

Ladybird Playgroup
Annual Report and Accounts
for the Year
to 31 July 2024



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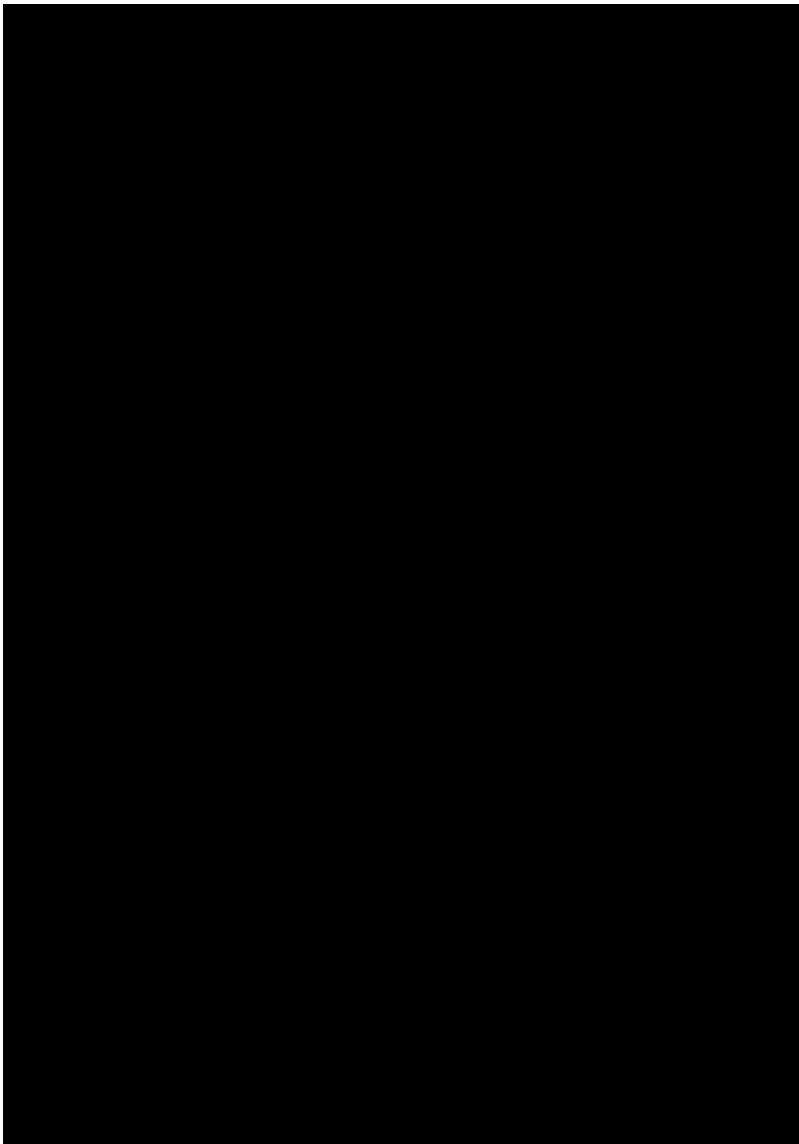
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**Ladybird Playgroup
Reference & Administrative Information
For the Year Ended 31 July 2024**



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Annual Report of the Trustees

The Trustees of Ladybird Playgroup are pleased to present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

Ladybird Playgroup is a Scottish charity governed by its Constitution and recognised a a Scottish charity since 5 March 1979.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Office Bearers are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The names of those who served as trustees during the year and other reference and administrative information are shown on page 2.

Objectives,

The aim of the playgroup is to promote the aim of the Scottish Pre-School Playgroups association, which is to advance the education of pre-school children so that they may take a constructive place in the community and also the education of their parents, and in furtherance of that aim,

- (a) to provide safe and satisfying group play in which parents take part when appropriate;
- (b) to encourage other charitable activities through which parents may help the children

Activities & Achievements

Starting back in August 2023, we were almost at full capacity from the outset. The continuation of children within our setting, enabled great continuity of learning for the children and further development opportunities for the staff to cement bonds and progress learning with the children.

