

LOVE LANE PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 800936

Details

Other names	LOVE LANE PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2015-09-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE BY A) PROVIDING SAFE AND SATISFYING GROUP PLAY, IN WHICH PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART. B) ENCOURAGING OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN. C) FURTHERING THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION.

Activities: Pre-School for children aged 2-5, in the Newbury area

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- West Berkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£72,773	£68,816	-	-
2023-08-31	£52,672	£48,741	-	-
2022-08-31	£42,971	£38,719	-	-
2021-08-31	£61,544	£53,784	-	-
2020-08-31	£41,095	£35,955	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Breadmore		2022-09-29
Amy Phillips		2022-09-29
Bridie Bray Tucker		2022-09-29
Donna Munro		2023-11-08
Julie Dehghan		2022-09-29
Rebecca Gail Ryden		2018-07-18
Sylvia Giles		2023-11-08

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CHAIRPERSON AGM REPORT 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

Nadia was elected as chair at our last AGM in October 2023, but due to work commitments Nadia stepped down at our next meeting and I was elected to fill the role.

We had an OFSTED inspection this year and through the hard work and dedication of Karen our manager and the team preschool was graded good. I would like to thank you all for your constant hard work and enthusiasm you have for all the children passing through preschool. It would not be the preschool without you all, I would like to thank Karen for all the extra care and support she offers our parents. You really go above and beyond.

During my visits I have noticed how bright and welcoming preschool has become and how happy and engaged the children are. I loved watching last years nativity play and seeing how engaged the children were. During my visit today I noticed how a child had evolved due to the dedication and support from the staff, it was really lovely to see.

Last year the number of children on role was exceptional good and I hope we can build up again this academic year.

I would also like to thank the committee members for their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the past year. I thank Alex for continuing as the treasurer again during the past year, it really is a role that no one wants so your support has been invaluable. Also thank you Donna for stepping in as secretary when I moved to the Chairperson role.

Ideally the committee would benefit from some parents stepping forward to form a fundraising team even if they didn't want to be part of the main committee.

I have felt incredibly lucky to have been supported by a group of hard working people.

Sylvia Giles

Chairperson

7th November 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Lovelane Preschool

800936

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2023	To	31/08/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Balance B/F	3,931	-	-	3,931	-
Fees	68,673	-	-	68,673	-
Fundraising	169	-	-	169	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	72,773	-	-	72,773	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	72,773	-	-	72,773	-
A3 Payments					
Salaries	46,681	-	-	46,681	-
HMRC	636	-	-	636	-
Pension	244	-	-	244	-
Rent	5,762	-	-	5,762	-
Admin Costs	4,132	-	-	4,132	-
Equipment	2,972	-	-	2,972	-
Staff Training	389	-	-	389	-
Transferred to Savings	8,000	-	-	8,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	68,816	-	-	68,816	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	68,816	-	-	68,816	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,957	-	-	3,957	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,957	-	-	3,957	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

97 Westfield Road

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7th April 2025

Dear Sirs,

I have reviewed the accounts for Love Lane Preschool, Shaw-Cum-Donnington Village Hall, Love Lane, Donnington, Newbury RG14 2JG. Registered Charity No 800936.

I confirm that the figures prepared and submitted are correct and that there are no anomalies.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Brennan

LOVE LANE PRE-SCHOOL

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AGM Report

Chairperson

I want to start by saying, what a challenging, but rewarding & educational first year it has been as Chair.

The year started off tough & we were unsure whether the pre-school would be able to remain open due to lack of funding, unfilled roles within the pre-school & not enough committee members.

Although the year started off unsure, thanks to our wonderfully dedicated volunteers, we have managed to help turn this around & now the pre-school is thriving. Amy, thank you for continuing your role as secretary & being so highly organised & dedicated throughout the year. Alex, thank you for taking on the role of treasurer, you have truly made such a massive difference to the staff for all the things you have implemented in such a short period of time. And to the following parents, who without you giving up your time, this committee would have struggled. So Julie, Chelsea, Bridie, Lisa & Kayley, a massive thank you to you all for all the wonderful things you have done to help.

Fundraising has always been vital for small charities like ours & this year, we have been rather successful with the events we have held. To name a few, nearly new baby sale, the Easter fundraiser, Thatcham family fun day & our summer raffle. We have received so many generous donations from local businesses & will continue to reach out to them heading towards Christmas.

Karen & the team have had some new & wonderful ideas that they have implemented into the pre school. Learning & exploring now has a dedicated theme each term & visits to local parks, the allotment & farms are continuing to take place.

And lastly, not forgetting the beautiful work Karens husband has also done for the pre-school, including building a mud kitchen & new coat & bag pegging area.

I look forward to the year ahead, where we will continue to learn & support this wonderful little pre-school together.

