed Safeguarding training. Sophie is now fully qualified at Level 2

This year we were very fortunate to receive the final instalment of our donation from Wain Homes which has allowed us to make some large improvements to Playgroup – in total we received £27,429.78. One Stop also donated £400 and we received £1000 from the Duck Race Committee. We have also received £1000 from Waitrose's Community Matters Scheme and £1885.56 from Co-op's Local Community Fund.

With this money we have been able to complete a lot of much needed maintenance work which included £2500 on clearing and repairing the drains on the lane down to Playgroup. Flooding had been a problem for a long time and we were kindly given 25% of the fee back by the Diocese of Gloucester who own the land. We were also able to fit a phone line into The Pod, install new wifi internet connections throughout both buildings and replace the rotten roof on the rear outbuilding and fit a new kitchen in The Pod. Around this time last year we also had a full Fire Safety survey done of our site and have been able to make some big improvements from that. We have paid for Happy Beans and now Cheeky Feet to come in once a week for the children which everyone has really enjoyed and a wellbeing session for staff in September. We will continue with Happy Feet in the Spring term as well. The biggest impact the money has had however is outside in our garden. We have built fantastic outdoor learning area including a caravan for the children to play in and have had new more secure fencing installed at the

front and very back of the site, a new tarmac path put down at the entrance, a large unused container removed and a wooden storage area built in it's place. We had two very large trees removed which has really opened up the garden, making the two spaces much more useable for the children.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

South Cerney Playgroup aims to hold enough financial reserves to meet redundancy obligations and to sustain the Playgroup if income falls below expected levels.

Aims:

- ☐ To manage our finances responsibly
- ☐ To budget for predictable fluctuations in income and expenditure
- ☐ To hold reserves to cover redundancy obligations, half a term's running cost and to pay lieu of the notice (and building maintenance costs).

Procedures

The Playgroup operates three bank accounts:

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Budgets are completed annually and updated on a termly basis to take account all factors affecting income and expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Our principal source of funds is from Gloucestershire County Council's funding for the 15 hours (universal) and 30 hours (extended). We also charge fees for children not yet eligible to receive funding. We also fundraise throughout the year to purchase equipment and resources as necessary although due to the large donation received from Wain Homes this year we have not had to do this to the same degree as previous years.

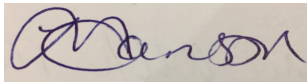
Section F

Other optional information

Section GDeclaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jo Hanson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	7 th November 2022	

South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Receipts and Payments Account
1 Sep 2021 to 31 Aug 2022

2021		2022 Restricted	2022 Unrestricted	2022 Total	Notes 1a
	Receipts				
£29,300	Children's fees	-	£38,192	£38,192	
£80,839	Grant (children funding)	-	£86,423	£86,423	
£5,091	Other Receipts (Playgroup)	-	£4,232	£4,232	
-	Interest (Bank accounts)	-	£1	£1	
£12,583	Fundraising/ Donations income	-	£22,000	£22,000	
£127,813	Total Receipts	-	£150,849	£150,849	1b
	Payments				
£75,401	Salaries	-	£86,152	£86,152	
£1,733	Refreshments & consumables	-	£2,048	£2,048	
£4,170	Play materials	-	£1,768	£1,768	
£2,480	Equipment	-	£3,781	£3,781	
-	New fixtures	-	-	-	
£11,955	Maintenance & cleaning	-	£5,625	£5,625	
£1,899	Insurance	-	£2,036	£2,036	
-	Rates	-	£126	£126	
£4,948	Utilities - electric, telephone, broadband	-	£7,036	£7,036	
£314	Utilities - Water	-	-	-	
£1,071	Recycling and rubbish disposal	-	£1,133	£1,133	
£1,551	Subscriptions & other fees	-	£204	£204	
-	Bank fees	-	-	-	
£2,314	Administration costs	-	£3,665	£3,665	
£539	Training costs	-	£667	£667	
£100	Other (playgroup)	-	£917	£917	
£12,008	Other (fundraising)	-	£19,156	£19,156	
£120,483	Total Payments	-	£134,315	£134,315	
£7,330	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	-	£16,533	£16,533	

