

Ballymoney and District Community Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101147

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-09-20

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Group is established to promote play based learning environments for all children under statutory school age, (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) of the Ballymoney and District Community Playgroup and its surrounding environs in County Antrim, (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and in particular: a) to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying group play, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group; and to promote the preservation of health of the beneficiaries; and b) to support the values and principles of Early Years.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training, Playgroup/after schools

Who the charity helps: Preschool (0-5 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£148,752	£138,517	£0	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aimee		
Ann Watson		
Catherine		
Christina		
Heather Thompson		
Lauren Greene		
Lauren Mckeague		
Lindsey		
Michelle		
Mrs Amanda Shields		
Mrs Celia Mccracken		
Mrs Michelle Louden		

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Accounts

Accountant's report to the committee of Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup

In accordance with the instructions given to me I have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the income and expenditure account set out on page 2 from the accounting records of Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup and from information and explanations supplied to me.

W G Harkness

June 2025

Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup's Certificate

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information relating to the income and expenditure of the Playgroup for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Committee Member

Date:

*Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup Account for the year ended
31 March 2025*

Income and expenditure account

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Fees	1,945	6,644
Education Authority	120,025	98,429
Education Authority: Outdoor Learning	2,000	-
Education Authority: Extended Service Finding	6,387	3,312
Education Authority: SEN Returns	8,089	13,726
Education Authority: GRTL	550	525
HSCB Grant	2,800	1,200
Causeway Coast and Glens Queens Jubilee	-	300
Fundraising	1,829	416
NEST	-	73
Ballymoney Show Prize Money	-	2
Milk Refunds	-	853
Photographs	164	226
Uniforms	1,726	671
Gifts/Donations	2,650	2,210
Refunds	587	-
	148,752	128,587
Expenditure		
Use of Premises	3,850	3,500
Milk	762	754
Staff wages	105,386	107,279
Equipment, books & materials	16,834	7,728
Early Years	3,143	1,816
Uniforms	1,226	1,672
Trips/Events	1,713	3,294
Insurance	734	637
Telephone	851	972
Accountancy	120	120
Bank charges & interest	96	129
Gifts/Charity Donations	264	50
Information Commissioner	47	35
Training	435	198
Miscellaneous	256	-
Room Improvements	2,800	-
	138,517	128,184
Surplus/(Deficit)	10,235	403

*Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup Account for the year ended
31 March 2025*

Balance Sheet

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	11,730	9,675
Cash at bank	36,218	28,038
	47,948	37,713
Reserves		
At 1 April	37,713	37,310
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	10,235	403
At 31 March	47,948	37,713

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Receipts	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	TOTAL	Adjustments		
Fees	1,360.00				335.00	1,105.00					45.00		2,845.00			2,845.00
EA	10,084.80	10,084.80	10,084.80			9,664.60	9,664.60	10,340.80	9,890.00	9,675.00	9,675.00	9,675.00	98,839.40	10,084.80	9,675.00	98,429.60
EA: Engage Funding													0.00			-
EA: Outdoor Learning													0.00			-
EA: SEN payments	1,263.90	746.86	1,263.90	2,712.90			1,275.40	1,229.44	1,339.64	738.68	1,815.40	1,339.64	13,725.76			13,725.76
EA: GRTL						525.00							525.00			525.00
EA: Empowering Improvement													0.00			-
EA: getting ready to learn													0.00			-
EA: Extended Service Funding							3,312.00						3,312.00			3,312.00
CCG Grant				300.00									300.00			300.00
NEST		72.83											72.83			72.83
Ballymoney Show				1.60									1.60			1.60
Fundraising												380.00	380.00			380.00
HSCB Grant										1,200.00			1,200.00			1,200.00
Milk Refunds				853.00									853.00			853.00
Photographs	226.00												226.00			226.00
Uniforms				85.00	50.00	480.00							615.00			615.00
Donations			1,060.00		210.00		2,931.50					1,900.00	6,101.50			6,101.50
	12,934.70	10,904.49	13,648.30	3,307.90	0.00	11,774.60	17,183.50	11,570.24	11,229.64	11,613.68	11,535.40	13,294.64	128,997.09	10,084.80	9,675.00	128,587.29