Nadia Andrady

Chairperson



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Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bfwd Balance	4,252	-	-	4,252	-
Fees	47,392	-	-	47,392	-
Fundraising	1,028	-	-	1,028	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,672	-	-	52,672	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,672	-	-	52,672	-
A3 Payments					
Salary	29,807	-	-	29,807	-
HMRC PAYE	594	-	-	594	-
Rent	4,842	-	-	4,842	-
Administration	4,695	-	-	4,695	-
Play equipment and children snacks	1,260	-	-	1,260	-
Staff Training	543	-	-	543	-
Rtransferred to savings	7,000	-	-	7,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	48,741	-	-	48,741	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,741	-	-	48,741	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,931	-	-	3,931	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,931	-	-	3,931	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

97 Westfield Road

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14th October 2024

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I have reviewed the accounts for Love Lane Preschool, Shaw-Cum-Donnington Village Hall, Love Lane, Donnington, Newbury RG14 2JG. Registered Charity No 800936.

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Brennan

LOVE LANE PRE-SCHOOL

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Chair report 2022

We started the 2021/2022 year positively with lots of generous prizes for the Christmas raffle and a semi-successful shaw house fair as well as the ever popular Thatcham fun day. Thank you to all the parents who donated the sweets for these events and the time to make up the bags and jars. I think this will be a firm favourite in all the fundraising we do!

We also had our sports day where the parents could come in which was a huge success, thanks to Steph for organising that!

Sylvia left in May 2022 and I took over the role of chair. We have not had a very successful year of members joining the committee so in May we had just Becky as treasurer and Jo as secretary. The roles all need to be filled to continue running the pre school so I stepped in as chair.

Becky and Jo no longer have children at the pre school and with the lack of new members joining the committee, the three of us had to have a chat about the possibility of closing. This was not a decision anyone wanted to make and it was not only down to the committee, it is also based on the last few years of accounts and how the pre school isn't making enough money to keep up with minimum wages and the outgoings we have. We spoke to the staff and sent a letter to the parents explaining the situation. Luckily we have some very dedicated parents who have joined the committee and have a great wealth of experience between them.

Over the last few years the communication between parents, committee and staff has had to take a bit of a back seat due to covid and staff changes so now we will focus on rebuilding that with the new committee.

Nadia is taking over the role of chair, I will be secretary and Bridie and Julie will be sharing Treasurer, Lisa has offered to be in charge of fundraising as well as Alex, Beth and Tania and hopefully new parents to the pre school being part of the committee. Having so many members will mean the workload is spread evenly.

We are extremely lucky to have such great members of staff and Karen who was only employed a few months ago as deputy has now stepped into the permanent role of manager, She is already making amazing changes including taking the children out on trips and regular visits to the allotment as well as sorting out staff training and keeping everyone updated so the children have the best care. Pauline and Amy are invaluable members of staff and we are very keen to make sure we have more regular meetings with the staff so we can all work together as a team and keep the pre school open.

Our new committee means Becky and Jo can step down from their roles with Becky being a helping hand in the background while the new members learn the ropes. We could not be more grateful for what you have both done for the pre school! Becky in particular, the pre school would not be open today without all of your hard work, thank you.

Amy Phillips 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bfwd Balance	7,760	-	-	7,760	-
Fees	34,582	-	-	34,582	-
Fundraising	629	-	-	629	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,971	-	-	42,971	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,971	-	-	42,971	-
A3 Payments					
Salary	28,869	-	-	28,869	-
HMRC PAYE	626	-	-	626	-
Rent	4,261	-	-	4,261	-
Administration	4,191	-	-	4,191	-
Play equipment and children snacks	489	-	-	489	-
Staff Training	283	-	-	283	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	38,719	-	-	38,719	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	38,719	-	-	38,719	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,252	-	-	4,252	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,252	-	-	4,252	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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19th October 2023

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Accounts



Chairpersons AGM report 2021

Once again this report must begin with the impact of COVID, which has challenged Love Lane Preschool again this year. It has dominated our thoughts and practices and our staff have handled the year with professionalism and calm, although they were feeling apprehensive about working through a pandemic, they disguised this well.

Our staff created a safe 'bubble' for the children to attend, have fun and play whilst allowing them as much normality as possible which was a result of well thought out policies and risk assessments, which were regularly updated and amended as things changed. This all created a lot of work for our staff especially in terms of the extra cleaning of toys and the hall. I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment this past year, during difficult times, but you have all contributed in making preschool into a warm and welcoming environment where our children develop and grow into young people as they get ready for school.

Once again It has been my personal privilege this year to work closely with some hardworking people who are enthusiastic about what they do and have the best interests of Love Lane preschool at heart.

