

Kilmood Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101397

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-02-03

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Activities

Purposes: The Group is established to promote play based learning environments for children aged 2 years 10 months to statutory school age of Kilmood and its surrounding environs in County Down 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 and other interested people in the community to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group; and to promote the preservation of health and well being of the beneficiaries. b) To encourage parent/carers and staff avail of training, to gain a wider knowledge of the development and social needs and behaviours of children so that they can tailor their care and educational programme according to the unique needs of every child.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

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

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Carers, Learning disabilities, Parents, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£112,778	£104,785	£0	7

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anna Horton		
Annje Mckeag		
Helena Graham		
Lisa Pascal		
Maxine Taylor		
Mr Connor Minnis		
Mrs Alex Patterson		
Mrs Catherine Kerr		
Mrs Emma Stewart		
Mrs Helen Robinson Ba(Hons)Early Childhood Studies		
Mrs Lou-Ellen Maxwell		
Mrs Rosemary Osborne		

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Accounts

Year Ended 31 August 2025


Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2024	To	31/08/2025
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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					
Donations & Gift Aid	672			672	1,087
Grants	-	14,580		14,580	2,267
Fundraising activities	12,129			12,129	26,302
Interest on deposit account	115			115	90
Dividend on investments	-			-	-
Members' subscriptions	-			-	-
Charitable trading receipts	82,939			82,939	76,490
Rents from land & buildings	-			-	-
Other charitable receipts	2,343			2,343	1,072
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	98,198	14,580	-	112,778	107,307
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	98,198	14,580	-	112,778	107,307
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	985			985	11,753
Gross trading payments	-			-	-
Investment management costs	-			-	-
Direct charitable activity	83,708			83,708	90,671
Grants	-	16,830		16,830	2,267
Governance costs	-			-	-
Other costs	3,262			3,262	2,137
	-			-	-
	-			-	-
A3 Sub total	87,955	16,830	-	104,785	106,828
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	87,955	16,830	-	104,785	106,828
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,243	- 2,250	-	7,993	479
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,023			34,023	33,544
Cash funds this year end	44,266	- 2,250	-	42,016	34,023

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	44,266	2,250	-	42,016	34,023
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,266	2,250	-	42,016	34,023
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details					
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
				Total		
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
			Total			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				Total		
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
					-	-
					-	-
				Total		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
			Maxine Taylor	11/11/2025		

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	672	-	-	-	672	1,087
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	672	-	-	-	672	1,087
	OK	OK	OK		OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
EA South Eastern - Getting Ready to Learn	-	900	900	660
Childcare Partnership	-	-	-	1,607
Grant - DCH SPPG - Fair Play Inclusion Young Children Disabilities	-	6,450	6,450	-
Grant - DCH SPPG - Wellbeing	-	1,000	1,000	-
Grant - EA - Outdoor Learning	-	2,000	2,000	-
Grant - EA - PSEISF	-	3,750	3,750	-
Grant - EA Readiness for Commencement of Grad. Resp F/W	-	280	280	-
Grant - TESCO	-	200	200	-
Total	-	14,580	14,580	2,267
	OK	OK	OK	OK

3 Fundraising Activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Easy & Amazon Fundraising	37	-	37	16
Balloons	1,372	-	1,372	-
School Photographs	282	-	282	930
Santa's cottage & stalls	3,734	-	3,734	3,771
Tractor Run	100	-	100	3,695
Cash for clobber	1,062	-	1,062	1,694
Sponsorship	1,609	-	1,609	1,070
Cookery Book	-	-	-	35
Relayed Second hand uniform	55	-	55	114
Little Childrens Market & Fairs	694	-	694	-
Summer Fairs	-	-	-	1,796
Tesco Bag Pack & Collection	1,715	-	1,715	-
50th Anniversary	-	-	-	11,290
Halloween Pumpkin Patch	-	-	-	891
Night at the Races	-	-	-	1,000
Easter Trail	1,370	-	1,370	-
Other	100	-	100	-
Total	12,129	-	12,129	26,302
	OK	OK	OK	OK

4 Charitable Trading Activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Fees - Morning Children - Voluntary Donation	1,425	-	1,425	1,555
Fees - Afternoon Children	15,214	-	15,214	9,212
Education Authority	66,300	-	66,300	65,723
	-	-	-	-
Total	82,939	-	82,939	76,490
	OK	OK	OK	OK

5 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Milk Refund	698	-	-	-	698	602
Misc Receipt	236	-	-	-	236	470
NICSS - Admin	773	-	-	-	773	-
AD retirement	638	-	-	-	638	-
Total	2,343	-	-	-	2,343	1,072
	OK	OK	OK		OK	OK

6 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Administration	3,399	-	-	-	3,399	5,267
Donation to Landlord	3,762	-	-	-	3,762	3,762
E.Y.S. Specialist	1,400	-	-	-	1,400	1,100
Inland Revenue	4,532	-	-	-	4,532	2,395
Pension	3,047	-	-	-	3,047	2,482
Salaries	65,161	-	-	-	65,161	72,810
Play Resources	1,188	-	-	-	1,188	1,495
Insurance	629	-	-	-	629	644
Milk	592	-	-	-	592	728
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	83,708	-	-	-	83,708	90,671
	OK	OK	OK		OK	OK

7 Other Costs

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Gifts - children, thank you gifts etc	1,829	-	-	-	1,829	1,260
Cleaning & other Consumables	671	-	-	-	671	287
Refund Childcare paid to Kilmoor in error	-	-	-	-	-	470
Christmas consumables	638	-	-	-	638	120
AD retirement	124	-	-	-	124	-
Staff expenses	3,262	-	-	-	3,262	2,137
Total	6,524	-	-	-	6,524	4,274
	OK	OK	OK		OK	OK

