

# Portrush Community Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100484

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2014-12-01
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The aim of the Group is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents'/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children by: a) Offering appropriate play facilities, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group, ensuring that the Group offers opportunities for all children, regardless of religion, culture, race or means. b) Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in the local areas. c) Support the values and principles of EARLYYEARS.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,Playgroup/after schools

**Who the charity helps:** Language community,Learning disabilities,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Sensory disabilities,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£53,312	£50,923	£0	4

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Leah Millar		
Miss Nicola Diamond		
Mr Richard Nixon		
Mrs Nicola Coyle		
Mrs Rebecca Herald		

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# Accounts

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Portrush Pre-School Community Playgroup

Charity Number: 100484  
 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

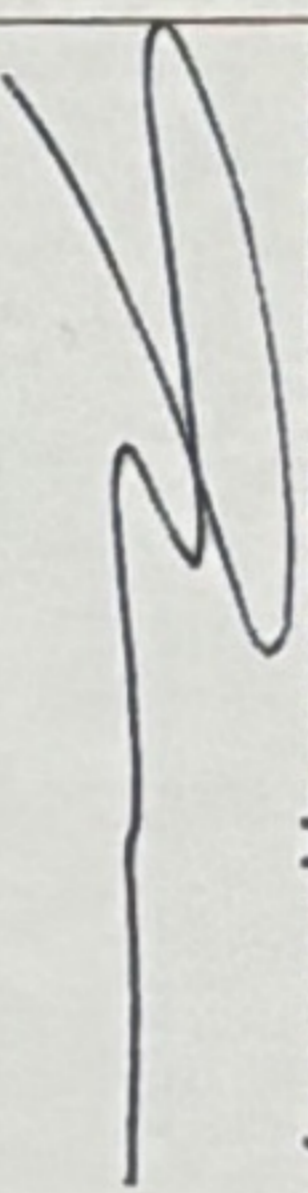
	2025		2024	
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance as 1 April 2023				
Income				
Grants	5688.43	5688.43	3724.58	3724.58
Education Authority	37555.21	37555.21	42209.54	42209.54
Fundraising	1238.00	1238.00	370.00	370.00
Department of Health	1700.00	1700.00	600.00	600.00
Causeway Coast & Glens BC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Health Agency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Causeway	7500.00	7500.00	6000.00	6000.00
PEEP NI Beautiful	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NHS Healthcare Partnership	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Income	(411.09)	(411.09)	(25.58)	(25.58)
Reserve Account Interest	41.90	41.90	62.83	62.83
Equipment Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc	0.00	0.00	500.28	500.28
Total Income	9200.00	44112.45	53312.45	53441.65
Expenditure				
Salaries/HMIT	7500.00	31306.31	38806.31	45192.28
Heat/Light		1625.52	1625.52	1475.36
Water		339.00	339.00	364.50
Telephone		945.84	945.84	575.55
Cleaning		0.00	0.00	0.00
Post/Stationery		2.10	2.10	201.04
Insurance		356.73	356.73	1110.32
Play Materials/Equipment		1775.41	1775.41	3935.24
Office Equipment		1076.96	1076.96	0.00
Milk/Snacks		1442.78	1442.78	510.30
Early Years		1409.00	1409.00	1657.32
Bank Charges		162.52	162.52	226.77
Trips/Outings		198.44	198.44	218.15
Gifts		350.00	350.00	583.50
Banking Staff		0.00	0.00	0.00
Accounts		400.00	400.00	0.00
Training		246.80	246.80	495.00
Entertainment/Programmes		0.00	0.00	0.00
Lilleg Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		116.61	116.61	165.00
Maintenance	1668.72	1668.72	1668.72	165.00
Capital Expenditure	9168.72	41754.02	50922.74	1285.00
Total Expenditure	1668.72	41754.02	50922.74	57995.33
Balance as at 31 March 2025				
Total Income/Expenditure		2389.71		-4553.68
Account Balance as at 31 March 2025				7547.63
Total		9937.34		7547.63

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank	7647.63	3799.82
Reserve Account	2289.71	3747.81
Debtors	0.00	0.00
	<u>9937.34</u>	<u>7547.63</u>
<b>Creditors</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>9937.34</u>	<u>7547.63</u>

The income and expenditure accounts have been prepared with the information provided by the committee and staff of Portrush Playgroup.

