

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108434

Details

Known as	Puddleducks Playgroup
Status	Received
Company number	678805
Registered	2022-06-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd is to enhance the education and development of pre-school children through Steiner-Waldorf education and to encourage parents and guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children in Omagh and its surrounding areas.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Playgroup/after schools

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£66,219	£48,296	£0	3
2024-04-30	£57,574	£47,891	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aaron Richard Duncan		
Grainne Logue		
Kim McLaren		

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Unaudited Financial Statements
30 April 2025

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

Year ended 30 April 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Charity registration number NIC108434

Company registration number NI678805

Principal office and registered office 15 Drudgeon Road
Clannabogan
Omagh
Co Tyrone
BT78 1TJ

The trustees

Mr A Duncan
Mrs G Logue
Mrs K McLaren
Mr C Colton (Resigned 13 December 2024)
Mr R Mowlam (Resigned 13 December 2024)
Mrs D Dolan (Resigned 13 December 2024)
Mrs G Gallagher
Mrs Kym Griffin
Mrs A Murray
Mr C Lynch
Mrs N McCrossan
Mrs E O Donnell

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The charity is non-profit making with a net surplus of £17,923 for the year. The management continues to be engaged in ongoing efficiency savings and is aware of the sustainable use of resources.

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The trustees' annual report was approved on 26 November 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr A Duncan
Trustee

Mrs K McLaren
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Year ended 30 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2025.

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26 November 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 30 April 2025

		2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	66,219	66,219	57,574
Total income		<u>66,219</u>	<u>66,219</u>	<u>57,574</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	5,6	48,296	48,296	47,891
Total expenditure		<u>48,296</u>	<u>48,296</u>	<u>47,891</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>17,923</u>	<u>17,923</u>	<u>9,683</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		116,333	116,333	77,729
Total funds carried forward		<u>134,256</u>	<u>134,256</u>	<u>87,412</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 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	10	12,820	14,244
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		126,846	108,114
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	5,410	6,025
Net current assets		<u>121,436</u>	<u>102,089</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>134,256</u>	<u>116,333</u>
Net assets		<u>134,256</u>	<u>116,333</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		<u>134,256</u>	<u>116,333</u>
Total charity funds	14	<u>134,256</u>	<u>116,333</u>

For the year ending 30 April 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 26 November 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs K McLaren
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 30 April 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 15 Drudgeon Road, Clannabogan, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1TJ.

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)*

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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.

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.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

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:

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.

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.

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.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

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.

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.

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4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations				
Education Authority	57,678	57,678	45,429	45,429
Parent Contributions	5,363	5,363	6,431	6,431
Keep NI Beautiful	1,000	1,000	–	–
Grants Received	–	–	2,484	2,484
Fundraising	2,178	2,178	3,230	3,230
	<u>66,219</u>	<u>66,219</u>	<u>57,574</u>	<u>57,574</u>

5. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Main Activity	<u>48,296</u>	<u>48,296</u>	<u>47,891</u>	<u>47,891</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Main Activity	<u>48,296</u>	<u>48,296</u>	<u>47,891</u>

7. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,583</u>

8. Staff costs

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	33,368	33,412
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>2,217</u>	<u>1,712</u>
	<u>35,585</u>	<u>35,124</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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8. Staff costs *(continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 4 (2024: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Number of staff -	4	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 May 2024 and 30 April 2025	17,586
Depreciation	
At 1 May 2024	3,342
Charge for the year	1,424
At 30 April 2025	4,766
Carrying amount	
At 30 April 2025	12,820
At 30 April 2024	14,244

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,251	1,500
Accruals and deferred income	3,023	4,388
Social security and other taxes	136	137
	<u>5,410</u>	<u>6,025</u>

12. Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 1 May 2024	<u>3,023</u>	<u>4,388</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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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 £2,217 (2024: £1,712).

