

Armoy Cross Community Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108801

Details

Status Received

Registered 2022-05-19

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

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Activities

Purposes: 2.1 The aim of the Group is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents / carers to understand and provide for the needs of their children by: - 2.1.1 Offering appropriate play facilities, with the right of parents / carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the Group, ensuring the Group offers opportunities for all children, regardless of religion, culture, race or means. 2.1.2 Identifying the needs of children and their families; using this information to guide future programmes, activities and funding to be delivered within the community in order to meet those needs. 2.1.3 Instigating, adhering to and furthering the aims of the Early Years Organisation.

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
2024-09-30	£56,819	£61,762	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jillian Squires		
Mrs Claire Taylor-McCooke		
Mrs Lynsey McMullan		

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Accounts

**ARMOY CROSS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP
CHARITY COMMISSION NI NO.108801**

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Statement of Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2024 £
Receipts				
Income from Charitable Activities				
Blackburn Trust			£740.00	£740.00
Coop Community Fund			£1,425.75	£1,425.75
Department of Health SPPG Grant			£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Early Years Pathway Fund		£5,991.92		£5,991.92
Education Authority		£43,026.97		£43,026.97
Setting Fees		£3,133.85		£3,133.85
		£52,152.74	£4,665.75	£56,818.49
Payments				
Account Fees		£111.62		£111.62
Book Scheme		£39.52		£39.52
Computer Consumables		£357.82	£1,239.97	£1,597.79
Event		£318.66		£318.66
HMRC		£3,329.63		£3,329.63
Insurance		£599.04		£599.04
Membership Fees		£337.54		£337.54
Payroll Fees		£270.00		£270.00
Pension		£4,109.54		£4,109.54
Renovations			£2,675.00	£2,675.00
Rent & Electricity		£2,637.00		£2,637.00
Staff Appreciation		£90.00		£90.00
Sundries		£1,901.12	£799.62	£2,700.74
Training Course		£217.00		£217.00
Utilities		£722.62		£722.62

Wages	£42,005.70		£42,005.70
Total	£57,046.81	£4,714.59	£61,761.40
Net Receipts/Payments	-£4,894.07	-£48.84	-£4,942.91
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-£4,894.07	-£48.84	<u>-£4,942.91</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Funds Reconciliation			
Total Funds brought forward 01/09/23	£20,683.00	£500.00	£21,183.00
Surplus Deficit this year end	-£4,894.07	-£48.84	-£4,942.91
Total Funds Carried Forward 30/09/24	<u>£15,788.93</u>	<u>£451.16</u>	<u>£16,240.09</u>
Bank and Cash Balances			<u>£16,240.09</u>
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)			
Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)			
Total Net Assets			<u>£16,240.09</u>

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Income from Charitable Activities				
Education Authority		51,145		51,145
Causeway Coast and Glen Grant 2023			500	500
CCG Grant (Summer 2022)				0
Department of Health SPPG Grant			1,867	1,867
NACN Grant			500	500
Pathway Grant			2,996	2,996
				0
				0
Total		51,145	5,863	57,008
PAYMENTS				
Expenditure on Charitable Activities				
Bank Fees		96		96
Events		2,092		2,092
Insurance		527		527
Membership & Subscription Costs		3,222		3,222
Office Expenses		606		606
Other Expenses		1,046		1,046
Playgroup Expenses		2,870	500	3,370
Renovations			2,069	2,069
Rent & Utilities		4,184	2,699	6,883
Staff Costs		40,491	3,771	44,262
Telephone		1,026		1,026
Staff Uniforms		246	172	418
Total		56,406	9,211	65,617
Net Receipts/payments		-5,261	-3,348	-8,610
Transfer to/from funds				
Surplus/deficit for the year		-5,261	-3,348	-8,610

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Funds Reconciliation			
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Surplus/deficit this year end	-5,261	-3,348	-8,610
Total Funds carried forward 31.09.23	20,683	500	21,183
Bank and Cash Balances			
Bank Current Accounts			21,183
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)			_____
Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)			_____
TOTAL NET ASSETS			21,183

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Julian Spurey
 TRUSTEE

07/10/2024
 DATE

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Bank and Cash Balances			
Bank Current Accounts			21,183
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)			
Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)			
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>21,183</u>

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 which are applicable to the financial years of registered charities beginning on or after 1 January 2016 or their date of registration with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Going Concern

The charitable activities are entirely dependent on continuing grant aid and voluntary donations as well as trading revenues. As a consequence, the going concern basis is dependent on the future flow of these uncertain funding streams. Accordingly, the Trustees, after reviewing financial forecasts for future periods, are satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Other than these matters the Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received.

Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

2 Summary of Fund Balances

	Opening Balance 1 Oct 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Closing Balance 30 Sep 2023 £
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
General Funds	25,944	51,145	56,406	20,683
	<u>25,944</u>	<u>51,145</u>	<u>56,406</u>	<u>20,683</u>

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 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED:

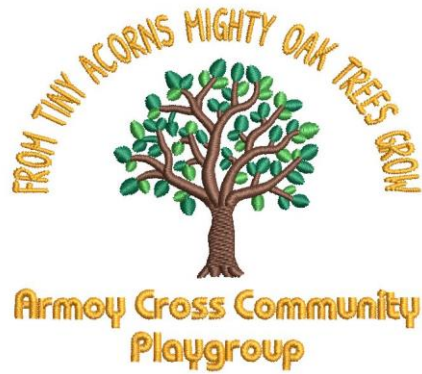
2 Summary of Fund Balances

	Opening Balance 1 Oct 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Closing Balance 30 Sep 2023 £
<u>Restricted Funds</u>				
Causeway Coast and Glen Grant 2023	0	500		500
Causeway Coast and Glen Grant 2022	2,069	0	2,069	0
Department of Health SPPG Grant	832	1,867	2,699	0
NACN Grant	0	500	500	0
Pathway Grant	948	2,996	3,944	0
				0
	3,848	5,863	9,211	500

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Annual report



1. Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the Charity in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted account practice.