*Derek Powell*  
 Derek Powell  
 Accounting Technician

The accounts have been approved by the committee on 27th November 2025  
  
 Richard Nixon  
 Chairperson  
 Leah Millar  
 Treasurer

Notes on Accounts:  
 1. The monies in reserve are set aside to allow the playgroup to continue for a 3 month period if future funding is not forthcoming.

**Portrush Community Playgroup**

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# Accounts

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**Portrush Pre-School Community Playgroup**

**Charity Number: 100484**

**1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
<b>Balance as 1 April 2023</b>			<b>12101.31</b>	<b>16955.65</b>
<b>Income</b>	Restricted	Unrestricted		
Fees		3724.58	3724.58	4648.80
Education Authority		42209.54	42209.54	63310.80
Fundraising		370.00	370.00	1204.00
Department of Health	600.00		600.00	0.00
Causeway Coast & Glens BC			0.00	250.00
Public Health Agency			0.00	600.00
Pathway	6000.00		6000.00	2050.00
KEEP NI Beautiful			0.00	3650.00
Chilcare Partneship			0.00	1511.47
Uniforms		(25.58)	(25.58)	(385.08)
Reserve Account Interest		62.83	62.83	16.68
Equipment Sales			0.00	0.00
Misc		500.28	500.28	144.43
	6600.00	46841.65	53441.65	77001.10
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Salaries/HMIT	6000.00	39192.28	45192.28	58443.05
Heat/Light		1475.36	1475.36	2454.23
Water		364.50	364.50	304.50
Telephone		575.55	575.55	663.25
Cleaning			0.00	220.71
Post/Stationery		201.04	201.04	222.30
Insurance		1110.32	1110.32	953.62
Play Materials/Equipment	600.00	3335.24	3935.24	7503.66
Office Equipment		0.00	0.00	181.02
Milk/Snacks		510.30	510.30	519.09
Early Years		1657.32	1657.32	1770.01
Bank Charges		226.77	226.77	290.38
Trips/Outings		218.15	218.15	315.00
Gifts		583.50	583.50	450.00
Banking Staff			0.00	0.00
Accounts		400.00	400.00	400.00
Training		495.00	495.00	1880.00
Entertainment/Programmes			0.00	0.00
Mileage Costs			0.00	360.70
Miscellaneous Expenditure		165.00	165.00	226.30
Maintenance		1285.00	1285.00	4697.62
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6600.00</b>	<b>51795.33</b>	<b>58395.33</b>	<b>81855.44</b>
<b>Excess of Income/Expenditure</b>			<b>-4953.68</b>	<b>-4854.34</b>
<b>Account Balance as at 31 March 2024</b>			<b>7147.63</b>	<b>12101.31</b>

**1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Bank	3399.82	8416.33
Reserve Account	3747.81	3684.98
Debtors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	7147.63	12101.31
<b>Creditors</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Current Assets	7147.63	12101.31

The income and expenditure accounts have been prepared with the information provided by the committee and staff of Portrush Playgroup.

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Derek Powell  
Accounting Technician

The accounts have been approved by the committee on Weds 18th December 2024



Richard Nixon  
Chairperson

**Notes on Accounts:**

1. The monies in reserve are set aside to allow the playgroup to continue for a 3 month period if future funding is not forthcoming.

**Portrush Community Playgroup**

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# Annual report

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# Trustees Annual Report for 2023/2024

## Portrush Community Playgroup

Charity no: NIC100484

### History

Portrush community Playgroup is a registered charity and has been in operation since 1972. We are a cross community organization, have 4 members of staff and a Parent's management committee, who are responsible for making decisions about the group. Portrush Community Playgroup is governed by a constitution that was amended and adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Our playgroup caters for 24 children aged between 3-5 years in a preschool morning and a pre-preschool afternoon session. We are based in a portacabin within the grounds of the local Primary School. The property is leased from Portrush Primary School and no fees other than legal fees for contract renewals etc occur.

