

Harbour Bears Pre-school

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103442

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-10-20

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 Larne and the surrounding area (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, as contained in appendix 1.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

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

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£53,086	£57,519	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Carra-Lee Metson		
Mrs Ashley Anderson		
Mrs Clare Hodge		
Mrs Jennifer Warnock		
Mrs Kerry Mills		
Mrs Stephanie Howie		

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/03/2023
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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, Legacies & Grants	9,779	37,769	-	47,548	57,658
Fundraising Events	4,958	511	-	5,469	6,780
From Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	69	-	-	69	75
Sundry	-	-	-	-	38
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,806	38,280	-	53,086	64,531
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,806	38,280	-	53,086	64,531
A3 Payments					
Bank Interest & Charges	40	-	-	40	44
From Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	85
Running Costs	12,270	824	-	13,094	10,605
Wages/Salaries and National Insurance	-	44,385	-	44,385	53,571
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,310	45,209	-	57,519	64,305
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,310	45,209	-	57,519	64,305
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,496	- 6,929	-	- 4,433	226
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,454	21,540	-	25,994	18,297
Cash funds this year end	6,950	14,611	-	21,561	18,523

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	8,746	14,611	-
	Petty Cash	204	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,950	14,611	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

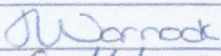

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Building	-	70,299	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JENNIFER WARNOCK	19/06/25
	CARRA-LEE MEISON	19/06/25

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Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Donations, Legacies & Grants	3,702	53,956	-	57,658	66,756
Fundraising Events	5,924	836	-	6,760	3,792
From Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	75	-	-	75	82
Sundry	38	-	-	38	146
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,739	54,792	-	64,531	70,776
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,739	54,792	-	64,531	70,776
A3 Payments					
Bank Interest & Charges	44	-	-	44	18
From Charitable Activities	-	85	-	85	6,818
Running Costs	10,169	436	-	10,605	9,022
Wages/Salaries and National Insurance	-	53,571	-	53,571	56,831
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,213	54,092	-	64,305	72,689
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,213	54,092	-	64,305	72,689
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 474	700	-	226	- 1,913
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,928	20,840	-	25,768	18,297
Cash funds this year end	4,454	21,540	-	25,994	16,384

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	4,457	21,540	-

Petty Cash	-	3	-	-
	-		-	-
Total cash funds		4,454	21,540	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			
Building	-	70,299	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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

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

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Details			
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>C. Metson</i>	CARRA-LEE METSON	16/5/24
<i>J. Warnock</i>	JENNIFER WARNOCK	16/5/24

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Annual report

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Leaders report

September 2023

The following is a summary of the 2022 – 2023 academic year at Harbour Bears Pre-school.

We began our new school year on 30th August with 23 pre-school aged children attending Monday to Friday, 9.00am until 12 noon.

Our first term was, as usual, very busy getting everyone settled into our school family.

Harbour Bears Pre-school were very grateful to be in receipt of a grant financially supported by the Public Health Agency and managed by Northern Area Community Network to support positive Mental and Emotional Well-being by Making Life Better.

Harbour Bears are committed to providing the best possible environment for our children and we are conscious of the times we are living in and the stress increasingly younger children are dealing with. With the help of this grant, we endeavoured to provide children with strategies to help them combat stress, anxiety and other emotions now and in their future lives. We were able provide six sessions of relaxed kids, three sessions of wiggle it and were able to provide a giant box of craft for each child.

Harbour Bears were very lucky to be nominated and consequently won a competition on Facebook to receive a free session with jump jiggle and jive.

Thank you to our Vice Chairperson Jennifer Warnock for her work in securing these grants.

We began to distribute our Getting ready to learn resources, big bedtime read and happy healthy kids - these were kept at home to enjoy for two weeks.

Harbour Bears were grateful to receive Engage funding from the Department of Education. The programme was created to support schools in limiting any long-term impact of the disruption caused by Covid-19 on pupils by supporting their learning and engagement, along with their social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. This funding was withdrawn in March 22.