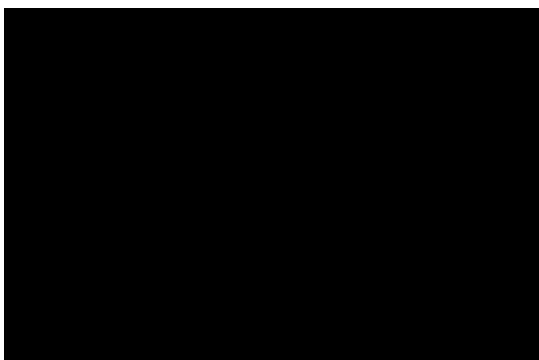
The playgroup are continuing to utilize our foods partners, Co-op, Asda, Greggs, Lidl and KFC to provide produce for our larder. We also share excess foods on occasion with the community group Helping Hands and Hayshead community Larder. We continue to offer a breakfast option as well as snack for our children utilizing as much as possible from the food donations we collect. We continue to educate the children on "where our food comes from" growing a wide assortment of fruit and vegetables in both our polytunnel and garden vegetable beds

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Activities & Achievements (continued)

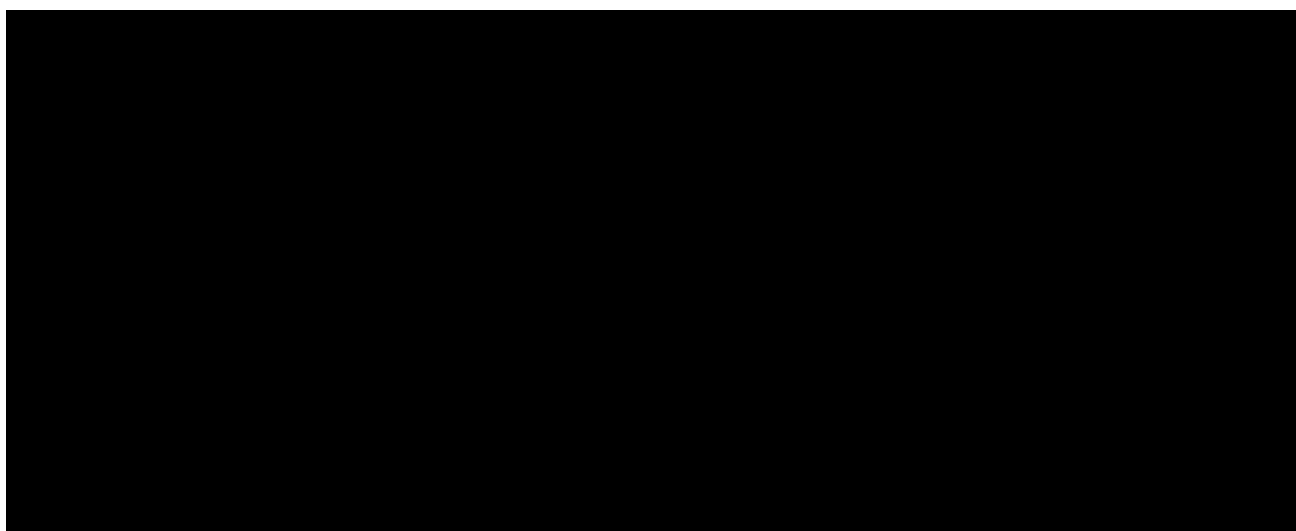
Our successes this year were radish, peas, sweetcorn, broccoli, melon, spring onion, tomatoes, potatoes, cucumber and carrots. Utilizing cooking on our firepit the children helped prepare some homegrown veg for soup, picked wild brambles from our garden to make firepit pancakes and campfire bread cooked, twisted onto sticks. The children all love the firepit activities.