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - EA South Eastern - Getting Ready to Learn	Restricted fund 2 - Doh SPPG - Fair Play	Restricted fund 3 - Doh SPPG - Wellbeing	Restricted fund 4 - EA - Outdoor Learning	Restricted fund 5 - EA - PSEISF	Restricted fund 6 - EA - Readiness for Commencement	Restricted fund 7 - TESCO	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts									
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	900	6,450	1,000	2,000	3,750	280	200	14,580	5,512
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	900	6,450	1,000	2,000	3,750	280	200	14,580	5,512
								OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales									
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
								OK	
Total receipts	900	6,450	1,000	2,000	3,750	280	200	14,580	5,512
								OK	
Payments									
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	900	6,450	1,000	2,000	6,000	280	200	16,830	5,512
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	900	6,450	1,000	2,000	6,000	280	200	16,830	5,512
								OK	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements									
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
								OK	
Total payments	900	6,450	1,000	2,000	6,000	280	200	16,830	5,512
								OK	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	(2,250)	-	-	(2,250)	-
								OK	
Transfers to / (from) funds									
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	(2,250)	-	-	(2,250)	-
								OK	

Nature and purpose of funds

Education Authority - Getting Ready to Learn - Home Learning Resources)
 Doh SPPG - Fair Play - Inclusion Young Children Disabilities
 Doh SPPG - Wellbeing - understanding child's anxiety
 EA - Outdoor Learning - outdoor wear
 EA - PSEISF - children heading towards statutory assessment
 EA - Readiness for Commencement of the Graduated Response Framework for Playgroups
 TESCO - salary support for child with special needs

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Year Ended 31 August 2024

Receipts and payments accounts

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				1,087	893
Donations & Gift Aid	1,087			2,267	5,512
Grants	-	2,267		26,302	9,989
Fundraising activities	26,302			90	99
Interest on deposit account	90			-	-
Dividend on investments				-	-
Members' subscriptions				76,490	67,359
Charitable trading receipts	76,490			-	-
Rents from land & buildings				1,072	581
Other charitable receipts	1,072			107,307	84,433
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	105,040	2,267	-	107,307	84,433
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	105,040	2,267	-	107,307	84,433
A3 Payments				11,753	996
Cost of fundraising events	11,753			-	-
Gross trading payments				-	-
Investment management costs				90,671	78,286
Direct charitable activity	90,671			2,267	5,512
Grants		2,267		-	-
Governance costs				2,137	1,355
Other costs	2,137			-	-
	-			-	-
	-			-	-
A3 Sub total	104,561	2,267	-	106,828	86,149
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	104,561	2,267	-	106,828	86,149
Net of receipts/(payments)	479	-	-	479	1,716
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	33,544	35,260
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,544	-	-	34,023	33,544
Cash funds this year end	34,023	-	-	-	-

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	34,023	-	-	34,023	33,544
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	34,023	-	-	34,023	33,544
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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

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

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

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

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

Signature


Print Name

Maxine Taylor

Date of approval

14/09/2023

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	1,087	-	-	-	1,087	893
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,087	-	-	-	1,087	893

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2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
EA South Eastern - Getting Ready to Learn	-	660	660	600
Childcare Partnership	-	1,607	1,607	2,000
EA Enacted Funding	-	-	-	2,912
Total	-	2,267	2,267	5,512

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3 Fundraising Activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Easy & Amazon Fundraising	16	-	16	76
Ballots	-	-	-	1,434
School Photographs	930	-	930	227
Sanjo's collage & stalls	3,771	-	3,771	2,743
Tractor Run	3,695	-	3,695	-
Cash for clobber	1,694	-	1,694	1,642
Sponsorship	1,070	-	1,070	1,207
Cookery Book	35	-	35	80
Preloved Second hand uniform	114	-	114	-
Makeup Evening	-	-	-	240
Summer Fayre	1,796	-	1,796	2,092
Jelly Beans	-	-	-	349
50th Anniversary	11,280	-	11,280	-
Halloween Pumpkin Patch	891	-	891	-
Night of the Races	1,000	-	1,000	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	26,302	-	26,302	9,989

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4 Charitable Trading Activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Fees - Morning Children - Voluntary Donation	1,555	-	1,555	1,550
Fees - Afternoon Children	9,212	-	9,212	11,183
Education Authority	65,723	-	65,723	54,626
	-	-	-	-
Total	76,490	-	76,490	67,359

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5 Gross receipts from other charitable

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Milk Refund	602	-	-	-	602	555
Misc Receipt	470	-	-	-	470	26
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,072	-	-	-	1,072	581

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6 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Administration	5,257	-	-	-	5,257	4,796
Donation to Landlord	3,782	-	-	-	3,782	3,743
EYS Specialist	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	560
Inland Revenue	2,395	-	-	-	2,395	2,957
Pension	2,482	-	-	-	2,482	2,185
Salaries	72,810	-	-	-	72,810	82,512
Play Resources	1,495	-	-	-	1,495	382
Insurance	844	-	-	-	844	588
Milk	726	-	-	-	726	584
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	90,671	-	-	-	90,671	79,288

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7 Other Costs

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Gifts - children, thank you gifts etc	1,260	-	-	-	1,260	965
Cleaning & other Consumables	287	-	-	-	287	390
Refund Childcare paid to Kilmoor in error	470	-	-	-	470	-
Christmas consumables	120	-	-	-	120	-
Total	2,137	-	-	-	2,137	1,355

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Annual report



Kilmood Playgroup

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023 – 31ST AUGUST 2024
CHARITY COMMISSION NO: NIC 101397

Our Vision

At Kilmood Playgroup we ensure that Safeguarding reflects our Policy as well as current legislation and guidance. We aim to promote healthy lifestyles and priority is given to wellbeing of children, staff, and families.

