

Blackhall Playgroup

Scotland · Charity number SC011212

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1981-01-21
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address
Blackhall Playgroup
St Columba's Church
Columba Road
Edinburgh
EH4 3QU

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: The purpose of the charity is to provide community based early learning and childcare with the emphasis on learning through play. The aim of the group is to support children's wellbeing, communication, curiosity, inquiry and creativity.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: The aim of the playgroup is to promote the aim of the Scottish Pre-School Play 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 other adults, children and teenagers, and in the 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.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£0	£0	-	3
2025-03-31	£45,920	£47,819	-	3
2024-03-31	£45,584	£45,954	-	4
2023-03-31	£41,279	£45,257	-	5
2022-03-31	£44,260	£60,829	-	3
2021-03-31	£73,290	£50,116	-	3

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Accounts

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Scottish Charity Number SC011212
Annual Report Year ended 31 March 2025

Constitution and Purpose

The founding document, dated May 1980, as updated in 2025 is constituted in terms of the guidelines from Early Years Scotland.

The purpose of the charity is to provide community based early learning and childcare with the emphasis on learning through play. The aim of the group is to support children's wellbeing, communication, curiosity, inquiry and creativity.

In furtherance of the above aims the group shall seek:

- (a) to provide a safe and healthy environment
- (b) to encourage parents to be involved in the group and community and work with staff to support their child's learning through play.

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the constitution at the AGM or by secondment.

Reserves Policy

The desired reserves are an average of 3 months annual expenditure. This would be seen as an appropriate level in order to cover staff salaries and any other expenditure.

Activities and Achievements

Blackhall Playgroup continues to be an important part of the community, and during the year has provided many children with a wide range of play experiences to support and develop their early years learning, social skills and health and wellbeing.

Staff have continued to fulfill their duties to their SSSC registration and have kept up to date with policies with the next update of their mandatory paediatric First Aid training to be undertaken in January 2025.

Blackhall Playgroup continues to be enrolled in The Scottish Government Healthy Fruit and Milk scheme to enable all children to receive milk and fruit daily.

Playgroup registration numbers continue to flux. Due to parent feedback and success, the later Wednesday finish has continued. The later finish has been rolled out to the rest of the week. Increased hours until 12noon continues Monday to Friday from Easter 2024. Due to low intake on a Friday, Playgroup closed Friday sessions from

October 2024, so sessions continue Monday to Thursday 9am-12 noon. Fees and Staff pay reviewed as per annual review April 2024.

Blackhall Playgroup has continued to run, support children and families, and have a strong staff team that have worked together, to keep Playgroup an essential and positive part of the community.

We continue to be a member of Early Years Scotland, and access their support when required for staff recruitment, policy writing, CPL and keeping up to date with developments, guidelines and documents within the early years and education sector.

As a group that runs from community halls run by St Columba's Church, our relationship with the church has gone from strength to strength, engaging regularly with our Link Church Elder representative and updating them on fundraising activities and events. In December 2024, the children of Playgroup took part in the Church's annual Christmas tree event. They made decorations and decorated their own tree in the church celebration.

The financial support from North Edinburgh during FY23-24 and received in FY24-25 was used to create a safe garden space with local company Almond Landscaping. The aim of the landscaping was to create a secure space for the children to use on a daily basis. The space is also used by local groups using the church. This assures that we are meeting with the Care Inspectorate requirements and providing a fun and engaging space for the children to enjoy. The children were engaged to tell the staff their opinions about what they wanted to have in the garden and equipment such as a mud kitchen, messy tray, a little bench, storage bench, bird feeder, mirrors, bug hotel and planters for bulbs and flowers were bought.

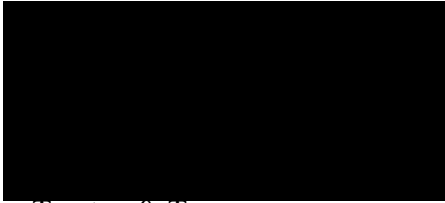
Our committee (parent rep) continues to run an active parents WhatsApp group. As well as the WhatsApp group allowing our parent rep to communicate with parents for playgroup news and events, it also provides a way for parents to ask each other questions, arrange social meet ups, and seek advice and share parenting issues.

The Parent Committee hosted several successful fundraising events; The first was a baking, books and toys sale for Halloween 2024, where Playgroup families, church members and other early years groups were invited to purchase good quality second hand toy and book donation and baking donated by the committee and playgroup families. The second was a children's Christmas Ceilidh in December 2024, hosted by Ceilidh Kids, a local dance company where Playgroup children and families were invited to a ticketed event in the Playgroup play room where tea/coffee/refreshments were available for all attendees. Baking was also on sale after this. The feedback for this event was extremely positive and families enjoyed the dancing and the chance to socialise with other families.

