

Glenarm Community Pre-School

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106752

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-10-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Group is established to promote play based learning environments for children aged 2 years 10 months to statutory school age, (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) of Glenarm Community Pre-School and its surrounding environs in County Antrim (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') without distinction of age, gender, martial 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 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 encourage parents, carers and staff to avail of training, to gain a wider knowledge of the development, social needs and behaviours of children so that they can tailor their care and educational programme according to the unique needs of every child.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

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

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£66,368	£65,924	£0	5
2024-08-31	£67,250	£57,823	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emma Mcauley		
Greer McNally		
Mrs Heather Josephine Mary McCormick		
Mrs Laura Sherry		
Mrs Louise Johnston		
Sherlyn Logue		
Sophie Yendall		

Glenarm Community Pre-School

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GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Opening Bank Balance	40,642	Payments	
Receipts		Salaries & Wages	53,895
Grants: DARD/DENI	48,325	Equipment & Materials	2,813
		Fundraising Expenses	-
		Printing & Stationery	85
		Uniform	532
Subscription	11,329	Insurance	673
DHSS – Milk	366	Rent	4,000
Sales & Fundraising	6,327	Food etc.	906
Interest	21	Cleaning	36
		Fees/Training	532
		Repairs	200
		Bank Charges	66
		Telephone/Postage	156
		Heat/Light	890
		General Expenses	382
		Donations	758
		Closing Bank Balance	
		Ordinary Account	10,090
		Resources Account	-
		Investment Accounts	30,996
	<u>107,010</u>		<u>107,010</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the members of the committee on

9th May 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

J Cherry **Committee member**

I have prepared this Receipts and Payments Account from the records and information supplied by Glenarm Community Playgroup.

I have not carried out an audit of the account.

T M Bell **Accountant**

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants receivable		48,325	48,325	53,584
Income from Charitable Activities				
Activities for Generating Funds	17,656		17,656	13,394
Other Income	387		387	272
Total Incoming Resources	18,043	48,325	66,368	67,250
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure Costs in Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	17,599	48,325	65,924	57,823
Total Resources Expended	444		444	9,427

	2025	2024
Net Incoming Resources	444	9,427
For the Year		
Balance brought fwd	40,642	31,215
Balances carried fwd	41,086	40,642

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

CURRENT ASSETS	2025	2024
Cash at bank and in Hand	41,086	40,642
Furnishings & Equipment (At Cost)	27,324	27,324
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Net Assets	68,410	67,966
	=====	=====
Funds		
Unrestricted	68,410	67,966
	=====	=====

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on

9 May 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

L Sherry Committee Person

M N Deane Accountant

Glenarm Community Pre-School

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Accounts

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Opening Bank Balance	31,215	Payments	
Receipts		Salaries & Wages	46,591
Grants: DARD/DENI	52,784	Equipment & Materials	1,386
OTHER	800	Fundraising Expenses	-
		Printing & Stationery	-
		Uniform	1,242
Subscription	10,104	Insurance	585
DHSS – Milk	261	Rent	4,000
Sales & Fundraising	3,290	Food etc.	826
Interest	11	Cleaning	56
		Fees/Training	942
		Repairs	80
		Bank Charges	73
		Telephone/Postage	308
		Heat/Light	829
		General Expenses	405
		Donations	500
		Closing Bank Balance	
		Ordinary Account	29,647
		Resources Account	10,995
	<u>98,465</u>		<u>98,465</u>
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GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants receivable		53,584	53,584	44,142
Income from Charitable Activities				
Activities for Generating Funds	13,394		13,394	12,203
Other Income	272		272	296
Total Incoming Resources	13,666	53,584	67,250	56,641
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure Costs in Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	4,239	53,584	57,823	52,750
Total Resources Expended	9,427		9,427	3,891

	2024	2023
Net Incoming Resources	9,427	3,891
For the Year		
Balance brought fwd	31,215	27,324
Balances carried fwd	40,642	31,215

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The financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on

25/4/23 and are signed on their behalf by:

[Signature] Committee Person

[Signature] Treasurer

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

CURRENT ASSETS	2024	2023
Cash at bank and in Hand	40,642	31,215
Furnishings & Equipment (At Cost)	27,324	27,324
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Net Assets	67,966	58,539
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Funds		
Unrestricted	67,966	58,539
	=====	=====

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on

25/4/25 and are signed on their behalf by:

L Sherry Committee Person

R M Dew Accountant

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GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Opening Bank Balance	27,324	Payments	
Receipts		Salaries & Wages	43,125
Grants: DARD/DENI	43,342	Equipment & Materials	1,640
OTHER	800	Fundraising Expenses	-
		Printing & Stationery	168
		Uniform	1,050
Subscription	11,383	Insurance	531
DHSS – Milk	284	Rent	3,900
Sales & Fundraising	820	Food etc.	1,029
Interest	12	Cleaning	4
		Fees/Training	350
		Repairs	120
		Bank Charges	71
		Telephone/Postage	133
		General Expenses	629
		Closing Bank Balance	
		Ordinary Account	19,629
		Resources Account	11,586
	<u>83,965</u>		<u>83,965</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the members of the committee on

11/4/24 and are signed on their behalf by:

L. Slery Committee member

I have prepared this Receipts and Payments Account from the records and information supplied by Glenarm Community Playgroup.