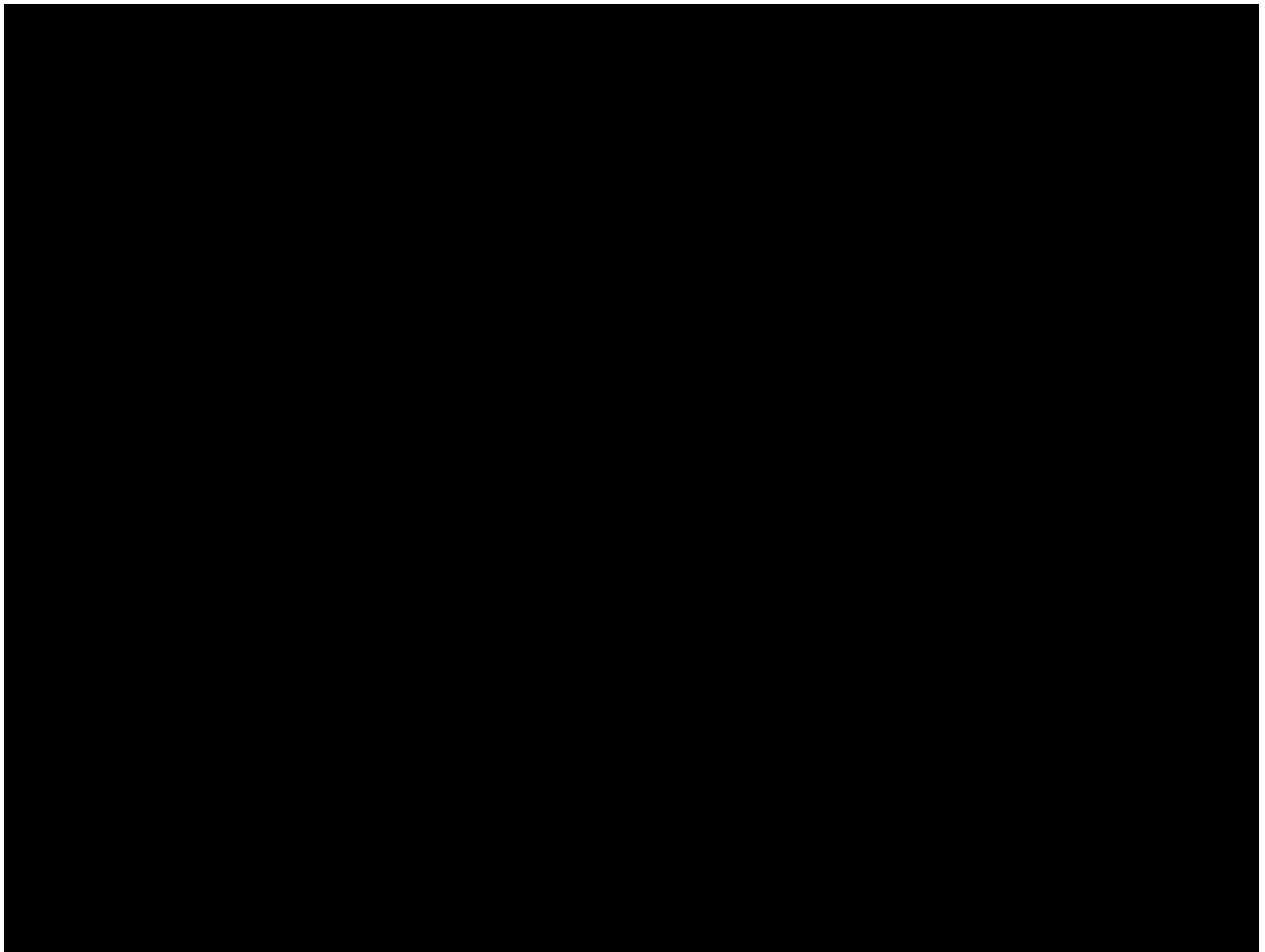
We welcomed our littlest ladybird member Archie in August 2023, a baby boy for our team member Laura and her partner Kyle. Allison Richardson was promoted to manager following her successful application following a period of stepping into the role. Two EYP's, Sarah and Chelsea were successful in their application to take on a more senior role to support Allison.

Our AGM was held on the 1st November 2023 in the playgroup setting and it was a good opportunity to meet the parents, our committee office bearers remained the same, providing the playgroup with great continuity. We decided not to increase our fee's this year after an increase last year. The availability of optional Ladybird uniform of T Shirts and Fleece hoodies with the ladybird logo made up, are continuing to be popular with parents purchasing at a cost of £6.00 and £14.00, sold at cost to the parents.

Fundraising totalled £4,418 and activities included A Teddy Toddle and picnic raising £1,373, Photo shoot commission of £70, Cauliflower cards commission £42, Christmas raffle raising £540.50, an Easter chocolate raffle raising £184.00, Football cards £200.00, and the Sponsored Wheelie raising £1,585,.