We use teaching strategies based on children's learning needs and provide a wide range of opportunities and resources to motivate, support, challenge and scaffold children's learning and development.

All children are treated equally, and we value each child as an individual, and aim to help them develop self-confidence, resilience, and a sense of achievement.

Parents are valued as their child's first educators and are viewed as active partners of the playgroup.

Principles

Being a committed provider of equal opportunities, we support the local community by providing access to our Group regardless of race, religion, disability, linguistic need, sexual orientations, gender or age. Kilmood Playgroup will ensure the setting is genuinely accessible to all children and families from all sections of the local communities.

Aims

Children to:

- Learn and develop through play
- Grow in self-confidence, experience success and thus develop a good self image.
- Develop at their own rate through challenging, progressive play.
- Learn to play co-operatively and share with others.
- Communicate thoughts, ideas and feeling clearly to both adults and children.
- Deepen and lengthen concentration through their natural spontaneous curiosity and interests.
- Choose and explore a wide range of materials which allow them to express themselves appropriately and creatively.
- Share in the wonder and excitement created by books, stories, songs, rhymes, music and the natural environment, construction, art, drama etc.
- Appreciate and practice social skills and learning to care for others.
- Enjoy the satisfaction of work well done and share this with their parents/carers.

Values

- Young children are entitled to their childhood.
- All children are treated equally.
- As well as the primary needs, the need for acceptance, love, approval, encouragement and security are crucial to the development of the young child and to the promotion of a good self-image.
- Parents/carers are valued as their children's first educators and are viewed as active partners of the playgroup staff.
- It is in the nature of the young child to be active. Purposeful and structured play is vital to all aspects of his/her development.
- The child's past experiences, individual attributes and abilities should be recognised, accepted and built upon.

Purpose:

Our Group is established to promote play based learning environments for all children aged 2 years 10 months to statutory school age (beneficiaries) of Kilmood and its surrounding environs in County Down (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 common effort to advance education and in particular:

- To advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying play, with the right of parents/carers and other interested people in the community to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group; and to promote the preservation of health and well-being of the beneficiaries
- To encourage parents/carers and staff avail of training, to gain a wider knowledge of the development and social needs and behaviours of children so that they can tailor their care and educational programme according to the unique needs of every child

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Direct benefits that flow for our 'Purpose' include:

- Preparation of each child for primary education
- Mastering the basic skills of expression, communication, problem solving, early mathematics, creativity, knowledge of the world around us, experimentation and exploration and physical development
- The ability to relate to other children and adults

These benefits are evidenced through:

- Interviews where there is a two-way sharing of information between staff and parents/carers, where staff observation and progress reports are used to inform parents/carers
- Parental questionnaires to gain the opinion of parents/carers

STRUCTURE OF KILMOOD PLAYGROUP:

Management Committee:

During school year 2023/24, our management committee consisted of 12 members who were elected at our Annual General Meeting. Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer being honorary members.

Below is a list of our members for 2023/24:

- Chair Person:
 - Rosemary Osborne
- Secretary:
 - Alex Patterson
- Treasurer:
 - Maxine Taylor

- Other elected members:
 - Stephanie Gill
 - Richard Young
 - Annje McKeag
 - Lou-Ellen Maxwell
 - Michael Mitchell
 - Catherine Kerr
 - Connor Minnis
 - Emma Stewart
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 - Anne Dempster

- Deputy Leader
 - Elizabeth Gibson (resigned May 24)
 - Tanya Dickson (in absence of E Gibson)

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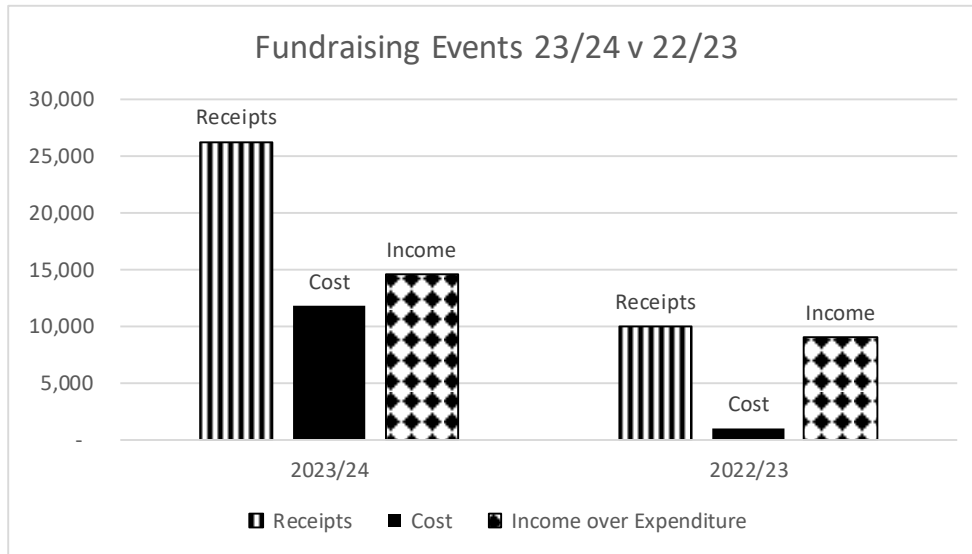
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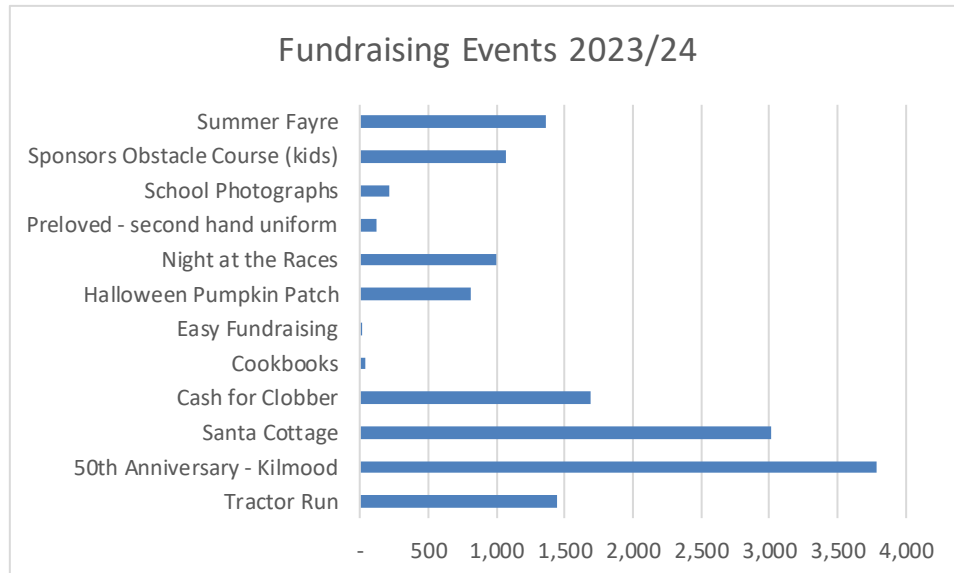
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- The setting will encourage all the parents/carers, staff and local community to support us in our fundraising efforts