I have not carried out an audit of the account.

J. M. Dobson Accountant

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants receivable		44,142	44,142	39,604
Income from Charitable Activities				
Activities for Generating Funds	12,203		12,203	15,776
Other Income	296		296	303
Total Incoming Resources	12,499	44,142	56,641	55,683

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Charitable Expenditure Costs in Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	8,608	44,142	52,750	54,335
Total Resources Expended	3,891		3,891	1,348

	2023	2022
Net Incoming Resources	3,891	1,348
For the Year		
Balance brought fwd	27,324	25,796
Balances carried fwd	31,215	27,324

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

CURRENT ASSETS	2023	2022
Cash at bank and in Hand	31,215	27,089
Furnishings & Equipment (At Cost)	27,324	27,324
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Net Assets	58,539	54,413
	=====	=====
Funds		
Unrestricted	58,539	54,413
	=====	=====

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on

11/4/24 and are signed on their behalf by:

L Berry Committee Person

J M Roberts Accountant

Glenarm Community Pre-School

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106752

Annual report

Glenarm Community Preschool

Orange Hall, Mark Street, Glenarm, Ballymena, Co Antrim, BT44 0AU

Charity number: 106752

Trustees annual report for period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

Glenarm Community Preschool is established to provide play based learning environments for children aged 2 years and 10 months to statutory school age from the Glenarm and wider community, 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 inhabitants in a common effort to advance education. Particular a) to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe satisfying group play with the right of parent/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 encourage parents, carers and staff to avail of training, to gain a wider knowledge of the developmental, social needs and behaviours of children so that they can tailor their care and educational programme according to the unique needs of every child.

The direct benefits which flow from the welcoming and safe environment provided by the preschool include preparation of each child for primary education through the development of their social skills, communication with other children and adults, problem solving and learning the key skills needed for primary education. During the year both indoor and outdoor activities were provided through which the children can learn through play. Parents and carers were also welcomed and provided with opportunities to learn about their children's education and new skills with regard to furthering their educational and social needs, both in and out of the preschool setting. We continued to provide blended learning opportunities for children during Covid closures and periods of illness for individual children.

The trustees are confident that these aims and objectives have been met throughout the course of the year by our experienced leader Lynn and her great team Michelle, Catherine and Ruth. The staffing team completed various training courses throughout the year to maintain and improve the level of teaching and care we can offer the beneficiaries of the charity. These include

updating the Food and Hygiene qualifications of staff preparing food. This year the staff team chose to focus their training on upskilling their knowledge of Speech and language development and training in supporting young children with Speech, language and communication difficulties. The staff have been able to put this training into good effect supporting the children in pre school this year.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on the public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed regarding the activities of the charitable organisation in the year ending 31st August 2021.

We have continued to build on the strong relationships the charity has with the local primary schools in the hope that this makes the transition to primary school easier for the beneficiaries. We attended the Christmas plays of local primary schools and invited them to attend our Easter show. We invited local teachers to visit and lead story time sessions with the children thus familiarizing them with the staff of the schools they will be going on to attend. We took part in our local schools sports day.

Our parents and carers have been very supportive this year as always, and have engaged with us through our facebook page. Our parents were very glad to be able to get together again for our welcome Wednesday walk and our end of year family walk.

The children were, again, very kindly treated to a visit to the Santa experience in Glenarm Castle, which was a lovely gesture and was very much enjoyed by all that attended, this was also open for parents/carers to enjoy alongside their child.

The charity makes the best use of the local surrounding and the children had numerous visits and walks around the village, the forest, the castle grounds, the beach and harbour. They also made great use of the local playpark and the MUGA.

The charity's funds for the year ending 31st August 2021 amounted to £31,215. The charity remains financially sound.

Reserves are held in case of staff redundancy due to fluctuations in the number of children attending the preschool from year to year. The trustees believe they have sufficient funds to meet its requirements.

The charity is governed by a constitution, with regular meeting held throughout the year attended by the committee members of the preschool and trustees of the charity. The committee members and trustees are elected to posts during our AGM, where they are proposed and seconded by members of the existing committee or parents/carers in attendance.

Names of trustees during this year.

Mrs Heather McCormick

Mrs Louise Johnston

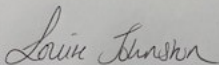
Mrs Laura Sherry

Mrs Samantha McMullan

Mrs Laura McAllister

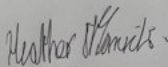
Mrs Katie McKeegan

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 19th June 2024 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Louise Johnston

27/6/22



Heather McCormick

27/6/22

Glenarm Community Pre-School

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106752

Annual return

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF
GLENARM COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL**

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on page 1 of 1.