As the total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2018 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charities transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

2. Purpose and Objectives of Armoy Cross Community Playgroup

The Objectives of the setting are to promote play based learning environments for all children under statutory school age of Armoy Village and its surrounding environs in County Antrim 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 the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and in 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;

(b) to support the vision and values of Early Years- the organisation for young children;

(c) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

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3. Chairpersons Report November 2023

I'm going to give an update on playgroup business for the academic year of 2022/23, Aine will provide an overview of the financial report, then Margaret will kindly give us the leader report.

The year 2022-2023 can be best described as one of continuous success. Enrolment of children was high, and has contributed to a healthy financial position. This year we started at our maximum intake with 24 students, so this healthy financial position is expected to continue. Unfortunately, two children left the setting for logistical reasons but we gained one after Easter, this doesn't significantly impact our financial situation which remained positive.

I am pleased to announce we had a successful Social Services and Early Years inspection for the last academic year, our inspection with the Early Years is this week for 2023-2024 period however, all actions from the previous Inspection are closed and we are as ready as we can be. Social Services Inspection has been completed and we passed, the only observation we received was regarding drop off and pick up. So I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind Parents again that children must be dropped off and collected from a member of staff at the door. This is to ensure your child's safety so please make every effort to ensure you comply with this. The staff and committee will continue to ensure the playgroup offer the highest quality of service possible.

We as a committee have had yet another busy year with a number of achievements met.

As mentioned in last year's AGM, as we are charity now a number of grants/schemers are available to us and we were successful in securing a number of them. Namely the Pathway Grant, which we secured a significant amount of funding however, as Early Years had lost their core government provided budget for this year (2023/24), this has since been lost due to a non-functioning Executive. I sent many letters to the NIO and the secretary of State to be told basically that, if the executive would reform we would get our money. As frustrating as it is, it was out of hands. However, the portion of funding that we were able to secure last year meant we were able to provide our afternoon pre pre sessions for free and provide

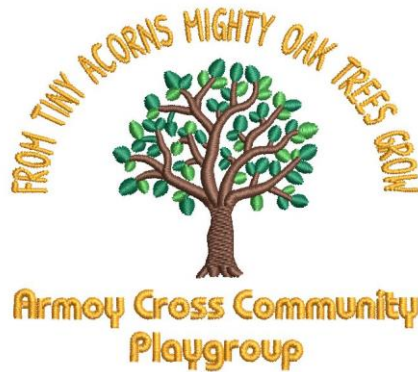
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each child that attended a jumper free of charge. Of the £15,000 we had initially been awarded, we only received just over £3000.

Speaking of Jumpers, we also replaced the old design with our new motif and introduced a new colour! We hope you love them!

As I previously mentioned the large uptake of EA funded places this year and last year, has had a positive impact on the finances of the playgroup. I would like to mention the magnificent support the playgroup has had from families and friends in the past. As an organisation we are still heavily reliant on the financial support of our local community to maintain the level of service required in the area. In saying that, given the cost-of-living crisis and the number of grants we were able to apply for last year, we felt it was inappropriate to ask for donations after the very generous year before. So myself and Margaret looked into what local community funding was available and we were lucky enough to be selected as part of the Co-op Local Community Fund. This meant that for every £1 that a Coop members spent on Coop brands 1p goes toward the chosen local organisations. So the Playgroup received £1425.75! Which is fantastic news I'm sure you can all agree.

We are planning to hold a Winter and Summer fundraising event which we envisage proceeds will go towards the woodland area, we will keep you all informed and ask for your continued support throughout the year.

Before I finish, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the committee for their support and hard work throughout the year. Aine and Mary, are stepping down this year so I would like to take the opportunity to thank them both for their support and work they provided during their tenures as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Thank you both!

I would also like to thank the parents, friends and family members of the children for supporting the playgroup throughout the year. Finally, a word of appreciation for our wonderful permanent staff members, Margaret, Sarah, and Laura who work with the children on a daily basis, and whose hard work and dedicated service ensures that many local children continue to benefit from the service the playgroup provides.

Overall, I think the progress we have made throughout the year has been amazing and if you are all content, I am more than happy to keep representing the setting in the role of chair.

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4. Financial Review

See separate report for details of groups Finances.

5. List of Trustees for 2022-2023

Name	
Jillian Squires	Chairperson
Aine Cassley	Treasurer
Mary Cassley	Secretary
Kelly McLaughlin	Committee Member
Kathryn Henry	Committee Member

X *Jillian Squires* X 07/10/2024

 Jillian Squires Date
 Chairperson

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Armoy Cross Community Playgroup

I have carried out an independent examination of Armoy Cross Community Playgroup for the year ended 30th September 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 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 Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

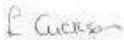
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and an examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission NI under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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 cause to believe:

- 1 That 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed 1 to 4 above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission NI I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Laureen Cuckson

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9th October 2024

Date