

# Balgreen Out Of School Care Club (The Squirrel Club)

Scotland · Charity number SC022016

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1993-09-27
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address	c/o Balgreen Primary School 171 Balgreen Road Edinburgh Scotland EH11 3AT
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## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of education', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

**What the charity does:** We are an after school and holiday club. We offer childcare to families that have children at Balgreen Primary during term time, and for all families across the city during holiday periods. We are very aware of informing all of our families of the discounts and supports for childcare costs and share this with them.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Children or young people'

**Objectives:** The aims of Balgreen Out Of School Care Club shall be: (a) to promote the care and education of children in need of care during out of school hours and school holidays. and (b) to promote the provision of facilities for the recreation and other leisure time occupation of such children in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life.

## Geography

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£79,612	£91,018	-	5
2024-03-31	£78,331	£88,304	-	6
2023-03-31	£78,514	£78,454	-	6
2022-03-31	£77,140	£76,642	-	6
2021-03-31	£74,002	£80,059	-	6

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# Accounts

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SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC022016

**BALGREEN OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUB**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

JOHNSTON SMILLIE LTD  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
5 South Gyle Crescent Lane  
Edinburgh  
EH12 9EG

**BALGREEN OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUB**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**Reference and administration details**

Charity name Balgreen Out of School Care Club  
(also known as The Squirrel Club)

Registered charity number SC022016

Charity address c/o Balgreen Primary School  
171 Balgreen Road  
Edinburgh  
EH11 3AT

Charity Trustees [Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
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**Structure, Governance and Management**

Balgreen Out of School Care Club is a recognised unincorporated Scottish charity (charity number SC022016). The operation of the charity is governed by its Constitution.

The management committee are the charity's trustees. Membership of the Club is open to all parents, carers, or guardians of children registered to use the club. New Trustees are appointed and trained by the existing trustees.

All staff are required to have a PVG check, to register with SSSC and have the required childcare qualification. All staff have training in first aid, child protection and food hygiene and are required to do additional training courses to meet the requirements of the SSSC and their continuous personal development.

**Objectives and activities**

*Charitable purpose*

To promote the care and education of children in need of care during out of school hours and school holidays; and to promote the provision of facilities for the recreation and other leisure time occupation of such children in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life.

## **BALGREEN OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUB**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (cont) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Objectives and activities (cont)**

##### *Activities*

The charity provides after school and holiday clubs, based at the school. Activities are provided to stimulate the children, encouraging their development in a safe and caring environment. Arts and crafts are provided, and children can also choose from a wide range of games and equipment. Free play opportunities are readily available for the children as there is no pressure for them to take part in any of the planned activities.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The club saw a change in how we delivered our AGM to our parents/carers, and how we presented our children's AGM. We used a more child led approach with asking the children for their views, and we held a less formal and more relaxed approach to the AGM evening. We had a great turnout for this event and feedback was positive from both the children, parents/carers, and the staff.

To help us reflect on our practice, share ideas, and communicate effectively, we continue to have monthly staff and quarterly Care Plan meetings to discuss how best we support our children with additional support needs. We then share this information and any new strategies with their parents/carers and offer them to respond.

We opened the club during the summer holidays and put together a really fun packed programme with a range of activities such as trips out, themed days, cultural celebrations, arts and crafts, loose parts play, and an end of summer party. We worked hard at putting together a really fun programme and this was well received by the children, parents/carers, and staff. We saw quite a number of children attending the club that are not pupils at Balgreen Primary School as word of mouth about our club had reached other parents/carers out with the area and they were keen to book their children in with us, which makes us feel proud of our approach and what we offer at our setting.

We had a large intake of new Primary 1 children start with us in August which was great as we experienced a much smaller intake the year before due to covid. We were invited to an event at the school which helped us to network, meet new parents, and provide much needed information. We will continue to attend this event in the future. The club was operating at roughly half capacity, but our numbers have increased.

We saw a change in staffing over this last year with some staff leaving us and new staff joining us. It has been a really good transition with the new staff settling in nicely. It definitely made things easier and more manageable especially as our numbers increased.

#### **Financial Review and Reserves Policy**

The accounts for 2024/25 show a healthy reserves balance of £8,491 (2024: £19,897). The reserves are maintained as a contingency for unforeseen fluctuations in receipts. The club has a policy to maintain sufficient reserves equivalent to 6 months of operating costs, which based on these accounts would be £45,509 which the club is currently working towards.

**BALGREEN OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

**Trustees' Annual Report (cont)  
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above on.....23.01.2026

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

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[Redacted name], Chairperson

Date 23.01.2026

## BALGREEN OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUB

### Statement of Receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2025

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Fees	79,612	79,612	77,331
Other income	-	-	1,000
Total receipts	<b>79,612</b>	<b>79,612</b>	<b>78,331</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Staff costs	78,976	78,976	76,550
Food, material & activities	6,028	6,028	6,939
Insurance	420	420	420
Phone, office, stationery	927	927	908
Professional and accountancy	1,693	1,693	1,933
Independent examination	870	870	870
Subscriptions	422	422	187
Training	437	437	255
Miscellaneous	1,245	1,245	242
Total payments	<b>91,018</b>	<b>91,018</b>	<b>88,304</b>
Net receipts/ (payments)	(11,406)	(11,406)	(9,973)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>	<b>(11,406)</b>	<b>(11,406)</b>	<b>(9,973)</b>

## BALGREEN OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUB

### Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Bank and Cash in hand</b>			
Opening Balances	19,897	19,897	29,870
Surplus/(Deficit)	(11,406)	(11,406)	(9,973)
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Closing balances	8,491	8,491	19,897
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<b>Reserves</b>	8,491	8,491	19,897
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		2025	2024
<b>Liabilities</b>		£	£
Staff costs (including PAYE)		1,653	5,664
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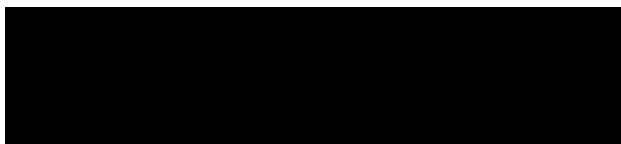
#### Trustee remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year or prior year.

#### Transactions with Trustees and connected persons

All Trustees are connected with the Club by virtue of their children attending the Club however, there are no discounts or special offers made available to them.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Date 23.01.2026

## **BALGREEN OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CLUB**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Balgreen Out of School Care Club (SC022016)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's Trustees 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 as amended. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirements of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts 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 these 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 accounts.

### **Independent examiners 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, as amended, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts regulations as amendedhave 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.

  
  
Relevant Professional Body: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
Johnston Smillie Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
5 South Gyle Crescent Lane  
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Date 04.02.2026.....