In the spring term we welcomed Amy and Tammy to the team and Tammy is now doing an apprenticeship with us through Chiltern training. At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to our manager Sarah and i would like to thank her for all her hard word during unprecedented times. At the start of the

Autumn term we welcomed Stephanie to the team and i was very happy when she agreed to join us.

Fundraising has still been challenging, but we have been able to attend Thatcham Funday which was very successful. I would like to thank all our parents for their support again this year, we couldn't do it without you.

Once again It has been my personal privilege to work with some hardworking people who are enthusiastic about what they do and

have the best interests of Love Lane preschool at heart and i would personally like to thank them.

The Committee is very conscious that parental involvement needs to be developed and is working to improve this, in terms of encouraging parental support during Pre-School sessions and helping with fundraising events, but this has been difficult owing to Covid restrictions. Unfortunately if new parents don't join the committee there is a risk the preschool could close.

Some of our children have accessed the 30 hour funding and in conjunction with Shaw cum Donnington School we have been able to accommodate them, the children attend preschool in the morning and are taken over to the school at 11.30 where they spend the afternoon.

I look back over the last year with an overall sense of satisfaction and pride for what we have achieved as a team working together.

Sylvia Giles



Lovelane Preschool 800936

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from 01/09/2020 To 31/08/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Balance B/F	5,547				-
Fees received	51,133				-
Fundraising	4,865	-	-	4,865	-
Ring fenced Redundancy funding	-	15,002	-	15,002	-
Saving	-	7,101	-	7,101	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	61,544	22,103	-	26,968	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,544	22,103	-	26,968	-
A3 Payments					
Salary	31,584	-	-	31,584	-
HMRC PAYE	819	-	-	819	-
Rent	4,021	-	-	4,021	-
Admin costs	4,514	-	-	4,514	-
Equipment	4,360	-	-	4,360	-
Staff training	1,986	-	-	1,986	-
Transferred to savings	6,500	-	-	6,500	-
Staff Training		-	-	-	-
Transferred to savings		-	-	-	-
Sub total	53,784	-	-	53,784	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	53,784	-	-	53,784	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,760	22,103	-	7,760	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,760	22,103	-	29,863	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		7,760	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,760	22,103	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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26th May 2022

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I have reviewed the accounts for Love Lane Preschool, Shaw-Cum-Donnington Village Hall, Love Lane, Donnington, Newbury RG14 2JG. Registered Charity No 800936.

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Mrs S Brennan

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Chairperson's Report 2020 Love Lane Preschool

Wow what a year.

As I look back over the past year I reflect on what a very strange year we have all lived through and the challenges we faced and look back on how we have all had to adapt new ways in which preschool can operate.

In December 2019 we said goodbye to our manager Tasha Openshaw. And Val Ransom took over as acting manager which I sincerely thank her for. We were very lucky that Sarah Pullum saw our advert for manager and decided she wanted to join us, and we warmly welcomed her to our team in February 2020.

Poor Sarah was thrown in at the deep end as Coronavirus reared its ugly head, preschool had to close in line with government advice in March 2020 and Sarah and our staff had to come up with ways in which they could support our parents and children at home. Regular phone calls were made to our families and items were posted on Facebook. Sarah was also vital in writing our Coronavirus Policy and risk assessment which I would like to thank her for.

When we reopened our doors in June 2020 we welcomed back 8 children initially.

In July we said goodbye to our school leavers and wished them well in their new adventures, in September we welcomed 8 children back into preschool and numbers have now increased to 12 children. As many children are now attending nurseries attached to schools we have decided to include more 2 year olds into our numbers.

In February 2020 Lisa, our secretary stepped down and Jo kindly took over the role. In September we welcomed Joanne Thomas to the committee.

Fundraising has been a real challenge this year which is so vital for the running and upkeep of preschool, we have managed to do a small amount of online fundraising but need to look for new ways of raising our profile and funding opportunities.

I would like to thank Sarah, Val, Pauline and Carol for their continuous hard work, dedication, support and commitment to Love Lane Preschool, and to the children and their families, we are very lucky to have you all.

I must say a huge thank you to Becky for keeping a close eye on our budgets and always on the lookout for new ways to raise funds, she works tirelessly behind the scenes for the benefit of preschool.

I would also like to thank the committee for their tireless support and hard work in helping with the running of preschool and raising our much needed funds during challenging times. We are a very small and friendly committee and would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Let's hope the coming year will be better for us all and some normality can be gained.

Abi Clacy was elected chairperson in July 2018, but had to step down in June 2019, when I took over the roll

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29th June 2021

Dear Sirs,

I have reviewed the accounts for Lovelane Pre-school, Shaw cum Donnington Village Hall, Donnington, Newbury. I confirm that the figures prepared and submitted are correct and that there are no anomalies.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Brennan