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2025 £
General funds	<u>116,333</u>	<u>66,219</u>	<u>(48,296)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>134,256</u>

	At 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2024 £
General funds	<u>77,729</u>	<u>57,574</u>	<u>(47,891)</u>	<u>28,921</u>	<u>116,333</u>

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Management Information

Year ended 30 April 2025

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Main Activity		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable main activity - wages/salaries	33,368	33,412
Direct charitable main activity - pension costs	2,217	1,712
Direct charitable main activity - light & heat	2,019	1,426
Direct charitable main activity - repairs & maintenance	2,316	3,265
Direct charitable main activity - insurance	656	570
Direct charitable main activity - Accountancy	1,326	1,182
Direct charitable main activity – Consultancy Fees	1,555	–
Direct charitable main activity - raffle prizes	–	1,229
Direct charitable main activity - sundry	1,020	–
Direct charitable main activity - legal and professional fees	–	200
Direct charitable main activity - Subscription	113	412
Direct charitable main activity - amortisation	(1,365)	(1,365)
Direct charitable main activity - depreciation	1,424	1,583
Direct charitable main activity - printing & advertising	355	205
Direct charitable main activity - Early Years	1,596	2,075
Direct charitable main activity - Education Accessories	1,538	1,644
Direct charitable main activity - Bank Interest & Fees	78	79
Direct charitable main activity - Food	80	262
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Independent Examiner

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6 Nov 24

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 30 April 2024

		Year to 30 Apr 24		Period from 1 Jul 22 to 30 Apr 23
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	57,574	57,574	39,618
Total income		<u>57,574</u>	<u>57,574</u>	<u>39,618</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	5,6	47,891	47,891	41,145
Total expenditure		<u>47,891</u>	<u>47,891</u>	<u>41,145</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>9,683</u>	<u>9,683</u>	<u>(1,527)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		77,729	77,729	–
Total funds carried forward		<u>87,412</u>	<u>87,412</u>	<u>(1,527)</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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Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	10	14,244	15,827
Current assets			
Debtors	11	–	3,414
Cash at bank and in hand		108,114	65,002
		<u>108,114</u>	<u>68,416</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>6,025</u>	<u>6,514</u>
Net current assets		<u>102,089</u>	<u>61,902</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>116,333</u>	<u>77,729</u>
Net assets		<u>116,333</u>	<u>77,729</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		<u>116,333</u>	<u>77,729</u>
Total charity funds	15	<u>116,333</u>	<u>77,729</u>

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Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 6 Nov 24, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs K McLaren
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 30 April 2024

1. General information

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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.

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Basis of preparation

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

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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 30 April 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

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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.

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.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

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.

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. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations				
Education Authority	45,429	45,429	30,205	30,205
Parent Contributions	6,431	6,431	7,138	7,138
Camphill Community	–	–	275	275
Grants Received	2,484	2,484	2,000	2,000
Fundraising	3,230	3,230	–	–
	<u>57,574</u>	<u>57,574</u>	<u>39,618</u>	<u>39,618</u>

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

5. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Main Activity	<u>47,891</u>	<u>47,891</u>	<u>41,145</u>	<u>41,145</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Main Activity	<u>47,891</u>	<u>47,891</u>	<u>41,145</u>

7. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,583</u>	<u>1,759</u>

8. Staff costs

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

	Year to 30 Apr 24 £	Period from 1 Jul 22 to 30 Apr 23 £
Wages and salaries	33,412	29,273
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>1,712</u>	<u>1,676</u>
	<u>35,124</u>	<u>30,949</u>

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

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Number of staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

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

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024	17,586
Depreciation	
At 1 May 2023	1,759
Charge for the year	1,583
At 30 April 2024	<u>3,342</u>
Carrying amount	
At 30 April 2024	14,244
At 30 April 2023	<u>15,827</u>

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	—	<u>3,414</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,500	750
Accruals and deferred income	4,388	5,463
Social security and other taxes	137	301
	<u>6,025</u>	<u>6,514</u>

13. Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 May 23	<u>4,388</u>	<u>5,463</u>

14. 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 £1,712 (2023: £1,676).

