

Bawn Bunnies Playgroup
Trustee's annual report
Year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Bawn Bunnies Playgroup

Charity registration number NIC 108525

Principal office Hamiltonsbawn Primary School, 113 Annareagh Road,
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Structure, governance and management

The committee communicate widely the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the pre school centre and ensure strong links with the parents and local community. The committee ensure the groups financial and human resources are deployed effectively and in the interest of the children.

Objectives and activities

Bawn Bunnies Playgroup is a committee led playgroup which provides a pre-school provision for the children of Hamiltonsbawn and the surrounding area. The Playgroup is based within the premises of Hamiltonsbawn Primary School and operates 5 days per week. The Playgroup employs 4 staff members and can currently cater for 20 children each day from the age of 2 years and 10 months. The Playgroup accepts children regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, ability or means.

The Group was established to promote a play-based learning environment for all children under statutory school age by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to support the values and principles of Early Years.

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Achievements and performance

We are pleased to report that the charity operated at full capacity throughout the financial year. The Trustees are pleased at the level of service achieved and are optimistic that this will continue.

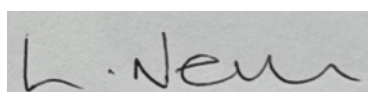
Public benefit

The public benefits that flow are that the pre-school children of Hamiltonsbawn and the surrounding area have a safe and stimulating learning environment to attend. Through attendance at the playgroup the children have the opportunity to develop and grow to reach their full potential which then results in improved development, language skills, social interaction and emotional well-being. By providing a play-based learning environment in which children can learn and develop in each of the 6 areas of the early years curriculum they have extensive opportunities to reach their full potential. The benefits identified above can be demonstrated through our annual inspection from the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, through demand for a space within the playgroup and also through feedback from parents/carers and other stakeholders.

Financial review

The playgroup relies on grant income for a substantial proportion of its income. In addition playgroup fees and general fundraising contribute to the day to day running costs. In the last financial year the organisation reported a surplus of £1,358 (2023 Deficit - £13,555). Reserves have increased to £21,871 (2023 - £20,613).

The trustees' annual report was approved on 20 June 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Neill', on a light-colored background.

Leanne Neill FCA

Treasurer