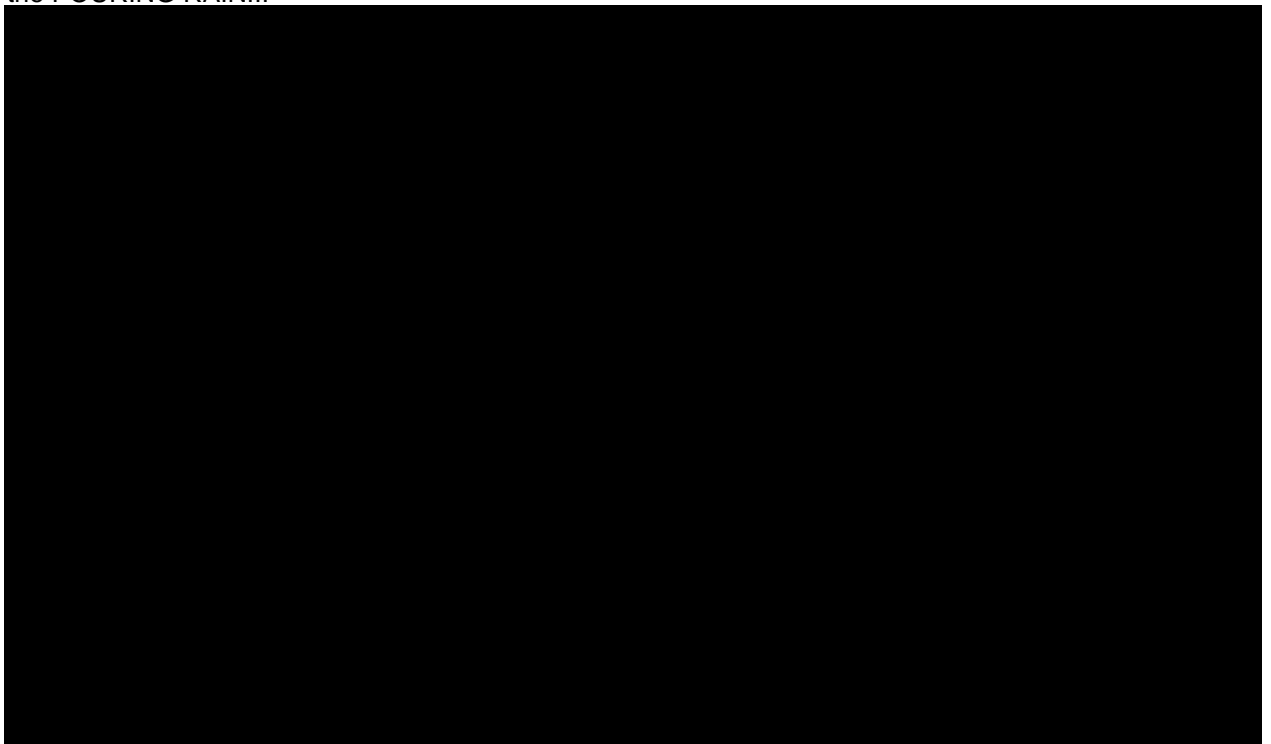


Funding grants from neighbourly for £500.00 to purchase a healthy meal bag for each family, allowing for participation in cooking a one pot chicken alfredo pasta dish, and a soup bag with all the ingredients provided for each child.



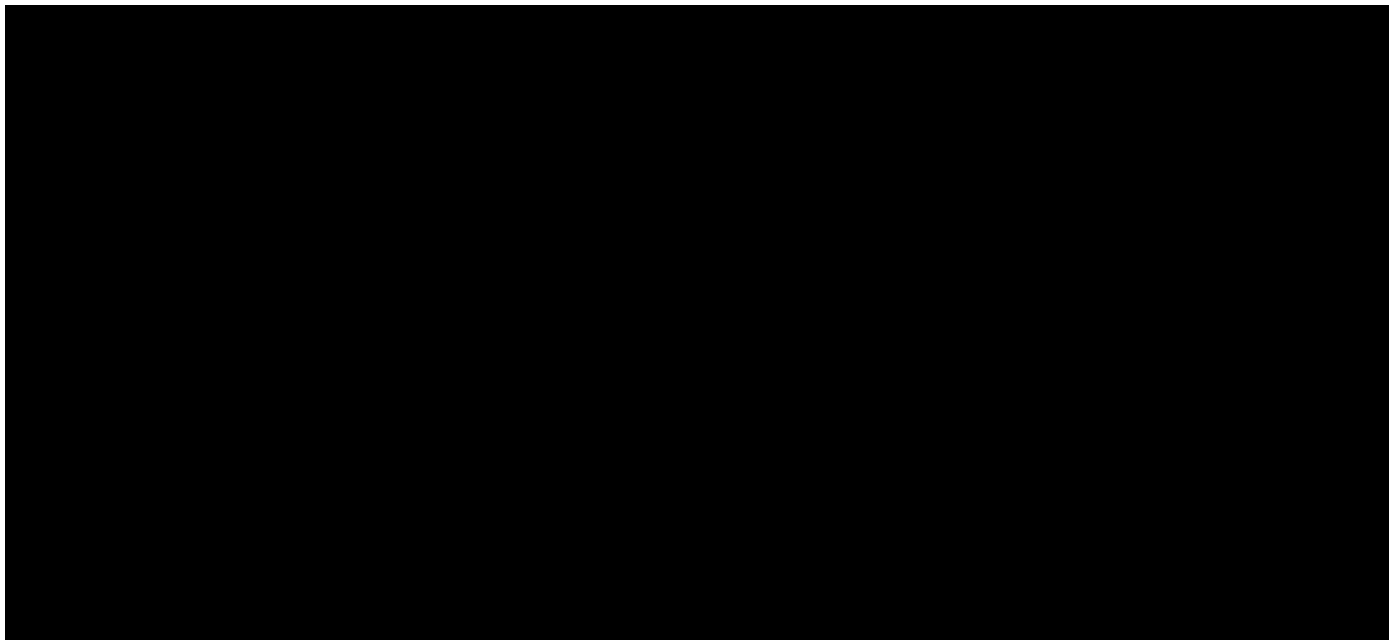
A donation of £250.00 from our local co-op allowed for the purchase of garden equipment and a grant from neighbourly to replace our outdoor sandpit allowed for a multi functional boat to be purchased.