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Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

15. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2024 £
General funds	<u>77,729</u>	<u>57,574</u>	<u>(47,891)</u>	<u>28,921</u>	<u>116,333</u>

	At 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2023 £
General funds	<u>–</u>	<u>39,618</u>	<u>(41,145)</u>	<u>79,256</u>	<u>77,729</u>

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Management Information

Year ended 30 April 2024

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2024

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Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Education Authority	45,429	30,205
Parent Contributions	6,431	7,138
Camphill Community	–	275
Grants Received	2,484	2,000
Fundraising	3,230	–
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Total income	<u>57,574</u>	<u>39,618</u>
Total expenditure	<u>47,891</u>	<u>41,145</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>9,683</u>	<u>(1,527)</u>

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2024

	Year to 30 Apr 24 £	Period from 1 Jul 22 to 30 Apr 23 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Main Activity		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable main activity - wages/salaries	33,412	29,273
Direct charitable main activity - pension costs	1,712	1,676
Direct charitable main activity - light & heat	1,426	3,659
Direct charitable main activity - repairs & maintenance	3,265	775
Direct charitable main activity - insurance	570	513
Direct charitable main activity - Accountancy	1,182	1,380
Direct charitable main activity - raffle prizes	1,229	-
Direct charitable main activity - legal and professional fees	200	-
Direct charitable main activity - Subscription	412	725
Direct charitable main activity - amortisation	(1,365)	(1,365)
Direct charitable main activity - depreciation	1,583	1,759
Direct charitable main activity - printing & advertising	205	-
Direct charitable main activity - Early Years	2,075	1,367
Direct charitable main activity - Education Accessories	1,644	1,194
Direct charitable main activity - Bank Interest & Fees	79	32
Direct charitable main activity - Food	262	157
	<u>47,891</u>	<u>41,145</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>47,891</u>	<u>41,145</u>

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108434

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI678805
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Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
30 April 2023

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Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Financial Statements

Period ended 30 April 2023

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Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Period ended 30 April 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the 10month period 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Charity registration number NIC108434

Company registration number NI678805

Principal office and registered office 15 Drudgeon Road
Clannabogan
Omagh
Co Tyrone
BT78 1TJ

Committee Members

Mrs P Colton (Chair Person)
Mr A Duncan (Secretary)
Mr R Mowlam (Treasurer)
Mrs M McClean
Mrs D Barrett
Mrs S Cassidy
Mrs E Meenagh

Accountants

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Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Period ended 30 April 2023

Structure, governance and management

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Board communicate widely the vision, ethos and strategic direction of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd and ensure strong links with the parents and local community. The committee ensure the Charity's financial and human resources are deployed effectively and in the interest of the children.

Objectives and activities

Principal activity

The purpose of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd is to enhance the education and development of pre-school children through Steiner-Waldorf education and to encourage parents and guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children in Omagh and its surrounding areas.

Achievements and performance

The charity continued to operate successfully throughout the period and meet the objectives that it was set up to achieve as listed above.

Financial review

Review of the Business

The charity is non-profit making with a net deficit of £1,527 for the period. The management continues to be engaged in ongoing efficiency savings and is aware of the sustainable use of resources.

Reserves Policy

A policy on reserves for Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd was agreed at the committee held previously. Puddleducks Ltd has set a reserves policy which requires reserves to be maintained at level of £17,000 which ensures that: (see continued)

The core activity of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

- The setting could meet its liabilities in the event that it had to close or reduce its services for example meet redundancy costs.
- A proportion of (+80%) of these reserves have to be maintained in a readily realisable form e.g. cash at bank.