As the charity's trustee's 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

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 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. The 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.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1-4 listed above. In connection with following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

FRANK BEATTIE & COMPANY LTD - Eileen Wilson

M.A.A.T

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4 March 2024

Glenarm Community Pre-School

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106752

Accounts

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Opening Bank Balance	25,976	Payments	
Receipts		Salaries & Wages	41,593
Grants: DARD/DENI	34,278	Equipment & Materials	4,181
OTHER	5,326	Fundraising Expenses	-
		Gifts & Bonus	650
		Uniform	1,449
Subscription	10,352	Insurance	428
DHSS – Milk	287	Rent	3,000
Sales & Fundraising	5,424	Food etc.	820
Interest	16	Cleaning	49
		Fees/Training	1,595
		Repairs	
		Bank Charges	71
		Telephone/Postage	135
		General Expenses	364
		Closing Bank Balance	
		Ordinary Account	15,719
		Resources Account	11,605
	<u>81,659</u>		<u>81,659</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the members of the committee on

7-10-23 and are signed on their behalf by:

Louise Larkin

Committee member

I have prepared this Receipts and Payments Account from the records and information supplied by Glenarm Community Playgroup.

I have not carried out an audit of the account.

James B

Accountant

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants receivable		39,604	39,604	45,183
Income from Charitable Activities				
Activities for Generating Funds	15,776		15,776	5,551
Other Income	303		313	155
Total Incoming Resources	16,079	39,604	55,683	50,889
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure Costs in Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	14,730	39,604	54,335	51,466
Total Resources Expended	14,730	39,604	1,348	51,466

	2022	2021
Net Incoming Resources	1,348	(577)
For the Year		
Balance brought fwd	25,976	26,553
Balances carried fwd	27,324	25,976

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

CURRENT ASSETS	2022	2021
Cash at bank and in Hand	27,089	25,976
Furnishings & Equipment (At Cost)	27,324	26,091
	_____	_____
Net Assets	54,413	52,067
	=====	=====
Funds		
Unrestricted	54,413	52,067
	=====	=====

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on

7-10-23 and are signed on their behalf by:

Louise Johnson Committee Person

MJD Accountant

Glenarm Community Pre-School

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106752

Annual report

Glenarm Community Preschool

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The trustees are confident that these aims and objectives have been met throughout the course of the year by our experienced leader Lynn and her great team Michelle and Kerry. The staffing team completed various training courses throughout the year to maintain and improve the level of teaching and care we can offer the beneficiaries of the charity, these include the staff team updating their first aid certificates and also doing training on exploring Play

Schemas which staff have found very beneficial when trying to understand why children play the way they do.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on the public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed regarding the activities of the charitable organisation in the year ending 31st August 2021.

We have continued to build on the strong relationships the charity has with the local primary schools in the hope that this makes the transition to primary school easier for the beneficiaries.

Our parents and carers have been very supportive this year as always. They have engaged well with us via our Facebook page and are also engaging with each other on a parents whatsapp group where they can ask each other for help and advice on all things child related. We have enjoyed getting back to some of our pre covid activities especially our outdoor walks and gatherings.

The children were very kindly treated to a visit to the Santa experience in Glenarm Castle, which was a lovely gesture and was very much enjoyed by all that attended, this was also open for parents/carers to enjoy alongside their child.

The charity makes the best use of the local surrounding and the children had numerous visits and walks around the forest, the castle grounds, the beach and harbour.

Fundraising is still being impacted by covid but we were able to do some outdoor based fundraising by doing a sponsored walk where we raised £1355, we were very generously supported by a parent who organised some raffles and raised £1600.

The charity's funds for the year ending 31st August 2022 amounted to £27 324 (£25,976 2021). The charity remains financially sound.

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Names of trustees during this year:

Mrs Chloe Gaston

Mrs Samantha McMullan

Mrs Louise Johnston

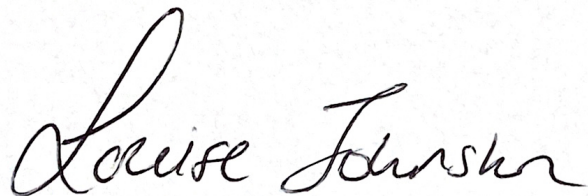
Mrs Laura Sherry

Mrs Lucy Steele

Mrs Ciara Robinson

Mrs Heather McCormick

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 29 – 06 – 2023 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Louise Johnston



Heather McCormick

Glenarm Community Pre-School

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106752

Annual return

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF
GLENARM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on page 1 of 1.

As the charity's trustee's 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

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 Act.

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FRANK BEATTIE & COMPANY LTD - Eileen Wilson

M.A.A.T

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29 June 2023

Eileen Wilson