November and December were busy with various events, a sponsored teddy toddle for all the children in the POURING RAIN!!!



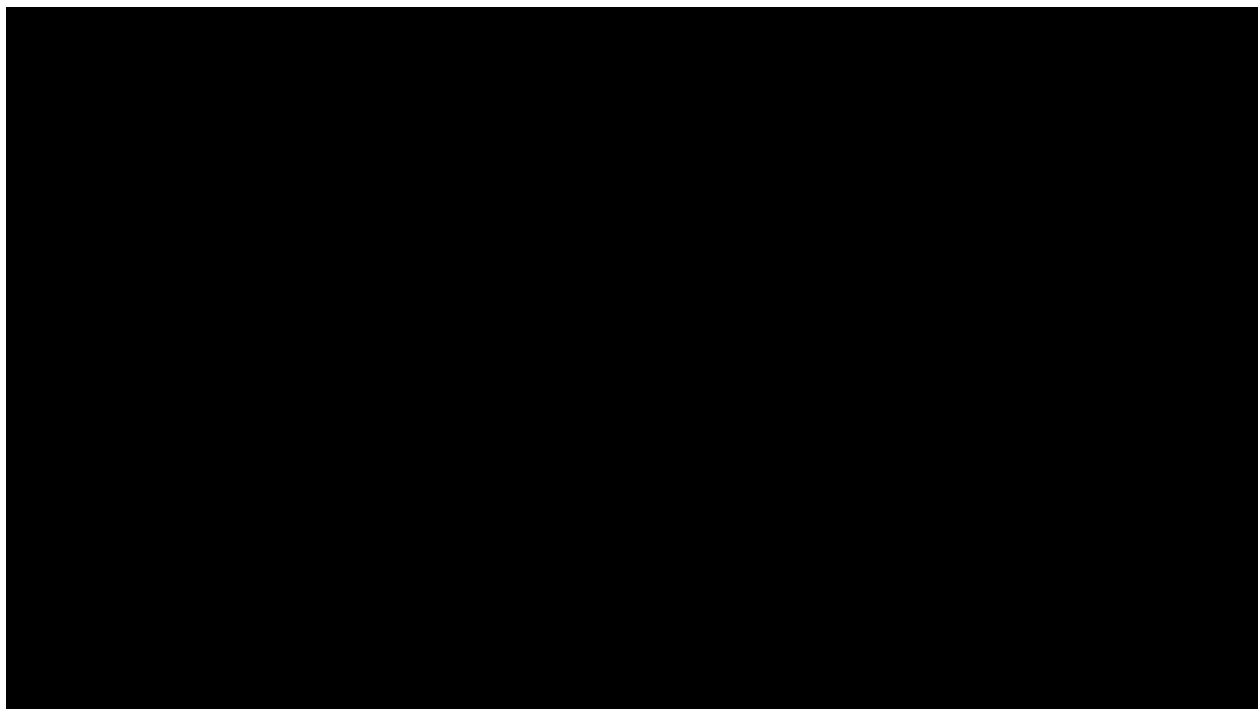
Followed by a teddybear picnic on our return from our adventures. A Christmas themed photoshoot by a local photographer, the children making Christmas pictures which were turned into Christmas cards, gift tags and mugs, and some contributions from our parents of toys and gifts to the Christmas Appeal for Angus Toy Appeal.

