

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI603898
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 105710

Happy Days Community Childcare Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	685,271	3,077	688,348	664,925
Covid Recovery Grants	6	—	—	—	3,660
Investment income	7	411	—	411	78
Total income		<u>685,682</u>	<u>3,077</u>	<u>688,759</u>	<u>668,663</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	<u>731,385</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>735,208</u>	<u>675,652</u>
Total expenditure		<u>731,385</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>735,208</u>	<u>675,652</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(45,703)</u>	<u>(746)</u>	<u>(46,449)</u>	<u>(6,989)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>30,713</u>	<u>2,638</u>	<u>33,351</u>	<u>40,340</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>(14,990)</u>	<u>1,892</u>	<u>(13,098)</u>	<u>33,351</u>

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

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	14		7,823	9,736
Current assets				
Debtors	15	2,693		3,809
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>34,007</u>		<u>75,825</u>
		36,700		79,634
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>57,621</u>		<u>51,919</u>
Net current liabilities			<u>(20,921)</u>	<u>27,715</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>(13,098)</u>	<u>37,451</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		–	4,100
Net liabilities			<u>(13,098)</u>	<u>33,351</u>
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			1,892	2,638
Unrestricted funds			<u>(14,990)</u>	<u>30,713</u>
Total charity funds	20		<u>(13,098)</u>	<u>33,351</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 16 December 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Pastor J Payne
Trustee



Mrs H Kyle
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net expenditure	(46,449)	(6,989)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,915	3,191
Other interest receivable and similar income	(411)	(78)
Accrued expenses	4,244	88
Covid recovery grants	—	(3,660)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	1,074	(304)
Trade and other creditors	(2,600)	(2,881)
Cash generated from operations	(41,227)	(10,633)
Interest received	411	78
Net cash used in operating activities	(40,816)	(10,555)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(1,002)	(2,650)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,002)	(2,650)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Covid recovery Grants	—	3,660
Net cash from financing activities	—	3,660
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(41,818)	(9,545)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	75,825	85,370
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	34,007	75,825

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in N Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 14 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney, BT53 7AF.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Going concern

In discussing the going concern status of the company in the short to medium term, the Trustees are satisfied that there continues to be a demand for high quality childcare in the local area, and that Happy Days Community Childcare Centre has successfully maintained its market share. Across the sector, however, childcare is experiencing a crisis, fueled in the main by continued annual increases in National Living and National Minimum Wage rates. The Trustees acknowledge the inevitable effect the resultant increase in overall costs has had in recent years, and conduct an annual review of fees to introduce increases accordingly. These increases have invariably had a detrimental impact on numbers at the facility, as more and more parents rely on family members to provide at least 'some' childcare to bridge the gap thereby bypass the fee increase as far as possible.

The Trustees acknowledge the impact of the financial results to 31 March 2024 on the overall financial position of the facility and acknowledge that a material uncertainty with regard to the going concern status of Happy Days exists. They are cognisant of their responsibility to react swiftly and decisively to safeguard all stakeholders.

Accordingly, the Trustees have decided to perform a comprehensive 'root and branch' evaluation of the current service provision at Happy Days, and of the manner in which these services are organised and delivered. The process will aim to identify potential weaknesses in the current business model, with recommendations made where changes are required. The evaluation will run alongside a cost benefit analysis to ensure that efficiencies and potential tangible improvements and opportunities are harnessed and acted upon appropriately.

Specifically, for instance, with regard to the Playgroup, Happy Days has continued to lobby the Education Authority to have this area of the business included in the Pre School-Education Programme, which provides funded places. So far, these efforts have not succeeded - a decrease in the birth rate suggests that capacity amongst existing funded providers is adequate. However, Early Learning and Childcare measures have recently been introduced in the area, one of which sees funded provision extending to 22.5 hours per week - this may create a need for additional provision. Dependent on the success of these lobbying efforts, the Trustees will consider whether it is prudent to continue self-funding the Playgroup in the interim.

Generally, the Trustees are aware of the need to seek professional guidance to assist in an assessment of the overall structure and viability of Happy Days in a timely manner should this become necessary. The Trustees are most grateful to have the ongoing support of Ballymoney Church of God, who continue to appreciate the immense contribution that Happy Days makes on a daily basis within our community.

In summary, the Trustees are committed to business transformation in order to secure the future sustainability of Happy Days. They are mindful, however, that should income fall or expenditure increase pervasively, the going concern basis of preparation may become invalid. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends on the operational success of the charity and ongoing support from the third parties alluded to above. In doing so, it has been assumed that the company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from un-maintainable losses or the withdrawal of this support. In such circumstances, the going concern basis of preparation may become invalid, and adjustments would have to be made to reduce the value of assets to their recoverable amount to provide for any further liabilities which might arise, and to reclassify fixed assets as current assets.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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.