In December we were delighted to get back to practicing for our Nativity which this year was 'Away in a Manager.' Again, due to Covid-19, we did not feel it safe to bring groups of people together so we recorded the performances which enabled every family to have a memory stick.

As is our usual practice, we finished 2022 with a party and a visit from Santa who brought presents for all the little bears.

Fundraising continued, we were grateful to be able to raffle a knitted nativity scene and sell knitted tree decorations kindly donated by Mrs Blair at Christmas. We held a sponsored row and cycle and toddle to help raise funds for a defibrillator for the local area, Harbour Bears wanted to give something back to the local community. We also held a Minnie and Mickey afternoon tea which was a great success.

Thank you to all those who organised, attended and supported our fundraising events and to those who made donations or donated items to be sold to raise funds for us. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support.

Many, many thanks to those individuals who volunteered to become Committee members and gave their time to attend zoom meetings, make important decisions regarding the day to day running of our group and organise events to raise money to help secure the future of our group. Your support and commitment to Harbour Bears Pre-school is greatly appreciated.

Thanks must also go to the staff team – Fiona, Pamela, Nicola and Kerry who always go above and beyond their normal duties and hours to ensure that our children receive the best care and support possible.

We were sad to say goodbye to Fiona who decided to move on to a new adventure after 26 years of service to Harbour Bears Pre-school. We thank Fiona and wish her well and hope that she has many happy years ahead.

The Department of Health and Social Care Trust held our annual inspection in May and we are delighted that we passed with no recommendations and our registration was renewed.

We thoroughly enjoyed getting back into the community through educational visit and stay n play days with parents.

We celebrated King Charles the third's coronation with our own kings and queens royal party.

The end of term finished with our annual trip to W5 and having our graduation celebrations both at school and at home.

As we embark on a new academic year, I look forward to working alongside our new families so that together we can provide the best possible learning opportunities and experiences for the children of Harbour Bears Pre-school.

Thanks everyone

Kerry Mills
Pre-School leader.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry Mills." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Harbour Bears Pre-School

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 1-2.

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.

Name:
Relevant professional qualification or body:
Address:
Date:

Joanne Cooke 
CAI
17 Whinfield, Larne, BT40 2LD
02/05/24

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/09/2021 To 31/08/2022

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, Legacies & Grants	3,913	62,843	-	66,756	71,920
Fundraising Events	1,522	2,270	-	3,792	6,060
From Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	82	-	-	82	55
Sundry	146	-	-	146	29
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,663	65,113	-	70,776	78,064
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,663	65,113	-	70,776	78,064
A3 Payments					
Bank Interest & Charges	18	-	-	18	11
From Charitable Activities	-	6,818	-	6,818	4,417
Running Costs	9,022	-	-	9,022	16,686
Wages/Salaries and National Insurance	-	56,831	-	56,831	53,433
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,040	63,649	-	72,689	74,547
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,040	63,649	-	72,689	74,547
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,377	1,464	-	- 1,913	3,517
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,305	19,376	-	27,681	18,297
Cash funds this year end	4,928	20,840	-	25,768	21,814

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

	Debit	Credit	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds					
Bank			4,748	20,840	-

Petty Cash	180	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	4,928	20,840	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Building	-	70,299	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>C. Metson</i>	CARRA-LEE METSON	13/6/23
<i>J. Warnock</i>	JENNIFER WARNOCK	13/06/23

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September 2022

The following is a summary of the 2021 – 2022 academic year at Harbour Bears Pre-school.

We began our new school year on 24th August with 25 pre-school aged children attending Monday to Friday, 9.00am until 12 noon.

Our first term was, as usual, very busy getting everyone settled into our school family.

Making Life Better

supported by the Public Health Agency



Harbour Bears Pre-school were very grateful to be in receipt of a grant financially supported by the Public Health Agency and managed by Northern Area Community Network to support positive Mental and Emotional Well-being by Making Life Better.

Harbour Bears are committed to providing the best possible environment for our children and we are conscious of the times we are living in and the stress increasingly younger children are dealing with. With the help of this grant, we endeavoured to provide children with strategies to help them combat stress, anxiety and other emotions now and in their future lives.

