

# Polmont Playgroup

Scotland · Charity number SC033693

## Details

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Status	Removed
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2002-10-21
Removed	2025-09-25
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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**Address** Greenpark Community Centre  
Greenpark Drive  
Polmont  
Other (Non US)  
FK2 0PZ

**Website** [www.polmontplaygroup.org](http://www.polmontplaygroup.org)

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It does none of these'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of education'

**What the charity does:** We have been part of the community since being formed in 1972 and has had the legal status of a Scottish Charity since 2002 and a SCIO since Sept 2024. We are considered a Community of Interest and operate via a two-tiered model with active membership. We strive to be the Playgroup of choice in our community, providing an invaluable early years pre-school service, socialising children, ready for nursery or school to create an easier transition. Our Playgroup service offers, on average, 125 places per week, 9.31-11.30am Monday-Friday, term time and is open to all children in our community aged 2 to 4 years. Parents pay monthly fees of £8 per session, which allows our experienced and qualified staff to be on the payroll. We also offer limited funded places to ensure inclusivity.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Children or young people', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

**Objectives:** To promote the aims of Scottish Pre-school Play Association which are to advance the education of pre-school children with the emphasis on play experience so that they may take a constructive place in the community and also to advance the education of their parents and other appropriate persons.

## Geography

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

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31		-	-	-

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# Accounts

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## TREASURERS REPORT 2023-2024

What a year! The SPR has really changed the landscape for Polmont Playgroup. We are now officially a SCIO which protects the Office Bearers and Members further, therefore we are in a position to purchase a building of our own. With that, however, comes additional financial commitments but also the freedom to control our “business” and expand our services at our will.

### Looking back at the year we have raised a total of £31.5k

£235	Santa Shop/Christmas Raffle
£766	Halloween Ghost Hunt
£438	Rag Bag (63% increase on last year)
£53	Easy Fundraising – taken a dive but we have not promoted on FB
£6k	Fun Day (supported by match funding)

### And Donations/Grants from:

£400	Warburtons
£300	ASDA Green Tokens (online)
£5K	M&G
£20k	National Lottery – CAT

We did not receive any direct financial donations from parents, however we have been promoting our Amazon wish list and parents have been very generous purchasing essentials via this route.

Expenses and toy purchases are generally in line with previous years and at a manageable level.

However, our staffing costs were over £6k more (highest ever on record) than our incoming fees at £8 per session – this raises the questions:

- Fees were £4k less than last year, £5k less than the previous year – Do we need to recruit more attendees?
- Do we need to look at our staffing ratio to children and reduce where possible
- Or do we (reluctantly) need to increase our fees again?
  - However, 125 places per week at £8 per session is £1k. Assuming 38 weeks, that equates to £38k therefore £13.6k deficit.

It's looking likely that with a successful CAT application we would move into the new premises in August 2025 – there is a possibility we can move mid-term but I think to have the premises in an ideal state, we should aim for Aug 25.

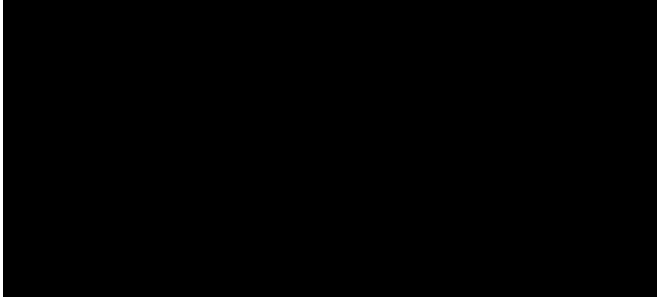
In order to support the CAT process and the renovation works, we will need the support of more Grants/Funding. I have a few lined up but I'd like to empower anyone and everyone to please apply for any funding, big or small, to support the playgroup – I can provide any supporting documents you may require. Also feel free to arrange any fundraising activities to help support us in this venture.



Prepared by:

██████████ – Treasurer

Polmont Playgroup - SC053631 / SC053512



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Date: \_\_\_31/09/2024\_\_\_\_\_

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Receipts and Payments Accounts to 31st July 2024	2024		2023		Difference
	£	£	£	£	£

**RECEIPTS**

Fees & Registration		24,343.00		28,539.00	(4,196.00)
Fundraising	100 Club	68.00		96.00	(28.00)
	Santa Shop	234.50		270.35	(35.85)
	Amazon Smile			125.62	(125.62)
	Halloween Ghost Hunt	766.00		824.55	(58.55)
	Fun Day	5,485.44	703.5		5,485.44
	Easy Fundraising	52.79		50.80	1.99
	Rag bag	437.50		276.80	160.70
	Obstacle Course			1,558.50	(1,558.50)
<b>Total Fundraising</b>		<b>6,340.73</b>		<b>5,314.44</b>	<b>1,026.29</b>
Donations	Neighbourly			555.00	(555.00)
	Donations from parents			270.00	(270.00)
	Warburtons	400			400.00
	National Lottery - Community	19550			19,550.00
	Asda	600	300		600.00
	M&G	4900			4,900.00
<b>Total Donations</b>		<b>25,150.00</b>		<b>825.00</b>	<b>-</b>
Miscellaneous	Petty Cash Change	0			-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>55,833.73</b>		<b>34,678.44</b>	<b>21,155.29</b>

**PAYMENTS**

Payroll	Wages	197.14	29939.74	29056.4	883.34
	HMRC tax		632.45	219.03	413.42
	Disclosure Scotland			-	-
	Insurance & EYS membership		343.52	267.00	76.52
	Night Out			379.69	(379.69)
	Staff Gifts			265.00	(265.00)
Overheads	Greenpark Centre - Let		256.00	414.00	(158.00)
Operating Expenses	Snacks		2,649.74	619.35	2,030.39
	Consumables			304.30	(304.30)
	Mobile Phone			75.39	(75.39)
	HP Instant Ink			38.88	(38.88)
	Time Capsule			92.00	(92.00)
	Sundries			17.38	(17.38)
	Website (One.com)			92.24	(92.24)
	Toys			455.69	(455.69)
	Christmas/Party Gifts			259.48	(259.48)
	Maintenance			221.89	(221.89)
	Uniform			141.96	(141.96)
	100 Club Payout		68.00	48.00	20.00
	Staff Training			194.00	(194.00)
Petty Cash	Banked			-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>			<b>33,692.31</b>	<b>33,161.68</b>	<b>530.63</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>			<b>22,141.42</b>	<b>1,516.76</b>	<b>20,624.66</b>


Accounts approved by Polmont Playgroup Committee and signed on their behalf:



Date: 22.2.2025

# OSCR

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

		<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b>						v2
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	Charity name	Polmont Playgroup						
<b>Registered charity number</b>		SC033693						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>	Period start date			to	Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	01	08	2023		31	07	2024	
<b>Set out on pages</b>	1 and 2						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act 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.</p>							
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>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 accounts.</p>							
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention <del>[other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul>                     have not been met, or                 </li> <li>to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached</li> </ol>							
<b>Signed:</b>								
<b>Name:</b>								
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>								
<b>Address:</b>								