Fundraising Activities arranged by our Committee and Staff members:



Accumulated gross receipts generated from fundraising activities throughout this school year were £26,302 increase of £16,313 from last year (£9,989 - 22/23). This dramatical rise related to the celebration event of Kilmoed Playgroup’s 50th anniversary and the re-introduction of our Tractor Run community initiative in partnership with Killinchy Young Farmers. Naturally our costs also grew from £996 to £11,753. Very pleasing to see our net fundraising resulted in £14,549 compared to last year £8,993. Further details below.

Snapshot of Net Fundraising Events 2023/24 (ie income less costs)



Fundraising Events:

This school year has been a whirlwind of successful fundraising events! Here's a summary of our accomplishments:

Halloween Pumpkin Patch: A new event that braved the rain and raised an impressive £810.50.

Santa Cottage Weekend: Tickets sold out in 24 hours! Special thanks to Michael & Connor who worked tirelessly managing the bookings. The event, complete with activities and Mabel's Coffee, raised a fantastic £3009.

The two-day event seen families visit Santa over in the cottage and take part in activities in the hall which was seasonally decorated. We also had the addition of Mabel's Coffee this year which was a great hit.

Night at the Races: Despite a few hiccups, this first-time event was a fun night and raised a respectable £1000.

50th Anniversary Dinner: Held at the Clandeboye Lodge Hotel, this celebration, with its cake, displays, band, photobooth, ballot and auction, raised an outstanding £3790. Everyone danced the night away. Huge thanks to our local businesses and families who kindly donated beautiful gifts for our ballot

Sponsored Obstacle Course: The children's efforts raised a brilliant £1,070. Our children thoroughly enjoyed themselves climbing, rolling and jumping over the obstacle course having so much fun and at the same time raising much needed funds to support the running costs of our playgroup.

Classic Vehicle and Tractor Run (joint fundraiser): With 130 vehicles participating, this community event, in partnership with Killinchy Young Farmers, generated gross receipts of £3,695 before costs. Net receipts were split equally between the two groups.

Summer Fayre & Birthday Celebrations: Our families enjoyed a range of activities, including stalls, games, an obstacle course, a pedal tractor track, a rhyme and find, cream teas, and a BBQ. The children's 50th-anniversary artwork was also on display. Huge thanks to all our volunteers, bakers, and donations – very much appreciated. Fantastic net receipts £1,358.

Other smaller fundraising activities:

School Photographs: £206

Pre-loved Uniforms: £114

Cookery Book: £35

Easy Fundraising: £16

Cash for Clobber Bin: Families and neighbours continued to support our Cash for Clobber initiative from spring cleaning their wardrobes. A consistent source of funds, raising £1,695.

Overall, this has been an incredibly successful fundraising year!

Grant Applications:

All grants applied and received in 2023/24 were treated as 'restricted' income ie funds that can only be utilised for the purpose for which the grants were applied/intended for.

It is confirmed that funds were used for their intended purpose.

Restricted Funds - £2,267 - consisted of the following:

- Childcare Partnership - £1,607– minor refurbishment. 8 x radiator covers were purchased and installed to enhance the safety of our children
- Getting Ready to Learn initiative: £660 – to provide children with home lending resources

FINANCES:

As of 31st August 2024, financial accounts for Kilmoor Playgroup reported a total receipt income of £107,307 (Aug 2023 £84,433) and total payments of £106,828 (Aug 2023 £86,149). School year 2023/24 has resulted in a breakeven situation (immaterial yearly balance of £479) when compared to last year a negative yearly balance was reported of -£1,716 due to the continued aftermath of COVID.

Bank Balance at 31st August 2024 £34,023.

As of 31st August 24, there were no outstanding debts owed by Kilmoor to any other suppliers/providers of service.

Receipts:

Receipts during this school year totalled £107,307 (£84,433 22/23) this is an increase of 27% ie: £22,874. There were 3 main elements which contributed to this significant uplift in receipts.

