

BALLYMONEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY:

To promote play based learning environments for all the children in the playgroup's care and it's surrounding areas in County Antrim, without discrimination 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 BALLYMONEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP HAS DONE DURING THE YEAR TO CARRY OUT IT'S PURPOSES:

In 2024/2025 the following fundraisers/grants were received

- Education Authority – Extended Services
- Education Authority (GRTL)
- Education Authority – Outdoor Learning Grant
- HSCB Grant
- Causeway Coast & Glens Queens Jubilee
- Fundraising from parents – (Fill a smarties tube, Harvest & Christmas Coffee morning & Sponsored Bike ride.)
- 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 & Indoor play centre
- 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)

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MRS MICHELLE TAYLOR CAMPBELL (Secretary)

M. Taylor - Campbell

MRS CELIA MCCrackEN (Treasurer)

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MRS AIMEE JOHNSTON (Committee member)

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