

Charity registration number: 103681

**Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group
Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group

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Year ended 31 March 2024

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Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Charity Reference and Administrative Details****Year Ended 31 March 2024**

Charity registration number	103681
Trustee Board / Management Committee	Monica McAlister (Trustee) Catherine Turley (Trustee) Deidre Cusack (Trustee) Emer Madine (Chairperson) Ann Marie Boyle (Treasurer) Marie Sloan (Secretary)
Independent Examiner	KPS Chartered Accountants Chartered Tax Advisers Registered Auditors 35 Irish Street Downpatrick BT30 6BW
Bankers	Danske Bank 49-51 Market Street Downpatrick BT30 6LX

Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Year Ended 31 March 2024****Trustees' Annual Report**

The Trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Trustees of the charity

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Monica McAlister (Trustee)
 Catherine Turley (Trustee)
 Deidre Cusack (Trustee)
 Emer Madine (Chairperson)
 Ann Marie Boyle (Treasurer)
 Marie Sloan (Secretary)

Objectives and activities

To promote play-based learning environments for all children under statutory school age in the local area without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion. To advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying group play, with the right for 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 to support the values and principles of Early Years.

The Trustees of the Diocese of Down and Connor provided the trustees of the Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group with a twenty-five-year lease for the land adjacent to St Brigids' Church. During 2017 with funding provided by the Health and Social Care Board and The National Lottery a classroom was constructed on the site. The classroom opened on the 6 October 2017.

Our funding is provided by donations, organisation of fundraising events and parents and carers of children who attend the Playgroup. We also receive funding from the Education Authority, The National Lottery and the Health and Social Care Board.

Public benefit statement

The charity has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the charity's objectives and activities as well as providing public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Rathkeltair cross community Preschool has had a very enjoyable and productive year. We have celebrated our 25th Anniversary with a celebration which includes past and present pupils, parents, staff and committee members. We have been fortunate in accessing funding solely to target our areas of need for the children. Our staff team continues to be committed and eager to support and educate the children of our community and their families.

Financial review (including reserves policy)

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 7 to 15. The charity had a net deficit in the year of £19,890 (2023 deficit of: £18,120). At 31 March 2024, the total funds of the charity amounted to £221,825 (2023: £241,715) comprising restricted funds of £218,709 (2023: £234,184) and unrestricted funds of £3,116 (2023: £7,531).

Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Year Ended 31 March 2024****Trustees' Annual Report****Reserves Policy**

We continue our policy of sound financial control. This policy is designed to build up a healthy reserve to provide at least 3 months running costs in reserve.

Plans for future periods

Our aim is to continue our policy of sound management, regular meetings, monitoring our finances and encouraging community support for all our activities. We will continue to promote play based learning environments for all children under statutory school age in the local area.

Structure, governance and management

Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group is a non-profit making organisation and is run on a voluntary basis by a management committee comprising the trustees. The charity has three fully trained employees providing pre-school education and childcare to local children.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provisions of the trust deed.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

18/08/2025

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on

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Emer Madine
Chairperson

Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Year Ended 31 March 2024****Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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.

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Date: 19/08/2025

Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Statement of Financial Activities****Year Ended 31 March 2024**

		Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total	2023 Total
	Note	£	£	£	£
Funds					
Donations and grants	2	33,914	10,889	44,803	56,698
Charitable activities	3	10,902	-	10,902	8,590
Income from generating funds	4	-	-	-	-
Investment income	5	6	-	6	8
Total income		44,822	10,889	55,711	65,296
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	49,237	26,364	75,601	83,416
Total expenditure		49,237	26,364	75,601	83,416
Net funds / (deficit)		(4,415)	(15,475)	(19,890)	(18,120)
Transfer from restricted funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	17	(4,415)	(15,475)	(19,890)	(18,120)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	17	7,531	234,184	241,715	259,835
Total funds carried forward	17	3,116	218,709	221,825	241,715

All income derives from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

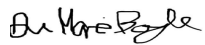
Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Balance Sheet****Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	221,320	234,381
Current assets			
Debtors	15	-	436
Cash at bank and in hand		2,003	8,405
		2,003	8,841
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	1,498	1,507
Net current assets		505	7,334
Total assets less current liabilities		221,825	241,715
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Net assets		221,825	241,715
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds	17	3,116	7,531
Restricted funds	17	218,709	234,184
Total charity funds	17	221,825	241,715

24/04/2025

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on

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Ann Marie Boyle
Treasurer**The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.**

Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income from generating funds includes income earned from fundraising events. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives grants from the council in respect of maintenance and also received a grant for the Department of Finance in respect of the construction of the community centre.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes draw expenditure;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with running the playgroup

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(e) Administration costs allocation

Administration costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs and governance costs. They are incurred directly in administration of the objects of the charity. Where administration costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources

The analysis of these costs is included in note 6.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Leasehold land and buildings	4% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Office Equipment	20% reducing balance

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial

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Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Notes to the Financial Statements****Year Ended 31 March 2024**

statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Income from donations and grants

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and other Grants	3,427	20
Education Authority	41,376	56,678
Early Years Funding	-	-
Job Retention Scheme Grants	-	-
Other	-	-
Rural Community Network	-	-
	44,803	56,698

Income from donations and grants was £44,803 (2023: £56,698). £10,889 (2023: £9,175) was attributed to restricted funds and £33,914 (2023: £47,523) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

3 Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Childcare income	10,902	8,590
	10,902	8,590

Income from charitable activities was attributable to unrestricted funds.