1. Fundraising Receipts – as explained on pages 8 to 10 above, a staggering increase of £16,313 when comparing this year £26,302 to last year £9,989.
2. Charitable trading receipts – a yearly increase of 14% ie: £9,131. In 2022/23 £67,359 v £76,490 2023/24. This £9,131 refers to:
 - a. £7,223 received to cover SEN staff payroll.
 - b. A receipt of £2,600 from EA re Non-Consolidated Funding.
 - c. Education Authority – PEGS – additional £1,274 on last year £2,101 per child 22/23 which rose to £2,150 per child 23/24
 - d. Afternoon session fees - 2023/24 was noticeably a low birth rate year – it is thought that COVID affected this statistic – this impacted on income stream from afternoon fees which dropped down by £1,971 when compared to previous year
3. Grants – reduction in grant applications from £5,512 last year down to £2,267 this year. This was due to availability of COVID related grants in 22/23.

Expenditure:

Accumulated Expenditure this year totalled £106,828 of which £2,267 represented spend associated with restricted grant funding. Looking back to last year 22/23 overall spend was £86,149. Inflated costs between these two years of £20,679 ie 24% was due to reduction in some areas offset by inflation in the following two categories:

1. Direct Charitable Activity – rise of £12,385
 - a. Staff salaries – jump of £10,298 in 23/24 (£72,810 v £62,512) additional staff member re SEN child – this payroll was funded as referenced in receipts 2a above. National Minimum Wage also influenced the increase in salaries as it grew from April 23 £10.42 per hour to £11.44 in April 24.
2. Cost of Fundraising Activities – increase of £11,752
 - a. Our two large fundraising events – 50th Anniversary and Tractor Run in partnership with Killinchy Young Farmers had considerable associated costs – these totalled almost £10k however they proved to be worthwhile events with the level of income they produced – see above fundraising section

TO CONCLUDE:

This has been another successful year for the Committee and Staff of Kilmoor Playgroup as we have fully complied with our financial obligations in compliance with our Fundraising and Reserves policies. Our year end bank balance of £34,023 shows that we have exceeded our Reserve threshold limit of £22,000 by £12,023. We are pleased to confirm that Kilmoor Playgroup is well equipped to continue with its core activity and should be able to uphold its operations during a period of unforeseen difficulty should it arise.

Signed by: <i>M Taylor</i>
Maxine Taylor, Treasurer of Kilmoor Playgroup, MIATI
Dated: 07.02.25

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Kilmood Playgroup

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101397

Annual return

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9 October 2024

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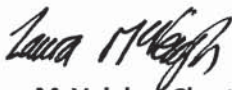
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2022	To	31/08/2023	
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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					
Donations & Gift Aid	893			893	
Grants	-	5,512		5,512	14,177
Fundraising activities	9,989			9,989	8,308
Interest on deposit account	99			99	115
Dividend on investments				-	-
Members' subscriptions				-	-
Charitable trading receipts	67,359			67,359	58,446
Rents from land & buildings				-	-
Other charitable receipts	581			581	1,223
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	78,921	5,512	-	84,433	82,269
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,921	5,512	-	84,433	82,269
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	996			996	1,450
Gross trading payments				-	-
Investment management costs				-	-
Direct charitable activity	78,286			78,286	72,289
Grants		5,512		5,512	14,403
Governance costs				-	-
Other costs	1,355			1,355	5,433
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	80,637	5,512	-	86,149	93,575
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	80,637	5,512	-	86,149	93,575
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,716	-	-	- 1,716	- 11,306
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,260	-	-	35,260	46,566
Cash funds this year end	33,544	-	-	33,544	35,260

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	33,544	-	-	33,544	35,260
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,544	-	-	33,544	35,260
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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

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

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

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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

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Donations	893	-	-	-	893	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	893	-	-	-	893	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
EA South Eastern - Getting Ready to Learn	-	600	600	790
Live Here Love Here	-	-	-	5,535
Outdoor Learning Project	-	-	-	1,000
Childcare Partnership	-	2,000	2,000	2,484
EA Engaged Funding	-	2,912	2,912	4,368
Total	-	5,512	5,512	14,177
	OK	OK	OK	OK

3 Fundraising Activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Easy & Amazon Fundraising	75	-	75	23
Balloons	1,434	-	1,434	1,380
School Photographs	227	-	227	176
Santa's collage & stalls	2,743	-	2,743	-
Smorlie Tubes	-	-	-	350
Cash for clabber	1,542	-	1,542	1,701
Sponsorship	1,207	-	1,207	-
Cookery Book	80	-	80	3,360
Car Boot	-	-	-	558
Easter trail	-	-	-	640
Cake Raffle	-	-	-	120
Makeup Evening	240	-	240	-
Summer Fayre	2,092	-	2,092	-
Jelly Beans	349	-	349	-
	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	9,989	-	9,989	8,308
	OK	OK	OK	OK

4 Charitable Trading Activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Fees - Morning Children - Voluntary Donation	1,550	-	1,550	1,550
Fees - Afternoon Children	11,183	-	11,183	10,493
Education Authority	54,626	-	54,626	46,503
	-	-	-	-
Total	67,359	-	67,359	58,446
	OK	OK	OK	OK

5 Gross receipts from other charitable

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Milk Refund	555	-	-	-	555	462
Misc Receipt	26	-	-	-	26	761
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	581	-	-	-	581	1,223
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

6 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Administration	4,796	-	-	-	4,796	6,285
Donation to Landlord	3,762	-	-	-	3,762	3,762
EYS Specialist	550	-	-	-	550	-
Inland Revenue	2,957	-	-	-	2,957	3,974
Pension	2,185	-	-	-	2,185	2,025
Salaries	62,512	-	-	-	62,512	52,053
Play Resources	382	-	-	-	382	3,214
Insurance	588	-	-	-	588	513
Milk	554	-	-	-	554	462
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	78,289	-	-	-	78,289	72,289
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