### Aims and Approach.

Portrush Community Playgroup aims to advance the education of young children through the provision of an appropriate, safe and satisfying program of play and activities, which meet the requirements of the Department of Education's Curriculum. Our Admissions Policy states that 'Portrush Community Playgroup welcomes every family in the community irrespective of social class, religion, race, culture, disabilities and special educational needs.' We provide access for all children to a broad and balanced child-led curricular experience, which is tailored to the learning needs of each individual child. We believe 'interaction and play are the main channels through which children learn and develop'. We operate a High Scope approach – High Scope is an approach to learning derived from development principles. Its mission is to work as advocates for children and families through active participatory learning which will empower children and adults to develop their potential and contribute meaningfully as citizens. We believe that children learn best when they are engaged in planning, carrying out and reflecting on their experiences. We are the only setting locally currently offering this Highscope approach and this shows how the Playgroup is benefitting children and families in the local area.

We are inspected annually by the Health and Social Care Trust to ensure we meet the requirements set out in the minimum standards. The Department of Education also carry out an inspection which can be viewed by the general public.

### Financial Position

This report covers the financial year of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Portrush Community Playgroup receives money from the Education Authority for each child. This money is used to pay staff wages and for the running of the playgroup. Grants are also applied for during the year and fundraising events are organised by the Management Committee.

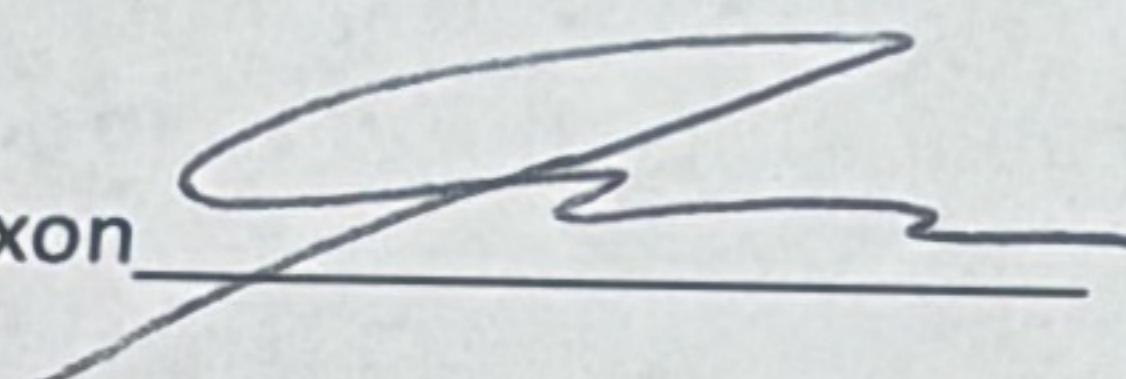
Portrush Community Playgroup have 2 Bank Accounts, One Current Account and One Reserves Account. On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the net assets held in these accounts was £7,147.63.

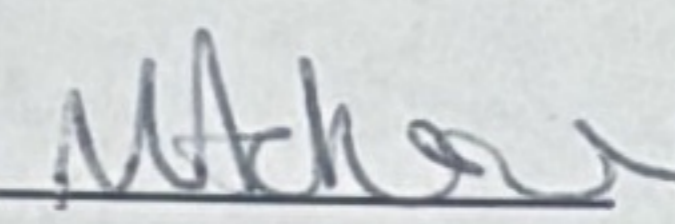
At the close of the 2024 financial year, there was £3,399.82 in the current account.

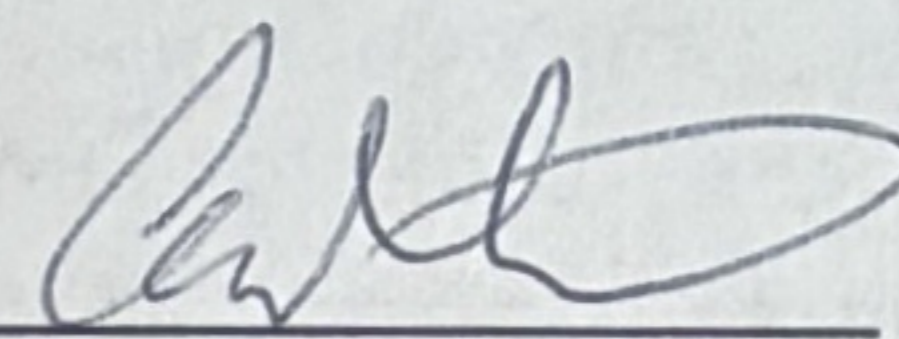
The £3,747.81 in the Reserves Account are designated funds. These are funds which have been calculated and set aside specifically for the playgroup to run for a short time if funding ceased or for staff redundancies. We have a policy document relating to this reserve account which is reviewed annually by the new committee.