A visit to the local panto to see "Freezin", (Oh no you didn't) with all children and an accompanying adult was a great event to bring us to our end of the year with a Christmas party, complete with, bouncy castle, ball pit and a visit from Santa (he is real) to deliver gifts and a selection box for all the children.



The staff had a small celebration lunch following the Christmas party which was a nice opportunity to bring 2023 to a close.

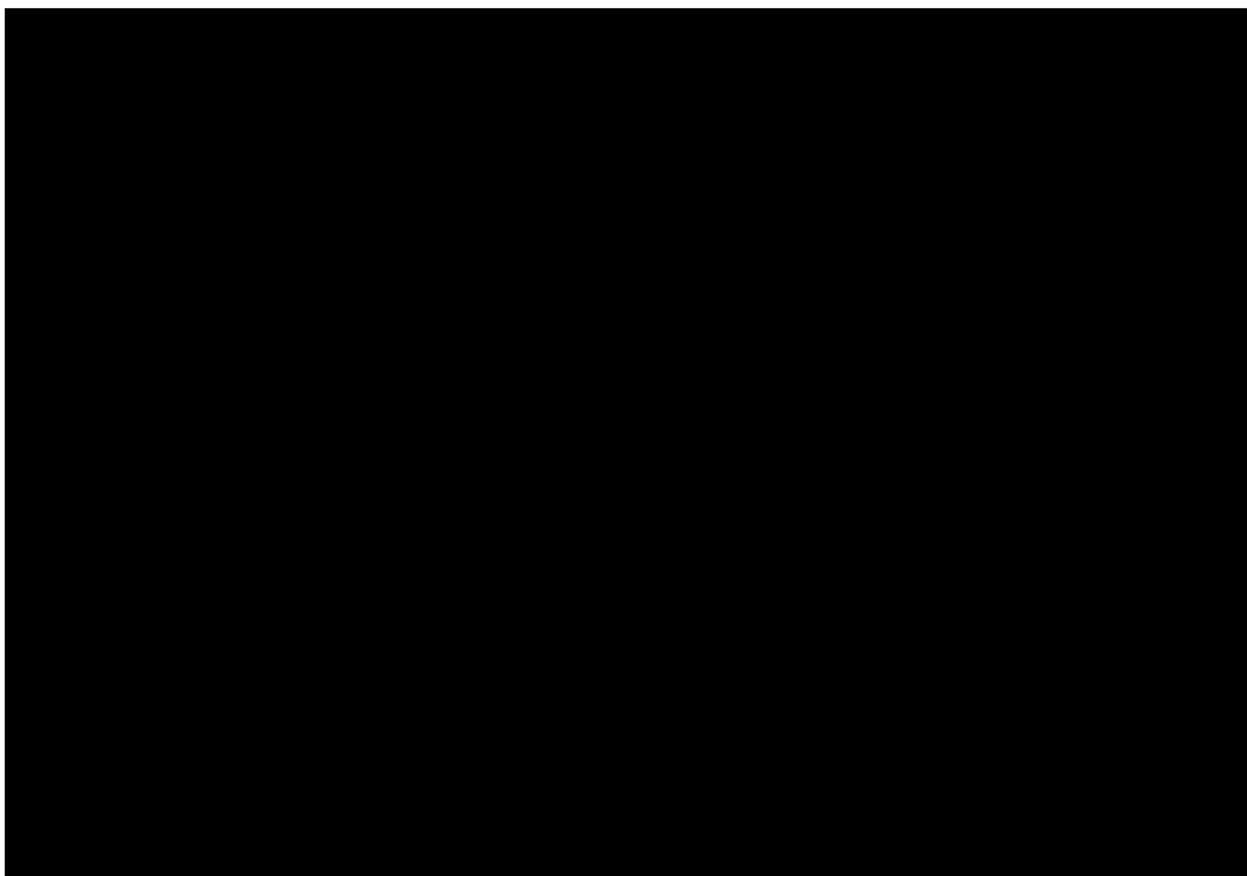
2024 brought a wealth of experiences and events for the children, an Easter raffle brought in some fundraising and we provided all the children with an easter egg partially donated by local supermarkets community funds.



