

Invercairn Playgroup

Scotland · Charity number SC050323

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2020-07-27
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Invercairn Playgroup Inverallochy School School Street Inverallochy AB43 8XZ
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education'

What the charity does: Our charity was set up to provide a safe, nurturing and inclusive playgroup environment for young children and their families within the local community. We aim to support children's early learning, development and social skills through structured play, interaction and routine, helping to prepare them for school. We deliver this by offering regular playgroup sessions led by experienced staff, creating opportunities for children to learn through play while also supporting parents and carers. We focus on building confidence, independence and positive relationships, while ensuring every child feels valued and supported. As a community-based setting, we also work to respond to local needs and provide an accessible and welcoming space for all families.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: To advance the education and social development of pre-school children with the emphasis on the play experience, so that they become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors, and take a constructive place in the community and also to develop and enhance the education of their parents, carers and other appropriate persons.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Aberdeenshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£3,895	£8,017	-	3
2024-07-31	£19,631	£19,313	-	4
2023-07-31	£20,389	£22,168	-	3
2022-07-31	£19,212	£18,494	-	2
2021-07-31	£15,805	£13,904	-	2

Accounts

TERM 1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (01/08/24 - 22/10/24)

INCOME

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS (£)	2486.5	1362	0	46.99
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OVERALL TERM INCOME (E)	3895.49
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INVERCAIRN PLAYGROUP
TERM 2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (28/10/24 - 31/12/24)

TERM OPENING BALANCE	1944.2
TERM CLOSING BALANCE	2847.06

INCOME

WEEK	DATE	NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEES (£)	FUNDRAISING (£)	DONATION (£)	OTHER (£)
	23/10/24	4	Game Jack	37			
		5	Donny Buchanan	88.5			
		6	Alice McGuire	76			
		7	Murray Moray	76			
		8	Isabel Langston	76			
		9	Ally West	76			
		10	Donna Jolly	133			
	24/10/24	11	Elaine Marie Stephen (West)	86.5			
		12	Harriet May	76			
		13	Olivia Williamson	189.5			
	25/10/24	14	Mason Cole (Rita)	34			
		15	Archie Clark	76			
		16	Liamson Anderson	76			
		17	Jonah West	76			
	28/10/24	18	Bella Buchanan	76			
		19	India Forman	9.5			
	28/10/24	20	Sammy Stephens	76			
	30/10/24	21	Cherise McQueen	76			
		22	Sarah West	76			
	04/11/24	23	Lorna West	9.5			
		24	India Forman	10			
	06/11/24	25	Isa Dunbar	133			
	08/11/24	26	Lorna West	9.5			
		27	Murray Moray	34			
		28	Charlotte Stephens	57			
		29	Harriet Cameron	114			
	11/11/24	30	India Forman	20			
	13/11/24	31	Lorna West	9.5			
	18/11/24	32	Shelly Jack - FF workshop Tickets		157		
	20/11/24	33	Shelly Jack - FF workshop Tickets		5		
		34	Rachel Williamson - FF workshop Tickets		5		
		35	Shelly Jack - FF workshop Tickets		32		
		36	Tom Stangerman	38			
	23/11/24	37	Olivia Williamson - FF workshop tickets		8		
	23/11/24	38	Lorna West	18			
		39	Bella Buchanan	38			
		40	Sarah-May - FF workshop Lucky squares		66		
		41	Isabel Buchanan	157			
	26/11/24	42	Sarah-May - FF workshop Lucky squares		20		
	27/11/24	43	Sarah-May - FF workshop Lucky squares		22		
	28/11/24	44	Sarah-May - FF workshop Lucky squares		10		
		45	5 Jack - Hall hire donation			60	
	02/12/24	46	5 Jack - FF tickets		11		
		47	Lorna West	20			
		48	Sarah-May - FF workshop Lucky squares		20		
	04/12/24	49	Gemma Dunbar - ticket money		8		
		50	Gemma Dunbar - FF Workshop		189.56		
	06/12/24	51	India Forman	20			
	10/12/24	52	Lorna West	18			
	13/12/24	53	Harrietam Gile			100	
	16/12/24	54	Parker Hoyle	114			
	18/12/24	55	Charlotte Stephens	38			
		56					