In December, there was 'wear a Christmas jumper' fundraiser for the children to wear to playgroup.

The last fundraiser for this financial year was a raffle, alongside the Blackhall Nursery, with money from the sale of raffle tickets being evenly split between the Nursery and Playgroup.

Approved by the Trustees on 22/12/2025 and signed on its behalf by;



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Trustee & Treasurer

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Receipts & Payments Account
Year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts	2025	2024
Fees	39,213.18	39,706.14
Donations	168.00	-
Fundraising	821.26	3,737.00
Grant	5200.00	-
Job Retention Scheme	-	-
CEC Healthy Snack	500.52	2,141.76
Total Receipts	<u>45,902.96</u> =====	<u>45,548.90</u> =====
Payments		
Staff Wages (including HMRC Payments)	35,195.49	36,146.44
Staff Training	420.00	18.00
Hall Rental	5808.30	6,092.40
Other Administration (+ Website)	743.10	557.71
Petty Cash	600.00	1,900.00
Resources / Social Events (+fundraising expenditure)	142.71	314.20
Insurance	633.01	488.85
Care Inspectorate Fee	17.00	17.00
Payroll Accountant	424.00	420.00
CEC Healthy Snack	-	-
(*expenditure included in petty cash)		
Grant repayments	2956.20	-
Pensions	565.95	-
HMRC	313.62	-
Total Payments	<u>47,819.38</u> =====	<u>45,954.60</u> =====

Deficit	(1,916.42)	(369.70)
Reserves B/F	11,423.42	11,793.12
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Reserves C/F	9,507.00	11,423.42
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Statement of Balances
Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025.	2024.
Cash and bank as at 31st March 2025	9,507.00	11,423.42
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Reserves (unrestricted) as at 31st March 2025	9,507.00	11,423.42
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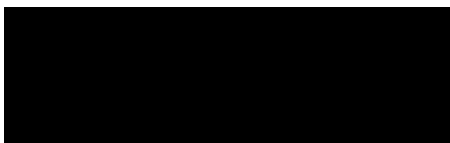
Other Assets

