

# Watt Fun Community Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104020

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-01-19
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

Address	Watt Fun 14-26 Ballywatt Road Coleraine Bt52 2lt BT52 2LT
Phone	07533771301

## Activities

**Purposes:** The Group is established to promote play based learning environments for preschool children (herein after referred to as the beneficiaries)of the area of Ballywatt and its surrounding environs (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.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

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

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£41,836	£61,026	£0	5

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Danielle Reid		
Mrs Gemma Cochrane		
Mrs Gemma Mcelnay		
Mrs Gemma Richmond		
Mrs Naomi Freeburn		
Mrs Susan Mcauley		

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# Accounts

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# WATT FUN COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024


	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	-	-	-	233
Grants	33,750	-	33,750	57,538
Fundraising	285	-	285	2,667
Bank Interest	35	-	35	72
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>				
Playgroup Fees	7,459	-	7,459	6,322
Sale of Uniforms	307	-	307	284
Sale of Photos	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>41,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,836</b>	<b>67,116</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of Charitable Activities	61,026	-	61,026	69,978
<b>Asset &amp; Investment Purchases</b>				
Purchase of Equipment	-	-	-	617
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>61,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,026</b>	<b>70,595</b>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>(19,190)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(19,190)</b>	<b>(3,479)</b>
Movement between Funds	-	-	-	-
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>(19,190)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(19,190)</b>	<b>(3,479)</b>
<b>Reconciliation as at 31 August 2024</b>				
Cash at bank at 1 September 2023	16,808	-	16,808	20,287
(Deficit)/Surplus at 31 August 2024	(19,190)	-	(19,190)	(3,479)
Cash at bank at 31 August 2024	<b>(2,382)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,382)</b>	<b>16,808</b>


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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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Cash at Bank at 1 September 2023	16,808	-	16,808	20,287
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Cash at Bank at 31 August 2024	<u>(2,382)</u>	-	<u>(2,382)</u>	16,808
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account			<u>(2,382)</u>	16,808
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment			<u>16,107</u>	16,107

Approved by the Trustees on 2 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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Susan McAuley  
Chair

  
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Gemma Cochrane  
Treasurer

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<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	233	-	233	97
Grants	57,538	-	57,538	56,138
Fundraising	2,667	-	2,667	2,528
Bank Interest	72	-	72	50
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>				
Playgroup Fees	6,322	-	6,322	8,786
Sale of Uniforms	284	-	284	394
Sale of Photos	-	-	-	70
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>67,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,116</b>	<b>68,062</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of Charitable Activities	69,978	-	69,978	64,893
<b>Asset &amp; Investment Purchases</b>				
Purchase of Equipment	617	-	617	1,000
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>70,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,595</b>	<b>65,893</b>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>(3,479)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,479)</b>	<b>2,169</b>
Movement between Funds	-	-	-	-
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>(3,479)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,479)</b>	<b>2,169</b>
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Cash at bank at 1 September 2022	20,287	-	20,287	18,118
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Cash at bank at 31 August 2023	<b>16,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,808</b>	<b>20,287</b>

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### Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Current Account			<u>16,808</u>	<u>20,287</u>
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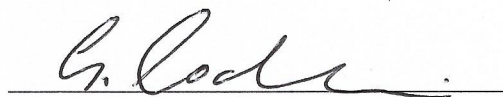
### Other Assets

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment			<u>16,107</u>	<u>15,490</u>
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Approved by the Trustees on 23 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Susan McAuley  
Chair



Gemma Cochrane  
Treasurer

**Watt Fun Community Playgroup**

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# Annual report

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# WATT FUN COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023.

### Objectives and activities

#### Principal activity

The principal activity of the charity is to provide an inclusive, learning through play environment to pre-school children aged between 3 and 5.

#### Aims and objectives

The aim of the charity is to advance the education of young children through the provision of an appropriate, safe and satisfying programme of play and activities which meet the requirements of the Department of Education's Curriculum. This is done 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:

- 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
- to support the values and principles of Early Years.

#### How our charity benefits the public

Our activities provide benefit to the public by:

- Providing opportunity for education;
- Providing opportunity for affordable childcare;
- Providing opportunity for staff development via training and qualifications;
- Providing quality childcare in a rural environment;
- Supporting parents/guardians;
- Networking with other public benefit groups.

#### Achievements and performance

Charitable activities delivered and achieved by Watt Fun Playgroup for this period include:

- Provided places for 15 pre-preschool children (aged 2 years and 10 months to 3);
- Provided places for 26 preschool children (aged 3 to 5);
- Provided placement for 1 college student studying childcare;
- Promoted language development through the introduction and use of story sacks;
- Updated training in special educational needs.

#### Financial Review

The charity returned a deficit for the year of £3,479 (2022 – surplus of £2,169). At 31 August 2023 the total unrestricted funds of the charity amounted to £16,808 (2022 - £20,287).

