



Strichen Mother and Toddlers

Trustees Annual Report

For the period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025

Charity Contact Information

Charity name: Strichen Mother and Toddlers

Scottish charity number: SCO47940

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Charity Trustees

Names of all the charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in the post for the whole year.

1. [REDACTED] – Chairperson 2023/24 (resigned 06/09/2024)
2. [REDACTED] – Chairperson 2023/24 (resigned 06/09/2024)
3. [REDACTED] – Secretaries 2023/24 (resigned 06/09/2024)
4. [REDACTED] – Treasurer 2023/24 (resigned 06/09/2024)
5. [REDACTED] – Chairperson 2024/25 (appointed 06/09/2024)
6. [REDACTED] – Vice Chairperson 2024/25 (appointed 06/09/2024)
7. [REDACTED] – Secretaries 2024/25 (appointed 06/09/2024)
8. [REDACTED] – Treasurer 2024/25 (appointed 06/09/2024)

Objectives and Activities

Strichen Mother and Toddlers registered as a charity in 2017 after operating as a toddler group for many years prior to this.

The group generally operates twice per week, with school holidays having an exception.

It is the aim of the group to provide a welcoming environment for parents/carers/grandparents to come along and enjoy with the children in their care.

We are a supportive and positive group who are there for one another, whilst also providing the children with a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment to enhance their development.

Strichen Toddlers provides all attendees the chance to socialise with other children and adults in their local area.

We provide the children with opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills and provide a range of resources to aid the children's development.

We also organise regular outings/sessions – for example pottery, bookbug, child smile, singing, inflatable, etc.

During the summer we organise weekly trips to local places – e.g, Fraserburgh beach, Strichen lake, Aden Park – to get out and about and enjoy our local surroundings.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document:

Strichen Mother and Toddlers adheres to the Early Years Scotland constitution for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

The above-mentioned trustees (no. 1-4) were appointed following our Annual General Meeting in August 2023.

The above-mentioned trustees (no. 5-8) were appointed following our Annual General Meeting in September 2024 and for the purposes to this Trustees Annual Report, this is the committee in which I refer to.

The group of charity trustees have been selected due to their broad range of skills and experience.

Achievements and Performance

We have had a brilliant year with a lovely group of children and their parents/carers/grandparents.

As usual, with the support of our community, our fundraising efforts for the year went really well.

We had several toy cleans in the year. This gives us a chance to evaluate the toys and give the cupboard a good tidy up. The help from parents/carers during these meetings are greatly appreciated.

Halloween parties were held the last week of October where the kids got to dress up, play a few spooky games and take part in some crafts. We also had our Christmas Party where Santa came to visit the children and they all got a great gift. Some were more happy to see Santa than others!

During the Easter, the kids got to decorate some eggs. At the end of the session they got to roll them down the hill outside the hall. Some were rolled and some were thrown! We love this tradition.

To end the year before the summer holidays, we had a trip to the Fairywoods. The children loved looking for the fairies and the trip ended with some smores and hot chocolate.

During the summer holidays we had "away days" instead of the usual sessions and the hall. These included a day to Aden Park and Fetterangus Park. We were very lucky with the weather this year! To end the holidays we held our Summer Party at the hall. We had bouncy castles, ice cream and some party food.

Other

We continue to communicate with parents and carers through our private Facebook Group and Whatsapp group. This works well for the committee and the attendees.

Fundraising/Charity Donation

Our main fundraiser this year was a Coffee Morning held in the Ritchie Hall in April. We had some local craft stalls attend and had a Family Lego lucky square to raise extra funds. The local community were great at supporting the event and it was very well attended. We raised a brilliant amount of money for the club.

Our other fundraiser was the lucky squares for a Scratch Card bouquet which we did in November. Parents and Carers were asked to hand in scratch cards to make up the bouquet and the squares sold really well. The funds raised for this were put towards the gifts that the kids got from Santa.

Financial Review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We do not hold a set amount in the bank account as a reserve, however we do always ensure there is a healthy amount to continue to pay the hall fees if the number of attendees fluctuates.

Should the committee ever feel that the funds are dropping considerably, an evaluation would be made, and extra fundraising/session fee assessment would take place to cover any projected deficit.

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services

N/A

Future Plans

We are looking forward to another great year at Strichen Toddlers, continuing to hold our usual sessions on a Tuesday and Friday.

We continually evaluate the toys and equipment we have for the children and these will continue to be updated and renewed.

We hope the children will continue to enjoy the little extras that the committee organise such as Christmas and Halloween parties, trips to the fairy woods and such like. A lot of effort is put in to these sessions and the children really love them.

Fundraising will continue to play a big role in the running of the group. The money raised plays a role in allowing session fees to remain low, which enables everyone who wants to attend can attend. We look forward to seeing what events will take place in the future.

Additional Information

N/A

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Print Name: _____

Designation: _____ Treasurer/Trustee _____

Date: ____3rd October 2025____

STRICHEN MOTHER AND TODDLERS **SC047940**
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT)
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	<i>Notes</i>	£	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Grants		-	-	-	-
Donations		-	112	112	50
Receipts from Fundraising Activities		-	1,475	1,475	1,565
Receipts from Charitable Activities		-	1,675	1,675	2,165
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
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Total Incoming Resources	1	-	3,261	3,261	3,780
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<u>PAYMENTS</u>					
Donations		-	-	-	102
Payments relating directly to Fundraising Activities		-	229	229	60
Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities		-	3,284	3,284	3,229
Governance Costs - Independent Examination		-	84	84	84
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Total Resources Expended	2	-	3,597	3,597	3,474
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Net Incoming / (Outgoing) resources for Year		-	(336)	(336)	306
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Total Funds at 1 July 2024		-	3,434	3,434	3,128
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Total Funds at 30 June 2025		-	3,098	3,098	3,434
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
The above receipts and payments are all unrestricted funds.

STRICHEN MOTHER AND TODDLERS
STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

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	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Balance at Bank at 1 July 2024	-	3,434	3,434	3,128
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-	(336)	(336)	306
Balance at Bank at 30 June 2025	-	3,098	3,098	3,434

Balances as at 30 June 2025

Bank Account	£2,874.56
Paypal Account	£223.13
	£3,097.69

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27/11/25
and were signed on its behalf by:



STRICHEN MOTHER AND TODDLERS
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2025

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Nature & Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation.

Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

No remuneration was paid to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee in this period.

Direct reimbursement of purchases on behalf of the organisation was paid to 3 trustees on submission of receipts. These payments amounted to £607.79.

Notes	£	£
1 Receipts	2025	2024
Session Fees	1,570.46	2,165.10
Fundraising	1,474.50	1,565.33
Donations	111.50	50.00
Sundries	104.29	-
	3,260.75	3,780.43
2 Payments		
Hall Fees	2,065.98	2,024.70
Insurance	226.27	193.91
Equipment	42.24	116.06
Fundraising Costs	228.98	59.99
IE of accounts	84.00	84.00
Party Costs	547.96	471.74
Hoodie Contribution	91.50	110.25
Donation to Ritchie Hall Car Park	-	101.50
Early Years Scotland (membership)	100.00	100.00
Afternoon Tea (contribution)	206.00	190.00
Bank/PayPal charges	4.07	22.29
	3,597.00	3,474.44

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Strichen Mother & Toddlers
Registered Charity Number: SC047940**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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
 - 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.

Signed:

Name:

Address:

Date: 1 December 2025

Designation: Finance & Admin Manager, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action