4 Income from generating funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-
Other	-	-
	-	-

Income from fundraising events was £Nil (2023: £Nil). £Nil (2023: £Nil) was attributable to restricted funds and £Nil (2023: £Nil) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Income from investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest received	6	8
	6	8

Income from investments was attributable to unrestricted funds.

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Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Notes to the Financial Statements****Year Ended 31 March 2024****6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Equipment / materials	1,436	5,612
Wages and salaries	46,318	47,084
Staff Pensions	2,009	1,906
Staff training	-	-
Rent and rates	1,162	1,154
Light, heat and power	1,595	2,140
Insurance	444	1,410
Telephone	1,126	1,122
Early years support	1,153	677
Printing & Postage	283	559
Sundry expenses	4,093	4,379
Legal & professional	862	1,393
Accountancy fees	960	960
Repairs	988	1,584
Bank charges and interest	111	114
Depreciation of buildings	12,020	12,020
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	818	1,023
Depreciation of office equipment	223	279
	75,601	83,416

£26,364 (2023: £21,008) of the above costs are attributable to restricted funds and £49,237 (2023: £62,408) were attributable to unrestricted funds.

7 Allocation of support costs

Support costs are costs in respect of bank fees paid during the year of £111 (2023: £114) together with governance costs in relation to independent examiner's fees of £960 (2023: £960). Support costs are allocated to charitable activities.

8 Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustees' remuneration	-	-
Trustees' expenses	-	-
Independent examiner's remuneration (including expenses and benefits in kind)	960	960
	960	960

9 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	13,061	13,322

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Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Notes to the Financial Statements****Year Ended 31 March 2024****10 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to £960 (2023: £960).

11 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2023: £Nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £nil (2023 - £nil). Key management personnel are considered to comprise the trustees.

No (2023 – none) trustees are accruing pension arrangements.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2023 - £nil).

12 Staff costs and employee benefits

The average monthly number of employees and full time equivalent during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Charitable activities	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	4	4

The total staff costs and employee benefits were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>46,318</u>	<u>47,084</u>
	46,318	47,084

13 Staff costs and employee benefits (continued)

No employees received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

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Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Notes to the Financial Statements****Year Ended 31 March 2024****14 Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation:				
At 1 April 2023	300,507	13,795	2,011	316,313
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>300,507</u>	<u>13,795</u>	<u>2,011</u>	<u>316,313</u>
Depreciation:				
At 1 April 2023	71,504	9,535	893	81,932
Charge for the year	12,020	818	223	13,061
At 31 March 2024	<u>83,524</u>	<u>10,353</u>	<u>1,116</u>	<u>94,993</u>
Net book value:				
At 31 March 2024	<u>216,983</u>	<u>3,442</u>	<u>895</u>	<u>221,320</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>229,003</u>	<u>4,260</u>	<u>1,118</u>	<u>234,381</u>

The net book value of land and buildings comprised:

	2024 £	2023 £
Land and buildings:		
Buildings	<u>216,983</u>	<u>229,003</u>
	<u>216,983</u>	<u>229,003</u>

15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>436</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>436</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	900	900
PAYE Creditor	308	317
Other Creditors	<u>290</u>	<u>290</u>
	<u>1,498</u>	<u>1,507</u>

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Rathkeltair Cross Community Play Group**Notes to the Financial Statements****Year Ended 31 March 2024****17 Fund reconciliation**

Unrestricted Funds	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	7,531	44,822	(49,237)	-	3,116

Restricted Funds	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
HSCB Grant	222,538	-	(11,712)	-	210,826
HSCB Grant	6,464	-	(308)	-	6,156
Lottery Grant	1,962	-	(680)	-	1,282
DOH Grant	-	2,709	(2,709)	-	-
Education Authority	3,220	8,180	(10,955)	-	445
	234,184	10,889	(26,364)	-	218,709

Fund descriptions**Unrestricted funds**

Comprise funds that the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds

South Eastern Childcare Partnership - This is a fund administered by The Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) and used to construct a new portable classroom. The land upon which the portable classroom is constructed has been leased from Down and Connor Diocesan Trust.

Big Lottery Fund - This is a fund applied to buy new equipment and furniture for the newly constructed portable classroom.

Education Authority – This grant was issued to cover speech and language therapy funding and to meet special needs requirements.

DOH Fund – This grant was issued to cover speech and language therapy funding and to meet special needs requirements.

18 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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