7 Other Costs

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Gifts - children, thank you gifts etc	955	-	-	-	955	741
Cleaning & other Consumables	390	-	-	-	390	516
Shed & garden & mulchover	-	-	-	-	-	3,800
Refund Childcare paid to Kilmoor in error	-	-	-	-	-	376
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,355	-	-	-	1,355	5,433
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	EA South Eastern - Getting Ready to Learn	EA South Eastern - Engaged Funding III	Childcare Partnership		
Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,177
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,177
				OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
				OK	
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Payments					
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,403
Governance costs:					
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,403
				OK	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements					
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
				OK	
Total payments	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,403
				OK	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	(226)
				OK	
Transfers to / (from) funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	(226)
				OK	

Nature and purpose of funds

Education Authority - Getting Ready to Learn - £600 - Home Lending Resources)
 Education Authority - Engaged III funding - £2912 - long term impact of disruption caused by COVID19
 Childcare Partnership - £2000 - large outdoor play equipment

Kilmood Playgroup

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101397

Annual report



Kilmood Playgroup

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022 – 31ST AUGUST 2023
CHARITY COMMISSION NO: NIC 101397

PURPOSE:

Our Group is established to promote play based learning environments for all children under statutory school age (beneficiaries) of Kilmood and its surrounding environs in County Down (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 common effort to advance education and in particular:

- To advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying play, with the right of parents/carers and other interested people in the community to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group; and to promote the preservation of health and well-being of the beneficiaries
- To encourage parents/carers and staff avail of training, to gain a wider knowledge of the development and social needs and behaviours of children so that they can tailor their care and educational programme according to the unique needs of every child
- To encourage Management Committee and safeguard training for parents/carers, staff and other interested parties

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Direct benefits that flow for our 'Purpose' include:

- Preparation of each child for primary education
- Mastering the basic skills of expression, communication, problem solving, early mathematics, creativity, knowledge of the world around us, experimentation and exploration and physical development
- The ability to relate to other children and adults

These benefits are evidenced through:

- Interviews where there is a two-way sharing of information between staff and parents/carers, where staff observation and progress reports are used to inform parents/carers
- Parental questionnaires to gain the opinion of parents/carers

STRUCTURE OF KILMOOD PLAYGROUP:

Management Committee:

During school year 2022/23, our management committee consisted of 15 members who were elected at our Annual General Meeting. Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer being honorary members.

Below is a list of our members for 2022/23:

- Chair Person:
 - Rosemary Osborne
- Secretary:
 - Richard Young (Anna Horton resigned March 2023)
- Treasurer:
 - Maxine Taylor

- Other elected members:
 - Stephanie Gill
 - Rachel Brodrick
 - Daniel Murphy
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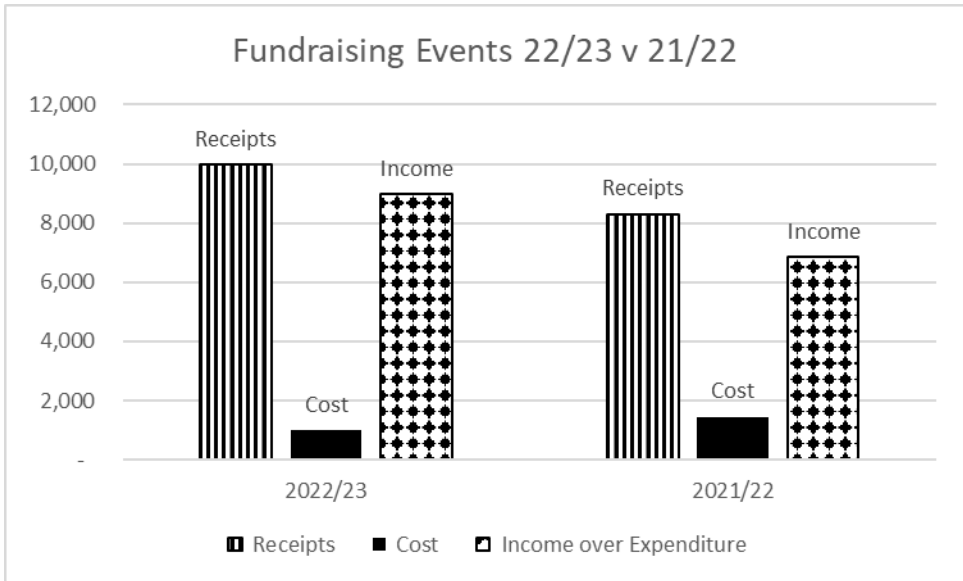
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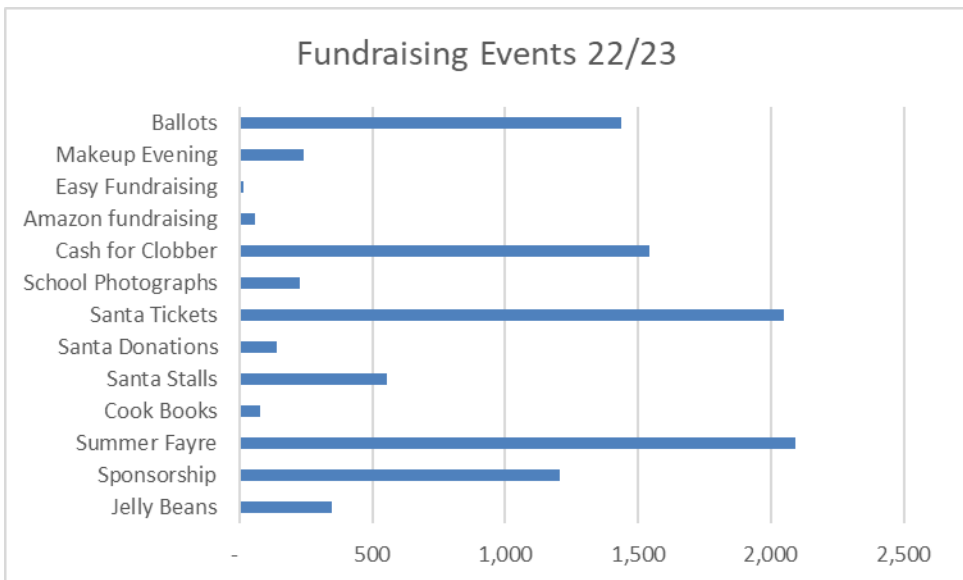
- At all times the setting will adhere to the Charity Commission guidelines on collection of monies in the setting
- Through the committee the setting will organise a number of fundraising events throughout the year and apply to other sources of funding, eg; Awards for All etc
- The setting will encourage all the parents/carers, staff and local community to support us in our fundraising efforts