A sponsored wheelie which allowed the children to bring, bikes, scooters, prams and anything else with wheels to complete numerous circuits of a course was a great activity enjoyed by all. The summer trip allowed for all children and an accompanying adult to board two coaches to take us for a day trip to the

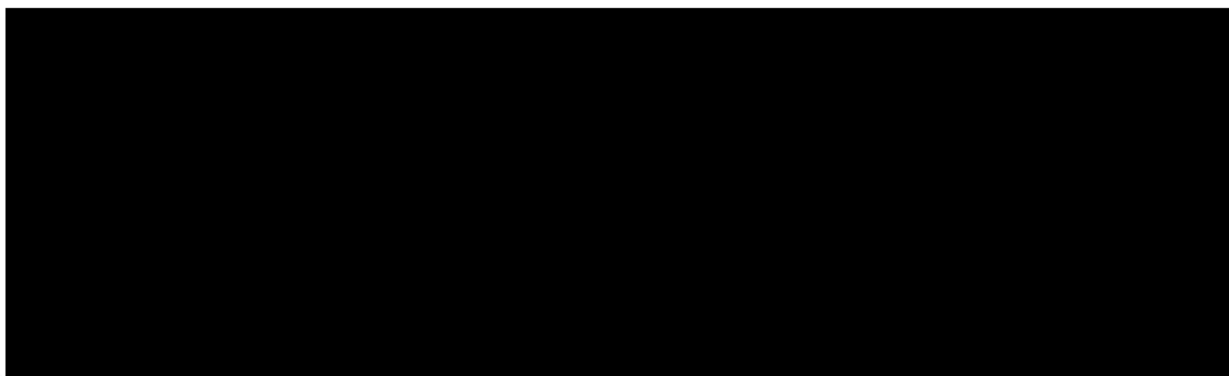
Scottish Deer Centre in Fife, a great day with deer, brown bears, birds of prey, and otters to name a few, a huge activity barn and outdoor activities to enjoy the day in the sunshine.

End of term allowed for an activities/fun week.



A visit to Jumpin Joeys, a local soft play centre followed by lunch for all at McDonalds, a real treat and an afternoon at the playpark. The week followed with a bouncy castle and fun day in the playgroup garden, a waterfight day followed by a visit from the local ice cream van, where all children waited patiently in turn to choose a treat of choice.

The final day of term 2024 was our graduation for 14 children moving onto settings new, an emotional day for all. Staff enjoyed closing out the school year with lunch.



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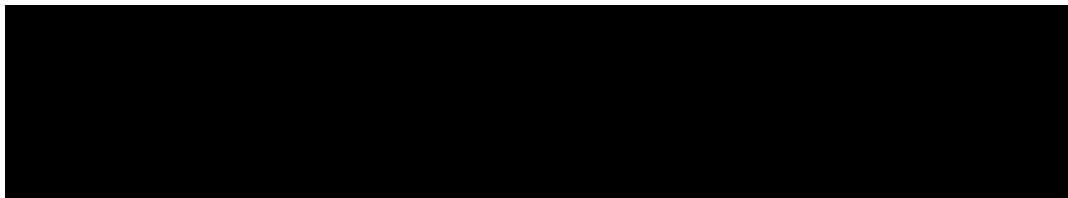
Financial Review

There were net payments of £5,105 over the year. Details of receipts and payments during the year are shown on page 10. Funds of £51,056, consisting of £358 restricted funds and £50,698 unrestricted funds, are carried forward at the end of the year as shown in the statement of balances on page 11.

Reserves Policy

The trustees reserves policy is to use any reserves to further the objects of the organisation. The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and planning of the charity.

**Approved by the trustees on 29 April 2025
and signed on their behalf by**



Report of the Independent Examiner To the Trustees of Ladybird Playgroup

I report on the accounts of Ladybird Playgroup (the charity) for the year ended 31 July 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of the charity, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement