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS (£) 2259.5 963.36 340 0

FEES (£) FUNDRAISING (£) DONATION (£)

OVERALL TERM INCOME (£) 3782.86

EXPENDITURE

WEEK	DATE	NO.	DESCRIPTION	WAGES (£)	MATERIALS/ CRAFTS (£)	PETTY CASH (£)	BANK CHARGE	EQUIPMENT (£)	TRAINING (£)	SNACK (£)	GIFTS (£)	COMMITTEE MEETING RESOURCES	RENT	Refunds
	06/11/24	1	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts					2.87		3.47				
		2	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts											
		3	Refund- Shelly Jett											9.5
		4	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							13.73				
		5	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							35.44				
		6	Administrative charges											162.72
	13/11/24	7	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							22.35				
		8	Reverley Wages	90.48										
		9	Ally Wages	157.5										
		10	Gemma Wages	381										
	25/11/24	11	Transfer to Sarah-May- Receipts							19.55				
		12	Transfer to Sarah-May- Receipts			35.49								
	28/11/24	13	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							1.35				
		14	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							4.54				
	11/12/24	15	Stephanie Wages	37.18										
		16	Administrative fees										60	
		17	Ally Wages	148.71										
		18	Reverley Wages	311.56										
		19	Gemma Wages	789.34										
	25/12/24	20	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							2.59				
		21	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			4.99								
		22	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			5.49								
		23	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			5.74								
		24	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			5.99								
		25	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			7								
		26	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			7.29								
		27	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			7.99								
		28	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			8.45								
		29	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			8.99								
		30	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							9.8				
		31	Transfer to Sarah-May- Receipts								10			
		32	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			11.2								
		33	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							14.9				
		34	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							14.51				
		35	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			14.95								
		36	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts							15.20				
		37	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			15.39								
		38	Transfer to Sarah-May- Receipts			16.54								
		39	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			16.99								
		40	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			22.98								
		41	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			24.54								
		42	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			26.4								
		43	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			26.87								
		44	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			29.75								
		45	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			30.72								
		46	Transfer to Sarah-May- Receipts								45			
		47	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts			52.64								
	27/12/24	48	Transfer to Gemma- Receipts					133						
		49												
		50												

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS (£) 1915.58 389.07 0 0 134.67 0 133.91 74.55 60 162.72 9.5

WAGES (£) MATERIALS (£) PETTY CASH (£) BANK CHARGE (£) EQUIPMENT (£) TRAINING (£) SNACK (£) GIFTS (£) COMMITTEE MEETING RESOURCES (£)

OVERALL TERM EXPENDITURE BASH (£) 2880

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INDIVIDUAL TOTALS (£)	5278.29	170.15	0	0	29.63	18	159.55	0	125.89	635.15	14
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WAGES (E)	MATERIALS (E)	PETTY CASH (E)	Bank Charges (E)	EQUIPMENT (E)	TRAINING (E)	SNACK (E)	GIFTS (E)	COMMITTEE MEETING RESOURCES (E)
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OVERALL TERM EXPENDITURE Bank (£)	6430.66
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INVERCAIRN PLAYGROUP

TERM 4 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (03/04/23 - 31/07/23)