The calculation of the required level of reserves is an integral part of the planning budget and forecast cycle of our setting. If the setting does not currently have the level of reserve that it identifies as required it will work towards meeting it and make this a priority in financial planning.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Period ended 30 April 2023

Yearly Report

From the 22 registered places, 17 preschool children attended playgroup on a full-time basis while the remaining 6 places were shared between younger children, all of whom have re-joined as full-time preschool children in the current group (2023/2024). Operating with a reduced number of full-time places reduced our income for this period.

Some strategic and organisational changes occurred during the last year. We registered as a charity and are now a Limited Company (LTD).

With some fantastic help from parents and friends, and generous financial support from DAERA through its LHLH School Pollinator Grant and the Childcare Partnership Regional Small Grants, we developed a pollinator and sensory garden. It is a wonderful addition to our outdoor facilities. We celebrated the developments with 3 very successful and well attended family gardening days.

Our 'Getting Ready to Learn' library, which supports the working partnership between Playgroup and our families, was further developed and extended.

In the period governed by this Report, Puddleducks' festivals started with our Harvest Garden Saturday, followed by Lantern making and the Lantern walk in November. Next on our calendar was our Christmas Nativity. The New Year festivities began with the pancake race in March followed by our Easter-Walk and family picnic.

In terms of our ongoing Staff development and training, we would like to congratulate our newest staff member on the completion of her Child Care Training and wish her good luck with her forthcoming training in special education needs.

For the coming year we anticipate a slowing down of available grants and look forward to new ideas of fun and fundraising.

- Perhaps we can take part in the planned Camphill Open-day
- We currently have 21 preschool children in our group for 2023/2024.
- A few major changes are in the making and through new impulses of the 2023 AGM could be driven forward and come to completion e.g. one emphasis may be in the realm of human resources and staffing. We have engaged the services of a HR company to support us in this matter.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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

Period ended 30 April 2023

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mrs P Colton
Trustee

Mr A Duncan
Trustee

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 30 April 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

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Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 30 April 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 30 April 2023

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Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

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8. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the period was 3. The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the period is analysed as follows:

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Number of Staff	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

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Period ended 30 April 2023

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10. Tangible fixed assets

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Period ended 30 April 2023

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The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,676.

15. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

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Company Limited by Guarantee
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Period ended 30 April 2023

	2023
	£
Income and endowments	
Donations and legacies	
Education Authority	30,205
Parent Contributions	7,138
Camphill Community	275
DOH	2,000
	<u>39,618</u>
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Total income	<u>39,618</u>
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Total expenditure	<u>41,145</u>
	<u> </u>
Net expenditure	<u>(1,527)</u>

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Period ended 30 April 2023

	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	
Activity type 1	
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>	
Direct charitable activity 1 - wages/salaries	29,273
Direct charitable activity 1 - pension costs	1,676
Direct charitable activity 1 - light & heat	3,659
Direct charitable activity 1 - repairs & maintenance	775
Direct charitable activity 1 - insurance	513
Direct charitable activity 1 - Accountancy	1,380
Direct charitable activity 1 - Subscription	725
Direct charitable activity 1 - amortisation	(1,365)
Direct charitable activity 1 - depreciation	1,759
Direct charitable activity 1 - Early Years	1,367
Direct charitable activity 1 - Education Accessories	1,194
Direct charitable activity 1 - Bank Interest & Fees	32
Direct charitable activity 1 - Food	157
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	41,145
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Expenditure on charitable activities	<u><u>41,145</u></u>

