

# Nippers Alley

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103705

## Details

Status	Overdue
Registered	2015-11-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The aim of the group is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children by:-  
\*offering appropriate play facilities, with the right of the parents/carers to take responsibility for and become involved in the activities of the group, ensuring that the group offers opportunities for al children, regardless of religion, culture, race or means \*encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in the local areas \*instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims of Early years (previously NIPPA)

**What the charity does:** The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

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

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-04-01	£4,676	£5,422	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Colleen Mcgaughey		
Eimear Kelly		
Mr Micheal Gillen		
Ms Majella Coyle		
Ms Shauna Woods		
Tracy Kelly		

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# Accounts

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Yearly Accounts  
31st March 2023 to 1st April 2024

**Income**

Grants	£	-
WELB	£	40,049.40
Weekly Fee's	£	8,686.75
Fundraising	£	3,830.00
Payment in from Reserves / Internal Transfe	£	7,000.00
FTD Transfer	£	10,983.00
Donation	£	741.00
	<b>£</b>	<b>70,549.15</b>

**Expenses**

Wages (inc Pension)	-£	47,783.64	
EY Registration	-£	1,194.16	
Electric	-£	691.69	
Fuel	-£	1,182.54	
Insurance	-£	640.86	
Phone	-£	616.59	
Maintenance	-£	196.30	
Resources	-£	2,412.14	
Bank Fee's	-£	88.89	
Breaks	-£	2,680.32	
Activity Days	-£	411.00	
Legal Consultation	-£	3,243.60	
Refund	-£	1,000.00	
FTD Transfer	-£	10,983.00	Difference : -£ 2,575.58
	<b>-£</b>	<b>73,124.73</b>	

<b>Opening Balance A/C</b>	£	4,676.06
<b>Closing Balance A/C</b>	£	5,422.14
<b>Surplus</b>	£	746.08

<b>Reserves</b>	£	10,983.00
<b>Project Reserves</b>	£	14,242.45

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# Accounts

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Yearly Accounts  
31st March 2022 to 1st April 2023

**Income**

Grants	£ 4,504.50
WELB	£ 48,160.50
Weekly Fee's	£ 5,582.00
Fundraising	£ 1,899.75
Payment in from Reserves	£ 3,000.00
FTD Transfer	£ 10,646.71
	<b>£73,793.46</b>

**Expenses**

Wages (inc Pension)	-£46,751.89
EY Registration	-£ 1,591.00
Electric	-£ 1,488.96
Fuel	-£ 2,334.00
Insurance	-£ 583.00
Phone	-£ 736.31
Maintenance	-£ 430.00
Resources	-£ 2,149.43
Bank Fee's	-£ 112.66
Breaks	-£ 1,763.87
Activity Days	-£ 1,054.00
Legal Consultation	-£ 270.30
Refund	-£ 6,000.00
FTD Transfer	-£10,646.71
	<b>-£77,912.13</b>

**Opening Balance A/C** £ 9,168.64

**Closing Balance A/C** £ 4,676.06

**Surplus** -£ 4,492.58

**Reserves** £ 10,646.71

**Project Reserves** £ 21,479.04

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# Annual report

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# **Nippers Alley Playgroup – Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## **Secretary's Report (April 2022 – March 2023)**

### **Administration**

The Playgroup is administered by the Executive Committee, along with the support of the wider committee.

This year, committee meetings took place bi-monthly, either in person or digitally via Zoom.

All of those sitting on the outgoing committee have provided ongoing support, knowledge and assistance to the playgroup on a voluntary basis. Contributions of all committee members are greatly appreciated and are pivotal to the success of this excellent playgroup.

### **Playgroup Staff**

The playgroup ran successfully again this year with a valuable and experienced team of staff - Danielle Quinn (Leader), Charlene Corr, Tressa Meenagh and Bernie O'Brien.

Bernie took up a more regular role in playgroup this year, working every Thursday, which was a great support to the team and gave Danielle some much needed time in the office to keep on top of admin work for the playgroup. Thanks to Bernie for stepping into this role with ease and for providing additional cover for absences throughout the year.

Thank you to all our playgroup staff for providing a safe and happy environment for all the children who attend. Nippers Alley is an excellent playgroup because of your enthusiasm, dedication to the children and your interest in furthering your knowledge, by attending the courses and training available to you all. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

### **Fundraising**

This year April 2022 to March 2023

1. **Engage Funding** – used to purchase Pro-football & Debutots, selection boxes for Christmas play and end of year trip.
2. **ASDA Bucket Collection** – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 - £300 raised.
3. **Well-being Night** - held in Loughmacrory Clubrooms in October 2022 – Really successful night - £1300 raised. Thanks to Theresa Cassidy and Claire McGaughey for organising.
4. **Christmas Hamper Raffle**
5. **ASDA Tokens Scheme** – Dec 2022 - £500 used to replenish resources and toys.