TERM OPENING BALANCE (£)	180.7
TERM CLOSING BALANCE (£)	379.6

INCOME

DATE	No.	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT (£)	CREDIT (£)	DONATION (£)
08/04/23	1	John Muggleton	89		
	2	John Muggleton	89		
	3	John Muggleton	89		
	4	John Muggleton	111.5		
	5	John Muggleton	111		
	6	John Muggleton	100		
	7	John Muggleton	104		
30/4/23	8	John Muggleton	86.5		
	9	John Muggleton	111.5		
	10	John Muggleton	109		
11/04/23	11	John Muggleton	11		
	12	John Muggleton	14		
14/04/23	13	John Muggleton	132		
	14	John Muggleton	11		
	15	John Muggleton	11		
	16	John Muggleton	98.5		
	17	John Muggleton	112		
	18	John Muggleton	112		
	19	John Muggleton	112		
	20	John Muggleton	114.5		
18/4/23	21	John Muggleton	14		
	22	John Muggleton	86		
	23	John Muggleton	100		
	24	John Muggleton	114.5		
17/04/23	25	John Muggleton	14		
	26	John Muggleton	100		
22/04/23	27	John Muggleton	11		
	28	John Muggleton	11		
	29	John Muggleton	11		
24/04/23	30	John Muggleton	112.5		
	31	John Muggleton	14		
	32	John Muggleton	100		
18/04/23	33	John Muggleton	11		
	34	John Muggleton	14		
	35	John Muggleton	100		
28/04/23	36	John Muggleton	11		
	37	John Muggleton	11		
	38	John Muggleton	11		
3/5/23	39	John Muggleton	11		
	40	John Muggleton	11		
	41	John Muggleton	11		
	42	John Muggleton	11		
8/5/23	43	John Muggleton	11		
	44	John Muggleton	11		
8/5/23	45	John Muggleton	11		
9/5/23	46	John Muggleton	11		
13/5/23	47	John Muggleton	11		
14/5/23	48	John Muggleton	11		
16/5/23	49	John Muggleton	11		
18/5/23	50	John Muggleton	11		
20/5/23	51	John Muggleton	11		
22/5/23	52	John Muggleton	11		
23/5/23	53	John Muggleton	11		
24/5/23	54	John Muggleton	11		
28/5/23	55	John Muggleton	11		
27/5/23	56	John Muggleton	11		
30/5/23	57	John Muggleton	11		
01/06/23	58	John Muggleton	11		
	59	John Muggleton	11		
04/06/23	60	John Muggleton	11		
	61	John Muggleton	11		
	62	John Muggleton	11		
06/06/23	63	John Muggleton	11		
	64	John Muggleton	11		
08/06/23	65	John Muggleton	11		
10/06/23	66	John Muggleton	11		
12/06/23	67	John Muggleton	11		
13/06/23	68	John Muggleton	11		
14/06/23	69	John Muggleton	11		
17/06/23	70	John Muggleton	11		
17/06/23	71	John Muggleton	11		
18/06/23	72	John Muggleton	11		
20/06/23	73	John Muggleton	11		
23/06/23	74	John Muggleton	11		
	75	John Muggleton	11		
25/06/23	76	John Muggleton	11		
26/06/23	77	John Muggleton	11		
	78	John Muggleton	11		
27/06/23	79	John Muggleton	11		
05/07/23	80	John Muggleton	11		
06/07/23	81	John Muggleton	11		
	82	John Muggleton	11		
	83	John Muggleton	11		

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS (£) 505.3 4496 0

DEBIT (£) FUNDRAISING (£) DONATION (£)

OVERALL TERM INCOME (£) 505.3

EXPENDITURE

DATE	No.	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT (£)	MATERIALS/ CRAFTS (£)	PEITY CASH (£)	BANK CHARGES (£)	EQUIPMENT (£)	TRAINING (£)	SNACK (£)	GRIPS (£)	COMMITTEE MEETING RESOURCES	RENT	Refunds
22/4/23	1	Early Years Section Registration											
28/4/23	2	John Muggleton - Receipts											
01/05/23	3	To Comms - Ref Payments								8.31		92.5	150
	4	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			2.5								
	5	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			4.26								
	6	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			4.74								
	7	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			4.74								
	8	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			5.69								
	9	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			5.99								
	10	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			6.64								
	11	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			7.33								
	12	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			7.75								
	13	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			8.66								
	14	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			11.81								
	15	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			13.39								
	16	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			13.99								
	17	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			18.49								
	18	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			18.91								
	19	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			28.47								
	20	John Muggleton - Receipts	79.79										
	21	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			30.6								
	22	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			35.11								
	23	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			105								
	24	Beverly Burcher - Receipts			328.19								
	25	John Muggleton - Receipts			451.77								
	26	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts	856.31										
07/06/23	27	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts			43.12								
14/06/23	28	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts											
	29	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts								1.3			
	30	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts								6.25			
	31	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts								6.4			
	32	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts								10.09			
	33	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts								18.11			
13/06/23	34	John Muggleton - Refund								18.28			
	35	John Muggleton - Refund											12
	36	John Muggleton - Refund											12
	37	John Muggleton - Refund											12
	38	John Muggleton - Refund											12
21/06/23	39	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts								1.3			12
	40	Gamma Dumbler - Receipts								15.26			