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108434

Annual report

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Annual General Meeting

02nd November 2023 at 07:30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome – Message from Patricia Colton welcoming everyone present and a brief description of what was to occur in the AGM. Quorum is satisfied
2. Apologies - As per attendance sheet/group Whatsapp (Paula Campbell, Stacey Campbell, Gemma Gilfillan, Lorraine McCarron, Eimear & Shaun Guest)
3. Previous AGM Minutes – Proposed Richard Mowlam Seconded Aaron Duncan
4. Puddleducks Report – attached in Secretary's folder, it was read by Aaron Duncan detailing events from the last 18 months since the previous AGM.
5. Treasurer's Report – attached in Secretary's folder, it was read by Seamus McCaffrey also detailing events from the last two years/ previous AGM. S P Mccaffrey is to submit the reports to Companies House & HRMC, the committee is responsible for submission of report/financial to the charity commission.
6. Matters arising from the Reports – None arising
7. Introduction to Office Bearer Tasks – all present staff gave a brief description of the present job roles, with an emphasis on team work between members.
8. All Office Bearers step down.
9. Halina Kemper runs the election, with Sinead McCusker taking minutes. The outcome of the election is as follows.
Chairperson – Aaron Duncan - Proposed Natasha McCullagh, Seconded Ciaran Colton
Secretary – Grainne Logue - Proposed Kim McLaren, Seconded Patricia Colton
Treasurer – Kim McLaren - Proposed Ciaran Colton, Seconded Aaron Duncan
Vice Chairperson – Denise Mcaleer- Proposed Kim McLaren, Seconded Patricia Colton
Vice Secretary – Ciaran Colton – Proposed Patricia Colton, Seconded Natasha McCullagh
Vice Treasurer – Richard Mowlam – Proposed Aaron Duncan, Seconded Ciaran Colton
10. Committee members – Cathal Lynch, Patricia Colton
Maintenance Subgroup – Damien Meenagh, Aiden Campbell.
11. Child protection officer has specific training requirements and it was proposed that Caragh McLoughlin remain in her present job role as Child protection officer.
12. Date of next Board Meeting – Wednesday 13th December 2023 @ 08:30pm
AGM closed.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108434

Annual return

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI678805
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC108434

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
30 April 2023

SP McCAFFREY & CO
Chartered accountants
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Financial Statements

Period ended 30 April 2023

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Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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

Period ended 30 April 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the 10month period 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Charity registration number NIC108434

Company registration number NI678805

Principal office and registered office 15 Drudgeon Road
Clannabogan
Omagh
Co Tyrone
BT78 1TJ

Committee Members

Mrs P Colton (Chair Person)
Mr A Duncan (Secretary)
Mr R Mowlam (Treasurer)
Mrs M McClean
Mrs D Barrett
Mrs S Cassidy
Mrs E Meenagh

Accountants

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Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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

Period ended 30 April 2023

Structure, governance and management

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Board communicate widely the vision, ethos and strategic direction of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd and ensure strong links with the parents and local community. The committee ensure the Charity's financial and human resources are deployed effectively and in the interest of the children.

Objectives and activities

Principal activity

The purpose of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd is to enhance the education and development of pre-school children through Steiner-Waldorf education and to encourage parents and guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children in Omagh and its surrounding areas.

Achievements and performance

The charity continued to operate successfully throughout the period and meet the objectives that it was set up to achieve as listed above.

Financial review

Review of the Business

The charity is non-profit making with a net deficit of £1,527 for the period. The management continues to be engaged in ongoing efficiency savings and is aware of the sustainable use of resources.

Reserves Policy

A policy on reserves for Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd was agreed at the committee held previously. Puddleducks Ltd has set a reserves policy which requires reserves to be maintained at level of £17,000 which ensures that: (see continued)

The core activity of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

- The setting could meet its liabilities in the event that it had to close or reduce its services for example meet redundancy costs.
- A proportion of (+80%) of these reserves have to be maintained in a readily realisable form e.g. cash at bank.

The calculation of the required level of reserves is an integral part of the planning budget and forecast cycle of our setting. If the setting does not currently have the level of reserve that it identifies as required it will work towards meeting it and make this a priority in financial planning.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Period ended 30 April 2023

Yearly Report

From the 22 registered places, 17 preschool children attended playgroup on a full-time basis while the remaining 6 places were shared between younger children, all of whom have re-joined as full-time preschool children in the current group (2023/2024). Operating with a reduced number of full-time places reduced our income for this period.