Of the total funds reported above, £16,808 is made up of cash as bank. The trustees consider it prudent to hold monies in reserve in the event that unforeseen circumstances should lead to financial difficulties which might put the future of the charity in jeopardy.

# **WATT FUN COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

### **Financial Review (continued)**

The Playgroup receives funding from the Education Authority for each pre-school child. This money is used to pay staff wages, make a contribution to heat, light and insurance costs for the premises and the general running of the Playgroup. Funds are supplemented through fund raising events held in conjunction with parents and friends in the local area. This includes coffee mornings, a sponsored walk and quiz sheets.

### **Reserves policy**

Charity reserves should provide the organisation with financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. The trustees are confident that the unrestricted funds, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year.

### **Plans for the future**

The future plans for the charity are:

- To promote physical health through the use of drama and role play;
- To improve health and wellbeing for children and adults by promoting healthy foods and exercise;
- To develop staffs' confidence in the use of Makaton sign language through training;
- To continue to grow and provide places for all children under 5.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Watt Fun Community Playgroup is a registered charity and has been in operation for over 30 years. It is a cross-community organisation and has 5 members of staff and a Parent's management committee who are responsible for making decisions about the group. Watt Fun Community Playgroup is governed by a Constitution which was adopted on 22nd September 2015. The Playgroup caters for approximately 25 children between the ages of 3 and 5 years in a preschool morning and 25 children pre-school afternoon session. We are based in Ballywatt Presbyterian Church Hall. The property is used on licence from the Ballywatt Presbyterian Church and no fee is charged but a donation is given. The Playgroup does carry its own insurance as well.

All children are welcomed at the Playgroup and children with additional needs are treated with equal concern. A SENCO (being a Special Educational Needs Coordinator) leader is in situ who coordinates the provision for children with special educational needs or disabilities in Playgroup. The Playgroup has an Additional Needs Policy in place which they adhere to and is available for inspection.

## **WATT FUN COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

### **Structure, governance and management (continued)**

The Playgroup was rated as outstanding in all areas by the Education Training Inspectorate in Northern Ireland in 2016. The Playgroup is inspected annually by the Northern Health & Social Care Trust via the Trust Early Years Team to ensure it maintains its standards and approximately every five years by the Department of Education.

We believe that the Playgroup is successful for many reasons and one of these is the partnership with parents and the integration of parents into life at the Playgroup. Each parent or carer is persuaded to visit the Playgroup to explain their profession or career.

We also explore and celebrate various traditional annual events in the calendar including the Chinese New Year and the North West 200 event held in the local area. This is to expand the children's learning outside the traditional and also to make them aware of the events in the local community.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Naomi Freeburn (Chair)  
Gemma Cochrane  
Susan McAuley  
Gemma McElnay  
Danielle Reed  
Gemma Richmond

### **Appointing of trustees**

The trustees are appointed annually during the Annual General Meeting which is usually held around October. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity.

### **Related parties and co-operation with other organisations**

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with any related parties must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 23 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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**Susan McAuley**  
Chair

**Watt Fun Community Playgroup**

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# Annual return

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# WATT FUN COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity 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 (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.



Ruth Walls  
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants  
31 Lisnamuck Road  
Coleraine  
Co Londonderry  
BT51 4HN

23 January 2025

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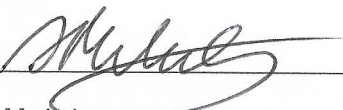
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	97	-	97	134
Grants	56,137	-	56,137	61,386
Fundraising	2,528	-	2,528	5
Bank Interest	50	-	50	77
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>				
Playgroup Fees	8,786	-	8,786	2,916
Sale of Uniforms	394	-	394	410
Sale of Photos	70	-	70	163
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>68,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,062</b>	<b>65,091</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of Charitable Activities	64,893	-	64,893	57,820
<b>Asset &amp; Investment Purchases</b>				
Purchase of Equipment	1,000	-	1,000	8,631
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>65,893</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,893</b>	<b>66,451</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>(1,360)</b>
Movement between Funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>(1,360)</b>
<b>Reconciliation as at 31 August 2022</b>				
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<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment			<u>15,490</u>	<u>14,490</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 31 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
S McAuley  
Vice Chair

  
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L Sharpe  
Treasurer

**Watt Fun Community Playgroup**

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Clare Hogg  
Janetha Irvine  
Lyndsay MacDonald  
Susan McAuley  
Lynne Sharpe

## **Appointing of trustees**

The trustees are appointed annually during the Annual General Meeting which is usually held around October. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity.

## **Related parties and co-operation with other organisations**

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 31 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



**L Sharpe  
Trustee**

**Watt Fun Community Playgroup**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104020

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# Annual return

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# WATT FUN COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

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### Basis of independent examiner's report

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- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; and
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the account 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.

*Ruth Walls*

Ruth Walls & Co  
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants  
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31 July 2024