2021		2022 Restricted	2022 Unrestricted	2022 Total
	Movement in Reserves			
£45,679	Reserves b/fwd	-	£53,009	£53,009
£7,330	Added to reserves	-	£16,533	£16,533
-	Used from reserves	-	-	-
£53,009	Reserves c/fwd	-	£69,542	£69,542

**South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As At 31 August 2022**

2021		2022 Restricted	2022 Unrestricted	Notes
	Movement in reserves			
£45,679	Reserves fund as at 1 Sept	-	£53,009	
£7,330	Add Surplus of receipts over payments	-	£16,533	
£53,009	Reserve fund as at 31 Aug	-	£69,542	2
	Represented by cash funds			
£36,863	Lloyds general account 1		£31,946	
£15,917	Lloyds savings account (fundraising)		£15,972	
£162	Lloyds savings account (redundancy contingency)		£21,580	
£67	Cash in hand		£44	
£53,009	Total cash		£69,542	
	Assets retained for charities own use			
£283,250	Buildings		£283,250	
£11,536	Office, computers & electronic equipment		£11,536	
£31,003	Furniture, fixtures & fittings		£31,003	
£20,440	Other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives		£20,440	
£346,229	Total assets		£346,229	1c
	Liabilities			
£329	HM Revenue & Customs PAYE/NIC (payable September 2022)		£161	
£261	Other various (payable September 2022)		-	
£590	Total Liabilities		£161	

Notes:

1. Accounting policies

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2. Reserves

	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance as at 1 Sep 2021	-	£53,009
Addition to reserves	-	£16,533
Reserves used in the 12 months to 31 Aug 2022	-	-
Balance as at 31 August 2022	-	£69,542

3. South Cerney Pre-school Playgroup is a registered charity and is not liable to taxation.

4. The average number of staff employed in the period was 9.

The accounts are signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed:

J. Hanson

Print Name:

J. HANSON

Position:

CHAIR PERSON



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

Charity Name

SOUTH CERNEY PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31/8/22

Charity no
(if any)

301614

Set out on pages

(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 DD/MM/YYYY.

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) 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:

A. RYALL

Date:

14/3/23

Name:

ADAM RYALL

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

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT
ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

BROOK COTTAGE

SILVER STREET

SOUTH CERNEY

GL7 5TP

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.

NONE

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jo Hanson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	6 th November 2021	

South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Receipts and Payments Account
1 Sep 2020 to 31 Aug 2021

2020		2021 Restricted	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Total	Notes 1a
	Receipts				
£17,721	Children's fees	-	£29,300	£29,300	
£80,928	Grant (children funding)	-	£80,839	£80,839	
£8,080	Other Receipts (Playgroup)	£1,000	£4,091	£5,091	
-	Interest (Bank accounts)	-	-	-	
£3,849	Fundraising income	-	£12,583	£12,583	
£110,579	Total Receipts	£1,000	£126,813	£127,813	1b
	Payments				
£72,991	Salaries	-	£75,401	£75,401	
£1,237	Refreshments & consumables	-	£1,733	£1,733	
£1,832	Play materials	-	£4,170	£4,170	
-	Equipment	-	£2,480	£2,480	
-	New fixtures	-	-	-	
£6,952	Maintenance & cleaning	-	£11,955	£11,955	
£1,167	Insurance	-	£1,899	£1,899	
£255	Rates	-	-	-	
£3,779	Utilities - electric, telephone, broadband	-	£4,948	£4,948	
£489	Utilities - Water	-	£314	£314	
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-	Bank fees	-	-	-	
£1,863	Administration costs	-	£2,314	£2,314	
£1,230	Training costs	-	£539	£539	
£276	Other (playgroup)	-	£100	£100	
£969	Other (fundraising)	£1,000	£11,008	£12,008	
£94,974	Total Payments	£1,000	£119,483	£120,483	
£15,605	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	-	£7,330	£7,330	