Fundraising Activities arranged by our Committee and Staff members:



Accumulated gross receipts generated from fundraising activities throughout this school year were £9,989 increase of £1,681 from last year (£8,308 - 21/22). As COVID restrictions eased, fundraising events in person could resume so we thankfully were able to run our famous Santa Cottage event raising gross receipts of £2,742 and introduced Summer Fayre resulting in £2,092. These two large events greatly influenced the 20% increase in receipts.

Snapshot of Gross Fundraising Events 2022/23



Note: Total expenses amounted to £996 re: Santa & Summer Fayre events

Fundraising Events:

Santa Cottage – net £2,292: Committee member Gillian McKeown assumed management responsibility for the co-ordination of our popular Santa Cottage event in December. Gillian was strengthened by members of our committee and valued staff who were able to offer many hours of their spare time.

This two-day Santa Cottage event was such a magical experience for our families as they visited Santa by the fireside in our quaint little cottage. Afterwards they had the opportunity to take part in activities and listen to Christmas stories in our festively decorated playgroup hall. Our families were able to visit a selection of stall holders as they enjoyed a coffee and tried their luck at the ballot and tombola stands.

Huge thanks to our local businesses and families who kindly donated beautiful gifts for our ballot – raising £1,434.

During the Christmas season the committee also organised a make-up evening. Joanne Thompson from Skinn therapy came to demonstrate and share her beauty secrets. The evening raised £240.

Our last two events were held throughout our summer term.

Sponsored Obstacle Course – £1,207: Our children thoroughly enjoyed themselves climbing, rolling and jumping over the obstacle course in May which raised a fantastic £1207.00.

For our last event, we had a Summer Fayre – £2,092: We entertained members of our community with old style games, obstacle course, pedal tractor track and 'Rhyme and Find' in the Secret Garden. There was such a buzz as the sun shone and families laughed, as they had great delight in experiencing the games and answering puzzles in the Secret Garden. In the afternoon they enjoyed delicious food from our BBQ and cooled down with ice lollies.

Families and neighbours continued to support our Cash for Clobber initiative raising a staggering £1,541 from tidying out their wardrobes.

School Photographs, Jelly Beans, Cook Books, Amazon Fundraising & Easy Fundraising – Total Receipts £731.

Grant Applications:

All grants applied and received in 2022/23 were treated as 'restricted' income ie funds that can only be utilised for the purpose for which the grants were applied/intended for.

It is confirmed that funds were used for their intended purpose.

Restricted Funds - £5,512 - consisted of the following:

- Childcare Partnership - £2,000 – purchase of Outlast Blocks which are a natural part of outdoor classroom and a perfect way to engage children in constructive play.
- Getting Ready to Learn initiative: £600 – to provide children with home lending resources
- Education Authority – Engaged Funding III - £2,912 - ongoing disruption COVID-19 - play resources (MagnePad Tablets), wellbeing staff & children such as Playbus, Mini Music, etc

FINANCES:

As of 31st August 2023, financial accounts for Kilmoor Playgroup reported a total receipt income of £84,433 (Aug 2022 £82,269) and total payments of £86,149 (Aug 2022 £93,575). This resulted in a negative yearly balance of £1,716 (Aug 2022 -£11,306).

Bank Balance being £33,544.

As of 31st August 23, there are no outstanding debts owed by Kilmoor to any other suppliers/providers of service.

In summary:

Receipts during this school year totalled £84,433 (£82,269 21/22) There was a change in two main elements ie Grants (£5,512 22/23 v £14,177 21/22) and Charitable Trading Receipts (£67,359 22/23 v £58,446 21/22).

Easing of COVID restrictions in 2021/22 significantly impacted on these two values as Engaged II grant funding was £4,368 last year compared to £2,912 now. Last year we successfully applied and received grant of £5,535 Live Here Love Here to enrich our garden and £1,000 Outdoor Equipment, both of which allowed our children outdoor play during COVID times. During these last 12 months we did not have a need to apply for such grants.

Charitable Trading Receipts £67,359 (£58,446 21/22) which involves not only child fees but also monthly payments from Education Authority – yearly figure of £54,626 (£46,603 21/22). EA payments are naturally influenced by the number of free pre-school places. In 2021/22 we had 5 less children ie 21, however this year we received 26 pre-school places. Being awarded 26 places has resulted in a noticeable EA increase of £8,023.

Accumulated Expenditure this year £86,149 of which 6% (£5,512) represented spend associated with restricted grant funding. Last year restricted grant spend was 15% (£14,403) of total expenditure £93,575. An overall reduction of £7,426 in yearly expenditure 22/23 was due to this restricted grant illustration.

As our staffing team grew from 5 leaders to 6 leaders to cope with the increase in child places, this caused a growth in salary related costs from £59,253 last year to £68,853 in 21/22. Luckily a reduction in 'other costs' and 'cost of fundraising events' in this new school year absorbed most of this salary uplift.