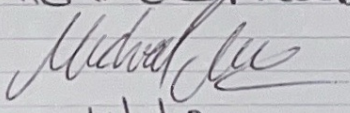
I have completed my examination
I can confirm no material matters
have come to my attention

Michael Muggleton

MICHAEL MUGGLETON ACCA, ATC

Invercairn Playgroup

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st July 2025

INCOME	BANK ACCOUNT	CASH	TOTAL
FEES	14064.5		
FUNDRAISING	7969.66		
DONATIONS	560		
OTHER	46.99		
TOTAL INCOME	<u>22641.15</u>		
EXPENDITURE			
WAGES	16994.12		
MATERIALS	1072.11		
PETTY CASH	151.42		
Bank Charges	0		
EQUIPMENT (£)	635.28		
TRAINING (£)	18		
SNACK (£)	610.5		
GIFTS (£)	74.55		
COMMITTEE MEETING RESOURCES (£)	238.39		
Rent	4892.68		
Refunds	243.5		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>24930.55</u>		
NET INCOME (deficit)			
Opening bank/cash balance	6066		
Add Net income/deficit	-2289.4		
Closing bank/cash balance	3776.6		
Available for Distribution	<u>£3,776.60</u>		
I have examined the books and accounts of the Invercairn Playgroup and find them to be correct			
Name	MICHAEL MURRAY FCCA ATT		
Signature			
Date	11/1/26		

Accounts



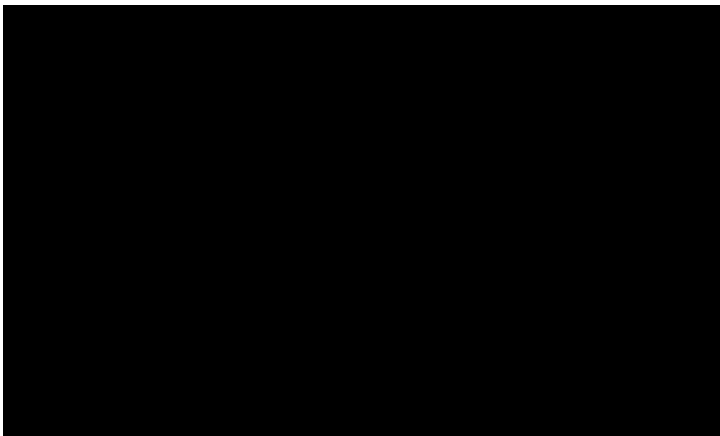
INVERCAIRN PLAYGROUP

Trustees' Annual Report

August 2023 to August 2024

Scottish Charity Number: SC050323

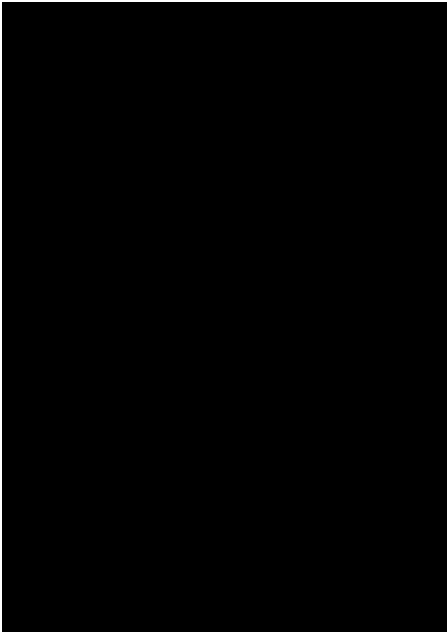
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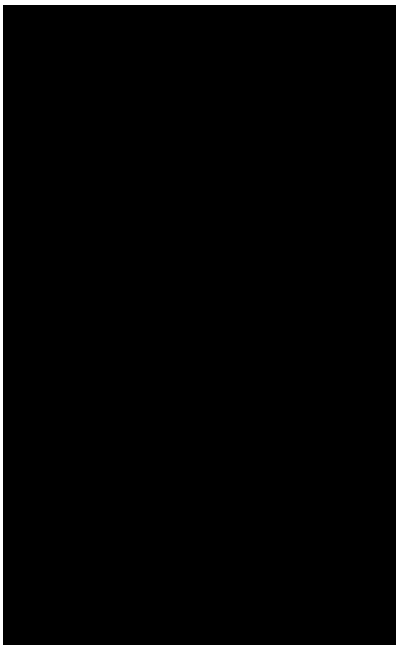
CHARITY TRUSTEES