This report has been prepared to the best of our knowledge.

Date\_27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Richard Nixon  Chairperson

Michaela Acheson  Secretary

Andrew Porter  Treasurer

**Portrush Community Playgroup**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100484

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Portrush Community Playgroup**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



William Oliver  
Managing Director  
Oliver Exorna Group  
Ballycastle Road Ind Estate, Coleraine, BT52 2EB

**Portrush Community Playgroup**

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# Accounts

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**Portrush Pre-School Community Playgroup**

**Charity Number: 100484**

**1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
<b>Balance as 1 April 2022</b>			<b>16995.65</b>	<b>23443.55</b>
<b>Income</b>	Restricted	Unrestricted		
Fees		4648.80	4648.80	5526.00
Education Authority		63310.80	63310.80	57100.26
Fundraising		1204.00	1204.00	0.00
HSBC			0.00	2856.66
Causeway Coast & Glens BC		250.00	250.00	0.00
Public Health Agency	600.00		600.00	0.00
Pathway	2050.00		2050.00	2908.00
KEEP NI Beautiful	3650.00		3650.00	8878.00
Chilcare Partneship	1511.47		1511.47	0.00
Uniforms		(385.08)	(385.08)	(638.79)
Reserve Account Interest		16.68	16.68	1.20
Equipment Sales			0.00	150.00
Misc		54.43	54.43	0.00
	<i>7811.47</i>	<i>69099.63</i>	<b>76911.10</b>	<b>76781.33</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Salaries/HMIT		58443.05	58443.05	63528.19
Heat/Light		2454.23	2454.23	2345.96
Water		304.50	304.50	134.50
Telephone		663.25	663.25	540.14
Cleaning		220.71	220.71	0.00
Post/Stationery		222.30	222.30	29.90
Insurance		953.62	953.62	1299.65
Play Materials/Equipment	6731.47	772.19	7503.66	5213.83
Office Equipment		181.02	181.02	299.00
Milk/Snacks		519.09	519.09	750.76
Early Years		1770.01	1770.01	1926.16
Bank Charges		290.38	290.38	308.81
Trips/Outings		315.00	315.00	0.00
Gifts		450.00	450.00	600.00
Banking Staff			0.00	348.48
Accounts		400.00	400.00	400.00
Training	1080.00	800.00	1880.00	2775.00
Entertainment/Programmes			0.00	0.00
Mileage Costs		360.70	360.70	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		226.30	226.30	214.05
Maintenance		4697.62	4697.62	2554.80
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<i>7811.47</i>	<i>74043.97</i>	<b>81855.44</b>	<b>83269.23</b>
<b>Excess of Income/Expenditure</b>			<b>-4944.34</b>	<b>-6487.90</b>
<b>Account Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>			<b>12051.31</b>	<b>16955.65</b>

**1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Bank	8816.33	4427.35
Reserve Account	3684.98	12528.30
Debtors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	12501.31	16955.65
<b>Creditors</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Current Assets	12501.31	16955.65

The income and expenditure accounts have been prepared with the information provided by the committee and staff of Portrush Playgroup.

Derek Powell  
Accounting Technician

The accounts have been approved by the committee on Weds 15th November 2023

Claire Best  
Chairperson

Richard Nixon  
Treasurer

Notes on Accounts:

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**Portrush Community Playgroup**

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# Annual report

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## **Trustees Annual Report for 2022/2023**

### **Portrush Community Playgroup**

**Charity no: NIC100484**

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This report has been prepared to the best of our knowledge.

This report was presented at a virtual committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

\_\_ Claire Best \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

\_\_ Richard Nixon \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer

Trustees present at meeting

\_\_ Chelsea Anderson \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ Lauren Wright \_\_\_\_\_

**Portrush Community Playgroup**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100484

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Portrush Community Playgroup**

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### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



William Oliver  
Managing Director  
Oliver Exorna Group  
Ballycastle Road Ind Estate, Coleraine, BT52 2EB