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	Movement in Reserves			
£30,074	Reserves b/fwd	-	£45,679	£45,679
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-	Used from reserves	-	-	-
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**South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As At 31 August 2021**

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	Represented by cash funds			
£30,109	Lloyds general account 1		£36,864	
£15,342	Lloyds savings account (fundraising)		£15,917	
£162	Lloyds savings account (redundancy contingency)		£162	
£54	Cash in hand		£67	
£45,667	Total cash		£53,009	
	Assets retained for charities own use			
£283,250	Buildings		£283,250	
£11,536	Office, computers & electronic equipment		£11,536	
£31,003	Furniture, fixtures & fittings		£31,003	
£20,440	Other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives		£20,440	
£346,229	Total assets		£346,229	1c
	Liabilities			
£39	HM Revenue & Customs PAYE/NIC (payable September 2021)		£329	
£99	Other various (payable September 2021)		£261	
£138	Total Liabilities		£590	

Notes:

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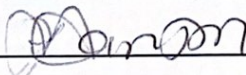
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	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance as at 1 Sep 2020	-	£45,679
Addition to reserves	-	£7,330
Reserves used in the 12 months to 31 Aug 2021	-	-
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3. South Cerney Pre-school Playgroup is a registered charity and is not liable to taxation.

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The accounts are signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed: 

Print Name: J. HANSON

Position: Chair



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£4,385	Other (fundraising)	-	£969	£969	
£116,958	Total Payments	£1,000	£93,974	£94,974	
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2019		2020 Restricted	2020 Unrestricted	Notes
	Movement in reserves			
£6,384	Reserves fund as at 1 Sept	-	£30,074	
£17,548	Add Surplus of receipts over payments	-	£15,605	
£23,932	Reserve fund as at 31 Aug	-	£45,679	2
	Represented by cash funds			
£17,384	Lloyds general account 1		£30,109	
£12,462	Lloyds savings account (fundraising)		£15,342	
£162	Lloyds savings account (redundancy contingency)		£162	
£66	Cash in hand		£54	
£30,074	Total cash		£45,667	
	Assets retained for charities own use			
£283,250	Buildings		£283,250	
£11,536	Office, computers & electronic equipment		£11,536	
£31,003	Furniture, fixtures & fittings		£31,003	
£20,440	Other assets used by the charity in delivering its objectives		£20,440	
£346,229	Total assets		£346,229	1c
	Liabilities			
£92	HM Revenue & Customs PAYE/NIC (payable September 2020)		£39	
£103	Other various (payable September 2018)		£99	
£195	Total Liabilities		£138	

Notes:

1. Accounting policies

- a) Basis of accounting: The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.
- b) Turnover: Income is credited to the receipts and payments account when received.
- c) Assets retained for charities own use: are listed at estimated replacement insurance value.

2. Reserves

	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance as at 1 Sep 2019	-	£30,074
Addition to reserves	-	£15,605
Reserves used in the 12 months to 31 Aug 2020	-	-
Balance as at 31 August 2020	-	£45,679

- 3. South Cerney Pre-school Playgroup is a registered charity and is not liable to taxation.
- 4. The average number of staff employed in the period was 13.

The accounts are signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed: *E. Black*
 Print Name: *Catherine Black*
 Position: *Treasurer*



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

South Cerney Preschool Playgroup

On accounts for the year
ended

31.08.2020

Charity no
(if any)

301614

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 31/08/2020.

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.

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

Signed:

Helen Moore

Date:

11/11/20

Name:

HELEN MOORE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

A.C.M.A.

(if any):

Address:

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.