Although we have reported a negative balance of £1,716 for 21/22 we are pleased that our finances are moving towards a positive position as we recover from the aftermath of COVID. This is a significant 85% improvement from last year's position (-£11,306 21/22).

We will continue to carefully manage our cash flow and take advantage of grant opportunities and fundraising activities in the new school years that follow.

TO CONCLUDE:

This has been another successful year for the Committee and Staff of Kilmoor Playgroup as we have fully complied with our financial obligations in compliance with our Fundraising and Reserves policies. Our year end bank balance of £33,544 shows that we have exceeded our Reserve threshold limit of £22,000 by £11,544 even though we have had a negative 12-month balance of £1,716. We are pleased to confirm that Kilmoor Playgroup is well equipped to continue with its core activity and should be able to uphold its operations during a period of unforeseen difficulty should it arise.

Signed by: <i>M Taylor</i>
Maxine Taylor, Treasurer of Kilmoor Playgroup, MIATI
Dated: 15.01.24

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Kilmoor Playgroup

Trustees Annual Report

YEAR: 2022/23

Kilmood Playgroup

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101397

Annual return

Kilmood Playgroup

Accounts

Year Ended 31 August 2023

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Kilmoody Playgroup NIC101397

I report on the attached accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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.

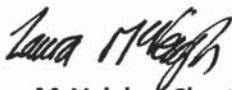
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



Laura McVeigh Chartered Accountant

142 Station Road

Saintfield

BT24 7EL

13 October 2023

Kilmoor Playgroup	NIC...101397	
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2022	To	31/08/2023	
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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					
Donations & Gift Aid	893			893	
Grants	-	5,512		5,512	14,177
Fundraising activities	9,989			9,989	8,308
Interest on deposit account	99			99	115
Dividend on investments				-	-
Members' subscriptions				-	-
Charitable trading receipts	67,359			67,359	58,446
Rents from land & buildings				-	-
Other charitable receipts	581			581	1,223
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	78,921	5,512	-	84,433	82,269
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,921	5,512	-	84,433	82,269
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	996			996	1,450
Gross trading payments				-	-
Investment management costs				-	-
Direct charitable activity	78,286			78,286	72,289
Grants		5,512		5,512	14,403
Governance costs				-	-
Other costs	1,355			1,355	5,433
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	80,637	5,512	-	86,149	93,575
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	80,637	5,512	-	86,149	93,575
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,716	-	-	- 1,716	- 11,306
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,260	-	-	35,260	46,566
Cash funds this year end	33,544	-	-	33,544	35,260

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	33,544	-	-	33,544	35,260
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,544	-	-	33,544	35,260
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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

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

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

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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	893	-	-	-	893	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	893	-	-	-	893	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
EA South Eastern - Getting Ready to Learn	-	600	600	790
Live Here Love Here	-	-	-	5,535
Outdoor Learning Project	-	-	-	1,000
Childcare Partnership	-	2,000	2,000	2,484
EA Engaged Funding	-	2,912	2,912	4,368
Total	-	5,512	5,512	14,177
	OK	OK	OK	OK

3 Fundraising Activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Easy & Amazon Fundraising	75	-	75	23
Balloons	1,434	-	1,434	1,380
School Photographs	227	-	227	176
Santa's collage & stalls	2,743	-	2,743	-
Smorlie Tubes	-	-	-	350
Cash for clabber	1,542	-	1,542	1,701
Sponsorship	1,207	-	1,207	-
Cookery Book	80	-	80	3,360
Car Boot	-	-	-	558
Easter trail	-	-	-	640
Cake Raffle	-	-	-	120
Makeup Evening	240	-	240	-
Summer Fayre	2,092	-	2,092	-
Jelly Beans	349	-	349	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	9,989	-	9,989	8,308
	OK	OK	OK	OK

4 Charitable Trading Activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Fees - Morning Children - Voluntary Donation	1,550	-	1,550	1,350
Fees - Afternoon Children	11,183	-	11,183	10,493
Education Authority	54,626	-	54,626	46,503
	-	-	-	-
Total	67,359	-	67,359	58,446
	OK	OK	OK	OK

5 Gross receipts from other charitable

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Milk Refund	555	-	-	-	555	462
Misc Receipt	26	-	-	-	26	761
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	581	-	-	-	581	1,223
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

6 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Administration	4,796	-	-	-	4,796	6,285
Donation to Landlord	3,762	-	-	-	3,762	3,762
EYS Specialist	550	-	-	-	550	-
Inland Revenue	2,957	-	-	-	2,957	3,974
Pension	2,185	-	-	-	2,185	2,025
Salaries	62,512	-	-	-	62,512	52,053
Play Resources	382	-	-	-	382	3,214
Insurance	588	-	-	-	588	513
Milk	554	-	-	-	554	462
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	78,289	-	-	-	78,289	72,289
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

7 Other Costs

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Gifts - children, thank you gifts etc	955	-	-	-	955	741
Cleaning & other Consumables	390	-	-	-	390	516
Shed & garden & mulchover	-	-	-	-	-	3,800
Refund Childcare paid to Kilmoor in error	-	-	-	-	-	376
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,355	-	-	-	1,355	5,433
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	EA South Eastern - Getting Ready to Learn	EA South Eastern - Engaged Funding III	Childcare Partnership		
Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,177
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,177
				OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
				OK	
Total receipts	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,177
				OK	
Payments					
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,403
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,403
				OK	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements					
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
				OK	
Total payments	600	2,912	2,000	5,512	14,403
				OK	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	(226)
				OK	
Transfers to / (from) funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	(226)
				OK	

Nature and purpose of funds

Education Authority - Getting Ready to Learn - £600 - Home Lending Resources)
 Education Authority - Engaged III funding - £2912 - long term impact of disruption caused by COVID19
 Childcare Partnership - £2000 - large outdoor play equipment