Expenditure	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	TOTAL	Adjustments		
Use of Premises	350.00	350.00	350.00	-	-	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	3,500.00			-
Milk	100.00	54.00		156.00			172.00		74.00	48.00	90.00	60.00	754.00			-
Staff wages	9,271.20	8,899.30	8,896.62	7,790.87	7,232.95	8,758.82	10,149.34	9,433.50	9,765.79	9,421.21	8,803.77	8,855.90	107,279.27			-
Equipment, books & materials	749.01	459.74	799.23	68.91	1,679.56	393.74	320.74	1,301.30	227.46	32.83	20.99	1,673.79	7,727.30			-
Early Years	156.90	171.90	178.90	48.00	-	222.50	207.50	-	207.50	207.50	207.50	207.50	1,815.70			-
Uniforms	-	-	1,409.50	200.00	62.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,672.10			-
Insurance/Electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-	637.22	-	-	-	-	-	637.22			-
Telephone	59.00	72.06	93.30	76.32	72.06	64.09	201.00	73.85	70.36	64.12	61.75	64.26	972.17			-
Trips/events	-	406.90	395.00	350.00	-	-	-	840.00	442.00	640.00	-	220.00	3,293.90			-
Accountancy	-	-	-	120.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120.00			-
Bank charges & interest	7.32	9.84	45.14	9.09	8.58	5.75	8.92	8.11	6.87	5.95	7.44	5.85	128.86			-
Charity donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	-	50.00			-
Information Commissioner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.00	35.00			-
Training	-	-	-	-	40.00	-	158.00	-	-	-	-	-	198.00			-
Building Work	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
	10,693.43	10,423.74	12,167.69	8,819.19	9,095.75	9,794.90	12,204.72	12,056.76	11,143.98	10,769.61	9,541.45	11,472.30	128,183.52			-

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BALLYMONEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY:

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WHAT BALLYMONEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP HAS DONE DURING THE YEAR TO CARRY OUT IT'S PURPOSES:

In 2023/2024 the following fundraisers/grants were received

- Education Authority – Extended Services
- Education Authority (GRTL)
- HSCB Grant
- Causeway Coast & Glens Queens Jubilee
- Fundraising from parents – (Fill a smarties tube)
- Donations from parents

WHAT BENEFITS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROCUREMENT OF THESE GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING HAS BROUGHT TO THE CHILDREN:

All of the money raised was reinvested back into the playgroup by the following:

- Purchases and replenishment of equipment – outdoor play equipment, art resources, small world, construction and physical play equipment
- Education visitors – Mr Hullabaloo, Rugbugz, Mini Professors, Wee Critters.
- Trips and Outings – Farm visit
- Purchase of equipment to advance children's social, emotional and communication skills.

HOW BALLYMONEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP MITIGATED ANY HARM FLOWING FROM ITS PURPOSES:

We work closely with the staff team and committee members to undertake risk assessments on all activities.

All staff and students undergo vetting prior to commencement of work.

HOW BALLYMONEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP HAD ENSURED THAT ANY PRIVATE BENEFIT HAS BEEN INCIDENTAL TO THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Charity trustees (Committee members) are usually also parents of the children of the playgroup and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.


STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH REGARD TO THE CHARITY COMMISSIONS GUIDANCE:

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year ahead, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to beneficiaries.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

Other than the bank account Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup has no assets or liabilities.

MRS AMANDA SHIELDS (Chairperson)



MRS MICHELLE TAYLOR CAMPBELL (Secretary)



MRS CELIA MCCRACKEN (Treasurer)



MRS CATHERINE PARKHILL (Committee member)



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Independent Examiners Report

To the Charity trustees of:

Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup NIC 101147

I report on the accounts of the playgroup for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 1 – 3.

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act and follow the procedures laid down
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

I have examined your charity accounts as required and in accordance with the general directions under section 65 of the Charities Act,


I have reviewed the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. This 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 such as:

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

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters a-d 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.

Name: Mr Hugh Elliott
Chaplain, Apprentice Boys

Signed:  Date: 3/2/25

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Committee Member

Date:

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31 March 2023**

Income and expenditure account

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Fees	4,998	5,586
Education Authority	98,437	94,087
Education Authority: Getting Ready to Learn	300	-
Education Authority: Empowering Grant	800	-
Education Authority: Extended Service Finding	2,928	-
Education Authority: Engage Funding	5,943	4,160
Education Authority: Outdoor Learning		1,000
Education Authority: SEN Grant	9,643	7,320
Education Authority: SEN EYIS	-	100
HSCB Grant	2,000	2,323
Causeway Coast and Glens Queens Jubilee	250	-
Fundraising	347	-
Ballymoney Show Prize Money	21	-
Milk Refunds	-	629
Photographs	206	-
Uniforms	1,079	1,546
	126,952	116,751
Expenditure		
Use of Premises	3,500	3,500
Milk	643	531
Staff wages	97,554	101,468
Equipment, books & materials	8,648	13,864
Early Years	1,175	1,531
Uniforms	1,594	1,963
Trips/Events	3,870	-
Insurance	579	473
Telephone	852	872
Accountancy	-	100
Bank charges & interest	89	79
Charity Donations	500	-
Information Commissioner	35	35
Training	1,396	292
Building Work	-	4,392
	120,435	129,100
Surplus/(Deficit)	6,517	(12,349)

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31 March 2023*

Balance Sheet

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	10,085	9,405
Cash at bank	27,225	21,388
	37,310	30,793
Reserves		
At 1 April	30,793	43,142
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	6,517	(12,349)
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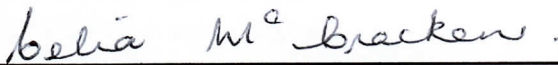
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MRS MICHELLE LOUDEN (COMMITTEE MEMBER/TRUSTEE)



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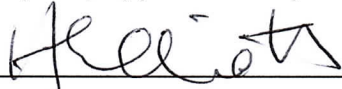
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