The funding enabled us to facilitate the following objectives;

Objective 1: provide the children with a Music & Action Pack containing a Tumble Tots Rhymes & Songs CD, dancing scarves, egg shakers and a wooden sounder, to encourage singing and movement to help keep the children agile and improve their mood. Music and movement help develop their self-confidence, independence, self-discipline, self-worth and sense of security and identity.

Objective 2: provide the children with an Art & Craft Activity Pack to spark their creativity, develop their motor and coordination skills and improve their memory and language skills. Using these packs will boost the children's self-esteem and serve as a stress outlet for them, while they connect with their families and work on craft projects together.

Objective 3: provide the children with an Emotional Wellbeing Pack containing a story book 'Lucy's Blue Day Book' and Emotions flashcards. This pack will help

the children understand their feelings and emotions so they can develop effective ways of managing them, and Lucy helps them to learn that it's #OKNotToBeOK. By sharing this pack with their families at home, they will be connecting with them, and sharing precious reading time together.

Harbour Bears Pre-school are delighted to be able to provide these opportunities and thank the Public Health Agency and Northern Area Community Network for the opportunity to do so.

We were also successful with a grant application from the Halifax which has enabled us to order new tables and chairs, sand and water trays, music wall and a paint easel. This equipment will be very beneficial to the children in the group and we thank Halifax for this funding.

Thank you to our Vice Chairperson Jennifer Warnock for her work in securing these grants.

Covid-19 continued to impact our delivery of the Getting Ready to Learn programme. Unfortunately we again were unable to hold any face-to-face meetings with parents or have our group sessions with the children. We did however provide information to parents via email along with the monthly newsletter.

Harbour Bears were grateful to receive Engage funding from the Department of Education. The programme was created to support schools in limiting any long-term impact of the disruption caused by Covid-19 on pupils by supporting their learning and engagement, along with their social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

In December we were delighted to get back to practicing for our Nativity which this year was 'Shine Star Shine.' Again, due to Covid-19, we did not feel it safe to bring groups of people together so we recorded the performances which enabled every family to have a CD.

As is our usual practice, we finished 2021 with a party and although Santa continued to self-isolate to ensure that he was fit and healthy for Christmas Eve, he had made sure that presents had been left for the little bears.

Thankfully this year we were able to return to school in January and although Covid remained present in our community, we managed to stay open and continue with our pre-school sessions and activities.

Fundraising has continued to prove difficult during the ongoing situation with Covid but we were grateful to be able to raffle a knitted nativity scene and sell knitted tree decorations kindly donated by Mrs Blair at Christmas and then hold another virtual marathon. The money from the virtual marathon helped to pay for the front door at our new building. A further event was organised and although it was unsuccessful, we thank those who organised it and provided services on the night.

Thank you to all those who organised, attended and supported our fundraising events and to those who made donations or donated items to be sold to raise funds for us. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support.

With regards our new site, the new door has been fitted during the summer and we now look to secure funding to begin the internal work.

Many, many thanks to those individuals who volunteered to become Committee members and gave their time to attend zoom meetings, make important decisions regarding the day to day running of our group and organise events to raise money to help secure the future of our group. Your support and commitment to Harbour Bears Pre-school is greatly appreciated.

Thanks must also go to the staff team who always go above and beyond their normal duties and hours to ensure that our children receive the best care and support possible.

We are sad to say goodbye to Patricia who, after 21 years of service to Harbour Bears Pre-school, took early retirement in June. We thank Patricia and wish her (and her expanding family) well and hope that she has many happy years ahead.

The Department of Health and Social Care Trust held our annual inspection in May and we are delighted that we passed with no recommendations and our registration was renewed.

The end of term finished with the group celebrating the platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and having our graduation celebrations both at school and at home.

As we embark on a new academic year, I look forward to working alongside our new families so that together we can provide the best possible learning opportunities and experiences for the children of Harbour Bears Pre-school.

Fiona McKinley BA (Hons) ED.
Pre-school Leader.

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06/06/23