In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 29 April 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 July 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts:					
Fee income		193,171	-	193,171	188,001
Grants	4	-	780	780	-
Donations	5	250	-	250	455
Fundraising	6	4,418	-	4,418	5,071
Other charitable income	7	366	-	366	234
Bank interest		336	-	336	75
Total Receipts in year		198,541	780	199,321	193,836
Payments:					
Fundraising expenses					
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	-
Charitable activity					
Staff costs		185,703	-	185,703	161,792
Events & activities		5,665	-	5,665	4,872
Garden Development		-	-	-	9,086
Snack		2,779	113	2,892	2,351
Insurance		712	-	712	671
Subscriptions		1,322	-	1,322	1,555
Stationery & postage		241	-	241	977
Equipment		2,488	70	2,558	2,915
Resources & craft		2,057	-	2,057	3,289
Uniform & clothing		1,427	-	1,427	481
Training		153	-	153	82
Travel		205	-	205	158
Cleaning		265	-	265	483
Utilities		625	-	625	595
Misc		162	239	401	88
Governance					
Independent examiner's fee		200	-	200	200
Total Payments in year		204,004	422	204,426	189,595
Net (payments) / receipts in year		(5,463)	358	(5,105)	4,241

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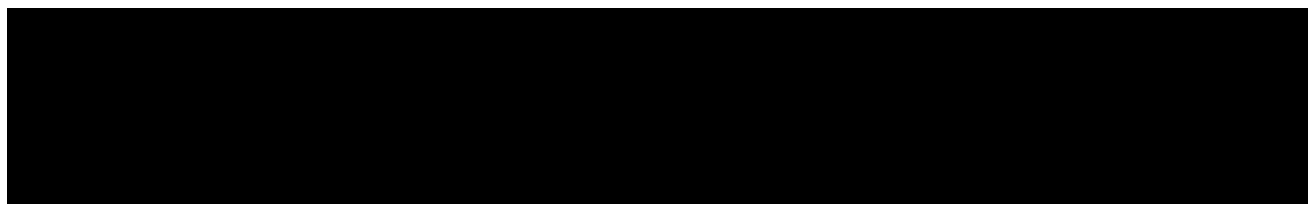
Statement of Balances at 31 July 2024

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Funds Reconciliation:				
Funds brought forward at 1 August 2023	56,161	-	56,161	51,920
Net (payments) / receipts in year	(5,463)	358	(5,105)	4,241
Funds carried forward at 31 July 2024	50,698	358	51,056	56,161

Bank & Cash Balances:	£	£	£	£
Bank account	22,287	358	22,645	38,076
Savings accounts	28,411		28,411	18,075
Petty cash	-	-	-	10
Bank & cash balances at 31 July 2024	50,698	358	51,056	56,161

Other Assets (estimated value)	2024 £	2023 £
Buggy Bus 6 seater	621	932
Ipad x 4	511	766
Printer	96	145
Ipad x 2	358	478
Freeezer	-	169
Anti slip decking strips	480	540
Garden bench & picnic table	424	477
Laptop	424	-
washing machine	554	-
Fridge Freezer	240	-
Fridge	124	-
	3,832	3,507

The accounts on pages 10 to 13 were approved by the Trustees on 29 April 2025
and are signed on their behalf by:



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For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in furtherance of any of the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. An unrestricted 'general' fund is maintained for the day to day operations of the Society.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

3. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to trustees during the year and no expenses were reimbursed to them.

4. Grants

	2024	2023
	£	£
Neighbourly Food Fund	500	-
Neighbourly Garden grant	280	-
	<u>780</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Donations

	£	£
Co-op Community Fund	250	300
Arbroath litter pickers	-	100
Other donations	-	55
	<u>250</u>	<u>455</u>

6. Fundraising

	£	£
Teddy Toddle	1,373	2,186
Wheelie	1,585	-
Sponsorships	410	-
Bonus Ball	200	689
Raffles	717	421
Cauliflower cards	42	73
Calendars	21	61
Photoshoot	70	-
Spookie Night	-	779
Bingo	-	761
Sweetie cones	-	56
Amazon Smile	-	45
	<u>4,418</u>	<u>5,071</u>

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7. Other charitable income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hoodies & T-shirt sales	<u>366</u>	<u>234</u>
	<u>366</u>	<u>234</u>

8. Staffing

	No.	No.
Head count basis	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

9 Movement in Funds

	<u>At 1/8/23</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expend</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31/7/24</u>
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Neighbourly Food Fund	-	500	(352)	-	148
Neighbourly Garden grant	-	280	(70)	-	210
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>(422)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>358</u>
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General fund	<u>56,161</u>	<u>198,541</u>	<u>(204,004)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,698</u>
<i>Total funds</i>	<u>56,161</u>	<u>199,321</u>	<u>(204,426)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,056</u>