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.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

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.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Equipment	- 20% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets *(continued)*

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Short term employee benefits

The company provides short term benefits including holiday pay to their employees. These are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

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.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee, has no share capital and is recognised as a Charity by HM Revenue and Customs. The liability of members of the company is limited to £1 per member.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Fees	683,369	—	683,369
Milk scheme	1,734	—	1,734
Fundraising for MacMillan Cancer Support	—	398	398
Fundraising for Children in Need	—	226	226
Fundraising for Sandelford School	—	135	135
Fundraising for NI Children's Hospice	—	158	158
Commissions from Tempest Photography	168	—	168
Grants			
H&SCB Grant	—	2,160	2,160
	<u>685,271</u>	<u>3,077</u>	<u>688,348</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Fees	656,455	—	656,455
Milk scheme	1,979	—	1,979
Fundraising for MacMillan Cancer Support	—	—	—
Fundraising for Children in Need	—	370	370
Fundraising for Sandelford School	—	—	—
Fundraising for NI Children's Hospice	—	—	—
Commissions from Tempest Photography	—	—	—
Grants			
H&SCB Grant	—	6,121	6,121
	<u>658,434</u>	<u>6,491</u>	<u>664,925</u>

6. Covid recovery grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Early years - Childcare recovery fund	—	—	3,660	3,660

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	411	411	78	78

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Childcare provision	728,385	3,823	732,208
Support costs	3,000	—	3,000
	<u>731,385</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>735,208</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Childcare provision	667,415	5,237	672,652
Support costs	3,000	—	3,000
	<u>670,415</u>	<u>5,237</u>	<u>675,652</u>

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9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2024	Total fund 2023
	£	£	£	£
Childcare provision	732,208	—	732,208	672,652
Governance costs	—	3,000	3,000	3,000
	<u>732,208</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>735,208</u>	<u>675,652</u>

10. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,915</u>	<u>3,191</u>

11. Auditors remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Fees payable to the charity's auditor and its associates for other services: Other non-audit services	<u>4,030</u>	<u>4,752</u>

12. Staff costs

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	600,657	545,330
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>15,924</u>	<u>12,466</u>
	<u>616,581</u>	<u>557,796</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 37 (2023: 37). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Number of management staff	2	2
Number of nursery staff	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

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13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity were received by any of the trustees.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	15,300	15,237	30,537
Additions	—	1,002	1,002
At 31 March 2024	15,300	16,239	31,539
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	10,459	10,342	20,801
Charge for the year	1,210	1,705	2,915
At 31 March 2024	11,669	12,047	23,716
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	3,631	4,192	7,823
At 31 March 2023	4,841	4,895	9,736

15. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	1,820	2,361
Prepayments and accrued income	873	1,448
	2,693	3,809

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	48,218	42,923
Social security and other taxes	6,382	5,783
Pension creditor	3,021	2,613
Other creditors	—	600
	57,621	51,919

17. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	—	4,100

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18. Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Amount deferred in year	<u>15,779</u>	<u>14,686</u>

In the current year the charity has deferred income of £15,779(2023: £14,686). This relates to invoices raised in the current year for childcare provision post year end.

19. 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 £15,924 (2023: £12,466).

20. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	<u>30,713</u>	<u>685,682</u>	<u>(731,385)</u>	<u>(14,990)</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	<u>38,956</u>	<u>662,172</u>	<u>(670,415)</u>	<u>30,713</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted Fund - Happy Days Community Childcare	<u>2,638</u>	<u>3,077</u>	<u>(3,823)</u>	<u>1,892</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted Fund - Happy Days Community Childcare	<u>1,384</u>	<u>6,491</u>	<u>(5,237)</u>	<u>2,638</u>

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,931	1,892	7,823
Current assets	36,700	–	36,700
Creditors less than 1 year	(57,621)	–	(57,621)
Creditors greater than 1 year	–	–	–
Net liabilities	(14,990)	1,892	(13,098)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,098	2,638	9,736
Current assets	79,634	–	79,634
Creditors less than 1 year	(51,919)	–	(51,919)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(4,100)	–	(4,100)
Net liabilities	30,713	2,638	33,351

22. Limitation of auditor's liability

The company has entered into a liability limitation agreement with its auditor, Aubrey Campbell and Company, on the following basis:

(a) the maximum aggregate amount of the auditor's liability to the company shall not exceed the sum of five times the fees payable (excluding expenses and value added tax) under the engagement letter agreed for the financial period, or £30,000, whichever is the lesser amount.

(b) the agreement was passed by a resolution of the company's trustees on 2nd December 2024.

23. Financial instruments

Where reduced disclosures are applied, disclosures from the Companies Act 2006 still need to be made regarding the fair value of the instruments in each category and the changes in value recognised in profit and loss. Disclosures of the significant assumptions underlying the valuation models and techniques used, and extent and nature of derivative instruments are also required.

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	75,825	(41,818)	34,007

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25. Related parties

During the year, Happy Days Community Childcare Centre paid £37,700 (2023: £38,400) to the Church of God at Ballymoney. This was by way of a long established Service Level Agreement. At the year end, Happy Days Community Childcare Centre owed the Church of God at Ballymoney £nil (2023: £4,700). This related to a car loan that the charity loaned from the church that was written off at the year end. The amount written off is £4,150.