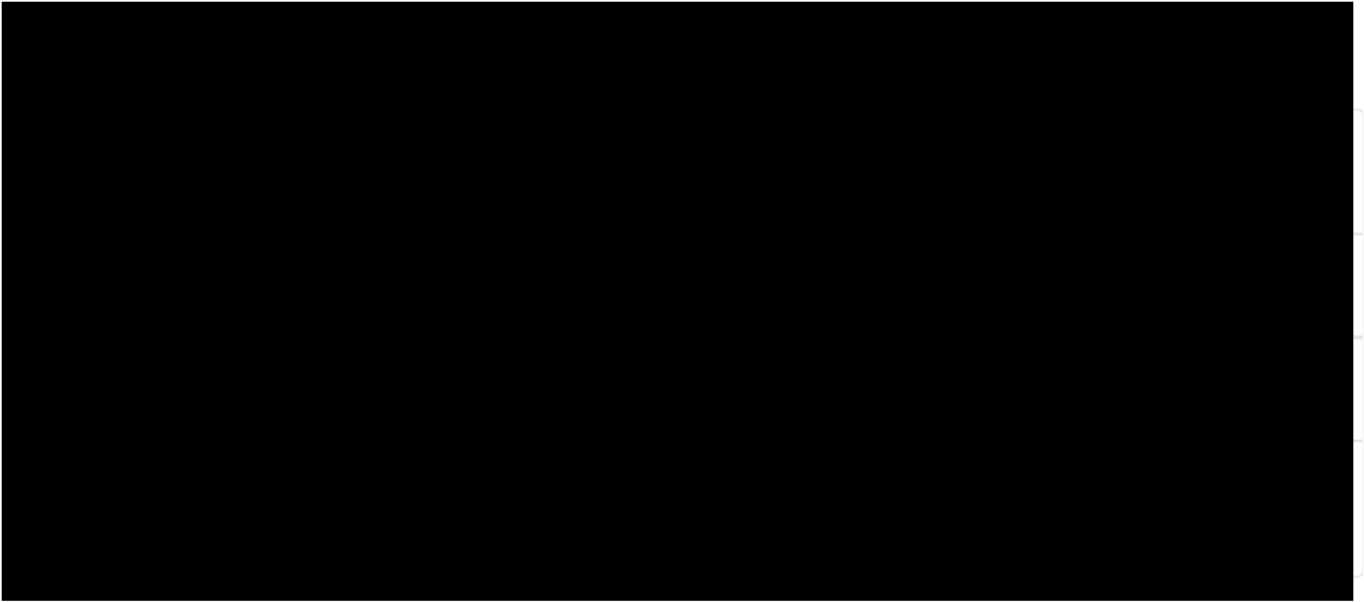
None

Liabilities

NIL

Approved by the Management Committee on 22/12/2025 and signed on its behalf





BLACKHALL PLAYGROUP														Accounts
Accounts Year	2024-2025													2024-2025
INCOME	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Total	
Playgroup Fees	8,698.73	3,410.35	1,017.00	322.05	4,281.65	2,243.60	1,833.99	6,386.76	61.02	9,706.61	158.94	447.48	38,568.18	
Edinburgh Council	5,000.00												5,000.00	
CEC Healthy Snack	500.52												500.52	
Bank Deposit (cash fees)					500.00					145.00			645.00	
Fund-raising			365.00				221.04		235.22				821.26	
Early Years Scotland													-	
Blackhall sports committee			200.00										200.00	
Training Refund											168.00		168.00	
													-	
TOTAL	14,199.25	3,410.35	1,582.00	322.05	4,781.65	2,243.60	2,055.03	6,386.76	296.24	9,851.61	326.94	447.48	45,902.96	
EXPENDITURE														
Staff	Wages	3,069.45	3,069.45	3,058.01	3,069.45	3,069.45	3,349.12	3,265.56	2,649.00	2,649.00	2,649.00	2,649.00	2,649.00	35,195.49
	HMRC				313.62									313.62
	Training									420.00				420.00
Insurance		546.75		86.26										633.01
Care Inspectorate Fee			17.00											17.00
Payroll Accountant				33.00	193.00		66.00	33.00	33.00		66.00			424.00
Hall Rental			1,560.00			2,496.25							1,752.05	5,808.30
Petty Cash/expenses								300.00						600.00
Pensions										226.38	226.38	113.19		565.95
Other	Independent Examiner Gift													-
	Go Daddy Fee Refund		40.10											40.10
	Sports committee money website	348.00												-
	Ceilidh Kids									35.00				35.00
	Early Years Scotland						150.00							150.00
	Fundraising expenditure									100.00				100.00
	Mobile Phone Package										10.00	60.00		70.00
Garden work		1,108.20						1,848.00						2,956.20
Resources									30.00				112.71	142.71
CEC Healthy Snack														-
Grants														-
Edinburgh Council														-
Adapt and Thrive														-
														-
TOTAL	5,072.40	3,126.55	4,737.27	3,576.07	3,069.45	5,911.37	5,596.56	2,682.00	2,714.00	3,461.38	3,185.38	4,686.95	47,819.38	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	9,126.85	283.80	(3,155.27)	(3,254.02)	1,712.20	-3667.77	(3,541.53)	3,704.76	(2,417.76)	6,390.23	(2,858.44)	(4,239.47)	(1,916.42)	
Cash at Bank														
Bank Bfwd	11,423.42	20,550.27	20,834.07	17,678.80	14,424.78	16,136.98	12,469.21	8,927.68	12,632.44	10,214.68	16,604.91	13,746.47		
Net Income/(Expenditure)	9,126.85	283.80	(3,155.27)	(3,254.02)	1,712.20	-3667.77	(3,541.53)	3,704.76	(2,417.76)	6,390.23	(2,858.44)	(4,239.47)	(1,916.42)	
	20,550.27	20,834.07	17,678.80	14,424.78	16,136.98	12,469.21	8,927.68	12,632.44	10,214.68	16,604.91	13,746.47	9,507.00	(1,916.42)	

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Independent Examiner's report
Year ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Suggested format

I report on the financial statements of Blackhall Playgroup for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on previous pages of this document.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("the Regulation"). The Group Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44 (1)(e) 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 the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seek 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

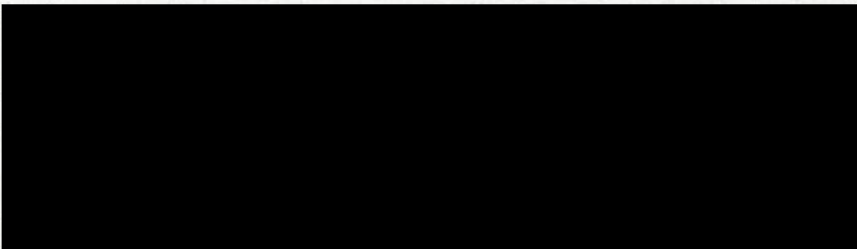
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with the Regulations, and

(b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the 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: *23rd December 2025*