

Little Flower Playgroup
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31 August 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Little Flower Playgroup

Charity registration number NIC104720

Principal office and registered office 28 Peacock rd
Strabane
Co. Tyrone
BT829NW

The trustees Mrs Amy McDonald (Chairperson)
Lucia Mc Granaghan (Treasurer)
Danielle Porter
Keelin Gilloway

Company secretary Arlene McGlinchey

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Little Flower Playgroup is recognised as a charity by NI Charities Commission.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company is the provision of community, caring and educational services for young children, including those with special needs, and their families in The Glebe and the surrounding areas.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Company's objectives are to enhance the development and Education of preschool children through the use of play to provide scenarios/experiences to develop each child's self-confidence and self-esteem. Each Child is treated with respect and provided with equality of opportunity to explore a variety of learning experiences which will give them the skills in preparation for a smooth transition from preschool to primary school.

We hold 5 Session per week. In meeting each child's learning needs we work closely in partnership with parents as the child's primary care giver and the people who know the child the best. Activities are planned, observed and tailored to meet each child's individual needs in accordance with the Department of Education and Preschool Curricular Guidelines and also the Minimum Standards as directed by the Western Health and Social Care Trust.

Throughout the year we hold special events with support of the parents to further enhance the links between preschool and the Child's Home. We have the Big Bedtime Read Initiative where parents come into the setting and complete workshops with their children on the enjoyment of books and story time. Furthermore during the year we go on various outings to the library, Sure Start and shared educational outings in conjunction with the Sharing From The Start cross community Early Years Project. These excursions proved excellent social occasion for the children with their families and provided an additional opportunity to further build relationships with the families and the wider community as a whole.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of the Business

Little Flower Playgroup is a non-profit making charity with the net Outgoing resources of £1,149 for the year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of Little Flower Playgroup Centre have set a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that the centres core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The directors aspire that the Company should hold in Reserves an amount not less than £25,000 in an effort to minimise the risks identified to the company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Board are looking to take opportunities to increase sustainability in the future.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of Little Flower Playgroup for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT *(continued)*

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

ACCOUNTANT

John Mc Crossan is deemed to be re-appointed under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- each trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Registered office:
28 Peacock Rd
Strabane
Co. Tyrone

Signed on behalf of the trustees

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Chairperson

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Little Flower Playgroup

Year ended 31 August 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Little Flower Playgroup ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Mc Crossan
Independent Examiner

24B Evish Rd
Strabane
Co Tyrone

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 August 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	–	31,243	31,243	33,699
Other trading activities	6	6,893	–	6,893	5,423
Investment income	7	–	–	–	2
Total income		<u>6,893</u>	<u>31,243</u>	<u>38,136</u>	<u>39,124</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	8	–	31,243	31,243	33,699
Costs of other trading activities	9	5,744	–	5,744	8,271
Total expenditure		<u>5,744</u>	<u>31,243</u>	<u>36,987</u>	<u>41,970</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>1,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,149</u>	<u>(28,846)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		21,635	–	21,635	24,481
Total funds carried forward		<u>22,784</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>22,784</u>	<u>21,635</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible Assets		6,410	2,820
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		17,024	20,825
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(650)	(2,010)
Net current assets		<u>21,374</u>	<u>20,251</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>22,784</u>	<u>21,635</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		<u>22,784</u>	<u>21,635</u>
Total charity funds	14	<u>22,784</u>	<u>21,635</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs Amy McDonald
Chairperson

Mrs Mary Lynch
Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 28 Peacock rd, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, BT829NW.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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4. Organisation is a registered Charity as Disclosed

5. Donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants				
WELB	27,508	27,508	22,790	22,790
BSO Milk	77	77	101	101
Early Years	3,658	3,658	8,808	8,808
John Moores Foundation		-	2,000	2,000
	<u>31,243</u>	<u>31,243</u>	<u>33,699</u>	<u>33,699</u>

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	6,893	6,893	5,423	5,423
Misc Income	-	-		
	<u>6,893</u>	<u>6,893</u>	<u>5,423</u>	<u>5,423</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	-	-	2	2
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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8. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants receivable – purchases	-	-	-	-
Grants receivable - wages and salaries	29,684	29,684	31,375	31,375
Grants receivable - pension costs	1,091	1,091	1,295	1,295
Grants receivable - rates & water	357	357	176	176
Grants receivable - light & heat	111	111	123	123
Grants receivable - insurance			700	700
Grants receivable - telephone			-	-
Grants receivable - other office costs			-	-
	<u>31,243</u>	<u>31,243</u>	<u>33,669</u>	<u>33,669</u>

8.A Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	36,913	31,375
Employer contributions to pension plans	1091	1,295
	<u>38,004</u>	<u>32,670</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year

9. Costs of other trading activities

	UnRestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Purchases	1,543	1,543
Heat & Light	900	900
Telephone & Internet	802	802
Bank Fees	471	471
Professional Fees	655	655
Stationary	102	102
Transport	313	313
Travel	100	100
Repairs	858	858
Depreciation	1,410	1,410
Ammortisation	(1,410)	(1,410)
	<u>5,744</u>	<u>5,744</u>

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Company Limited by Guarantee

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12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	650	600
Deferred Capital Grant	-	1,410
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13. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1091