Some strategic and organisational changes occurred during the last year. We registered as a charity and are now a Limited Company (LTD).

With some fantastic help from parents and friends, and generous financial support from DAERA through its LHLH School Pollinator Grant and the Childcare Partnership Regional Small Grants, we developed a pollinator and sensory garden. It is a wonderful addition to our outdoor facilities. We celebrated the developments with 3 very successful and well attended family gardening days.

Our 'Getting Ready to Learn' library, which supports the working partnership between Playgroup and our families, was further developed and extended.

In the period governed by this Report, Puddleducks' festivals started with our Harvest Garden Saturday, followed by Lantern making and the Lantern walk in November. Next on our calendar was our Christmas Nativity. The New Year festivities began with the pancake race in March followed by our Easter-Walk and family picnic.

In terms of our ongoing Staff development and training, we would like to congratulate our newest staff member on the completion of her Child Care Training and wish her good luck with her forthcoming training in special education needs.

For the coming year we anticipate a slowing down of available grants and look forward to new ideas of fun and fundraising.

- Perhaps we can take part in the planned Camphill Open-day
- We currently have 21 preschool children in our group for 2023/2024.
- A few major changes are in the making and through new impulses of the 2023 AGM could be driven forward and come to completion e.g. one emphasis may be in the realm of human resources and staffing. We have engaged the services of a HR company to support us in this matter.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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

Period ended 30 April 2023

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 3rd November 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mrs P Colton

Mr A Duncan

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Year ended 30 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2023.

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.

SP McCaffrey & Co
Independent Examiner

50 Campsie Road
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3rd November 2023

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Period ended 30 April 2023

		2023	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies	4	39,618	39,618
Total income		<u>39,618</u>	<u>39,618</u>
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities	5,6	41,145	41,145
Total expenditure		<u>41,145</u>	<u>41,145</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(1,527)</u>	<u>(1,527)</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		—	—
Total funds carried forward		<u>(1,527)</u>	<u>(1,527)</u>

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

The notes on pages 6 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2023

	Note	2023 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible fixed assets	10	15,827
Current assets		
Debtors	11	3,414
Cash at bank and in hand		65,002
		<u>68,416</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>6,514</u>
Net current assets		61,902
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>77,729</u>
Net assets		<u>77,729</u>
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds		<u>77,729</u>
Total charity funds	15	<u>77,729</u>

For the period ending 30 April 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 3 November 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs P Colton
Trustee

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Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Period ended 30 April 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 15 Drudgeon Road, Clannabogan, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1TJ.

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.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 30 April 2023

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.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period ended 30 April 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

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:

Impairment of fixed assets

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	2023
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Number of Staff	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

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Period ended 30 April 2023

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Period ended 30 April 2023

	2023
	£
Income and endowments	
Donations and legacies	
Education Authority	30,205
Parent Contributions	7,138
Camphill Community	275
DOH	2,000
	<u>39,618</u>
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Total income	<u>39,618</u>
	<u> </u>
Total expenditure	<u>41,145</u>
	<u> </u>
Net expenditure	<u>(1,527)</u>

Puddleducks Playgroup Ltd

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Period ended 30 April 2023

	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	
Activity type 1	
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>	
Direct charitable activity 1 - wages/salaries	29,273
Direct charitable activity 1 - pension costs	1,676
Direct charitable activity 1 - light & heat	3,659
Direct charitable activity 1 - repairs & maintenance	775
Direct charitable activity 1 - insurance	513
Direct charitable activity 1 - Accountancy	1,380
Direct charitable activity 1 - Subscription	725
Direct charitable activity 1 - amortisation	(1,365)
Direct charitable activity 1 - depreciation	1,759
Direct charitable activity 1 - Early Years	1,367
Direct charitable activity 1 - Education Accessories	1,194
Direct charitable activity 1 - Bank Interest & Fees	32
Direct charitable activity 1 - Food	157
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	41,145
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Expenditure on charitable activities	41,145
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