**6. Easter Raffle**

7. **Big Bedtime Read Funding** - £200 used to replenish books & towards the Breakfast/PJ morning.

**Operational Matters**

21 children attended playgroup in 2022/23.

Various training events have been attended by the staff including:

- Supporting Children's Language & Communication through Quality Interactions,
- Effective Assessments and Observations,
- Managing Complaints Training,
- Epilepsy Awareness and Administration,
- Forest School training,
- Safeguarding training,
- Designated Officer Training, and
- Leadership and Management of SEN.

Play, Promote and Prepare ran very successfully again this year at maximum capacity (16). The following year (2023-24) looks to be at maximum capacity numbers also.

Many thanks,

Colleen McGaughey.

(Secretary)

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Nippers Alley playgroup, Charity No. NI 103705.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31.03.2023, which are set out in the attached spreadsheet.

**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.



The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Name: Kerry McDonald

Relevant professional qualification or body: The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: 29 Camlough Road, Mullanlin, Omagh, BT79 9PS

Date:

05.11.24

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# Accounts

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**Nippers Alley Yearly Accounts**  
**1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

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**Income**

Grants	£ 6,480.68
SEN	£ 1,816.88
WELB	£ 51,246.00
Weekly Fee's	£ 4,080.00
PPP Programme	£ 4,490.00
Summer Scheme	£ 1,121.90
Fundraising	£ 499.72
Payment in from Reserves	£ 5,500.00
FTD Transfer	£ 10,620.16

**£85,855.34**

**Expenses**

Wages (inc Pension)	-£69,988.88
EY Registration	-£ 1,777.76
Heat, Light & Fuel	-£ 3,011.87
Insurance	-£ 560.00
Phone	-£ 761.00
Maintenance	-£ 2,362.54
Resources	-£ 7,994.57
Training	-£ 582.00
Bank Fee's	-£ 33.69
Breaks	-£ 1,209.05
Activity Days	-£ 1,024.00
FTD Transfer	-£10,620.16

**-£99,925.52**

**Opening Balance A/C** £ 22,207.59

**Closing Balance A/C** £ 9,168.64

**Surplus** -£13,038.95

**Reserves** £ 10,620.16

**Project Reserves** £ 18,419.91



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# **Nippers Alley Playgroup – AGM**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

## **Secretary's Report (April 2021 – March 2022)**

### **Administration**

The Playgroup is administered by the Executive Committee, along with the support of the wider committee.

This year, committee meetings took place bi-monthly, firstly via Zoom, due to continuing Covid-19 restrictions. Then March 2022 saw a long awaited return to face-to-face Committee meetings.

All of those sitting on the outgoing committee have provided ongoing support, knowledge and assistance to the playgroup on a voluntary basis. Contributions of all committee members are greatly appreciated and are pivotal to the success of this excellent playgroup.

### **Playgroup Staff**

The year began with two of our permanent staff - Danielle Quinn & Charlene Corr on maternity leave. Vicky O'Neill led the playgroup, alongside the other team staff, Tressa Meenagh and temporary staff - Tanya Kelly and Jade Frost.

When Danielle and Charlene returned from maternity leave, Vicky stayed on as a Playgroup Assistant and 1-1 staff member to a child with additional needs. Aine McGinley joined the team in Feb 2022 as Playgroup Assistant.

Bernie O'Brien continues to play an important role as a trusted member of relief staff and provided more regular cover this year, which was a great help.

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### **Fundraising**

This year April 2021 to March 2022

1. Forest School Funding provided training for all staff.
2. ESB grant used to cover some of the outdoor play equipment.
3. Engage 2 Funding (WELB) used to cover the cost of Pro Soccer.

4. EA Funding covered outdoor resources.
5. ASDA Bucket Collection.
6. FODC Summer Scheme grant 2021

### **Operational Matters**

The playgroup operated at full capacity in 2021/22 and an additional place was secured, bringing the total number of children to 27 for the 2021-22 year.

Various valuable training events/courses have been attended by the playgroup staff.

The playgroup underwent a Social Services Inspection in Oct 2021 which received positive feedback. Thanks to Vicky and all the staff for your hard work in preparing for the successful inspection.

Play, Promote and Prepare ran very successfully again this year at maximum capacity. The following year looks to be at maximum capacity numbers also.

Following two disrupted years due to Covid-19, it was good to see a gradual return to the "norm" for both the children and staff of Nippers Alley Playgroup in the 2021-22 year. Due credit has to be given to all the playgroup staff for continuing to provide a safe and enjoyable playgroup setting and experiences for the children, whilst navigating the various challenges that came with a global pandemic.

Many thanks,

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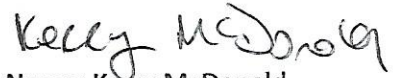
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Relevant professional qualification or body: The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Date:

01/02/2022