The trustees of Invercairn Playgroup are responsible for overseeing the strategic direction, governance, and operations of the charity. The current trustees are committed to ensuring that the playgroup remains compliant with regulations and ensures the playgroup continues to meet the needs of its beneficiaries.



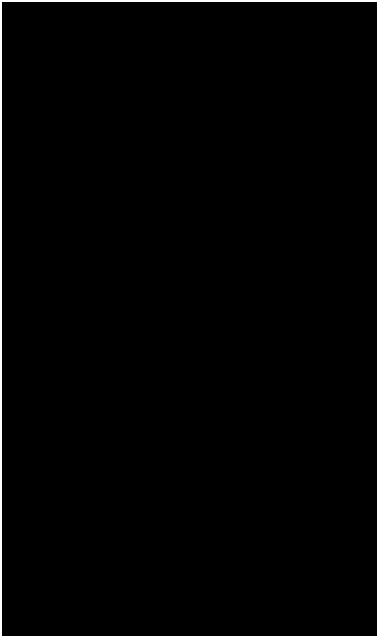
As Chairperson of Invercairn Playgroup, former Playgroup Leader, and a parent of a child who attended the playgroup, I've gained a lot of insight into how the sessions run and how the playgroup is managed. This gives me a unique perspective, allowing me to support the staff while ensuring everything is organised, compliant and focused on what's best for the children and families. With my background in Psychology and a specialism in Child Development, I have a strong understanding of early years learning, inclusion and child-centred approaches. I also run a private practice supporting children and families, which allows me to

bring valuable insight into creating a nurturing, inclusive environment where every child can thrive. I'm passionate about supporting the team, pushing for necessary improvements, and building strong relationships with parents and the local community to help the playgroup continue to grow and succeed.



I am a mother of two. My Son has attended Invercairn Playgroup and loved his time there. I am hoping that my daughter will be attending when she turns 2 next year. I have been a Primary Teacher for a local school for almost 10 years and have especially enjoyed my time working in Early Years (Primary one) for four of those years prior to having my children. I have also been a founding member of the Inverallochy Toddlers committee for 3 years since it reopened. I have an in depth understanding of the early years curriculum. I also have passion and a good

understanding of play and learning in a preschool setting. I also have a firm knowledge of the frameworks and other types of administration. This means I have a substantial amount of knowledge and skills that I can use to support the committee and leaders of playgroup when needed. The staff and committee are dedicated to helping our children's skills development and wellbeing and have been an integral part in supporting my son's developing confidence and social skills, when he was struggling after lockdown due to covid 19.



I am a mother of one and my daughter was an attendee of Invercairn Playgroup, I joined the committee when she enrolled in 2020. I have worked for a legal firm for over 10 years and am an associate of The Society of Law Accountants in Scotland having qualified in 2015. Through my line of work I have extensive knowledge of both general day to day accounting and payroll, and this is knowledge I can use to provide support to the committee in these areas when they require. As well as the Playgroup Committee I am also a member of the Invercairn Community Support Group and Inverallochy & Cairnbulg's "Christmas Team". Both of these groups donate money that they raise back to groups or organisations within the community and the Invercairn Playgroup has received financial donations from both in the past. I hope to continue to support the Playgroup for years to come as I truly believe it provides our children with the best start to their early learning journeys.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

AIMS OF THE PLAYGROUP

Invercairn Playgroup provides a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment for pre-school children. Our aim is to help them develop socially, emotionally, and cognitively through play-based learning. We strive to create a welcoming space where children can explore, interact, and build foundational skills for lifelong learning. We also work closely with parents and carers, taking a holistic approach to early childhood development.

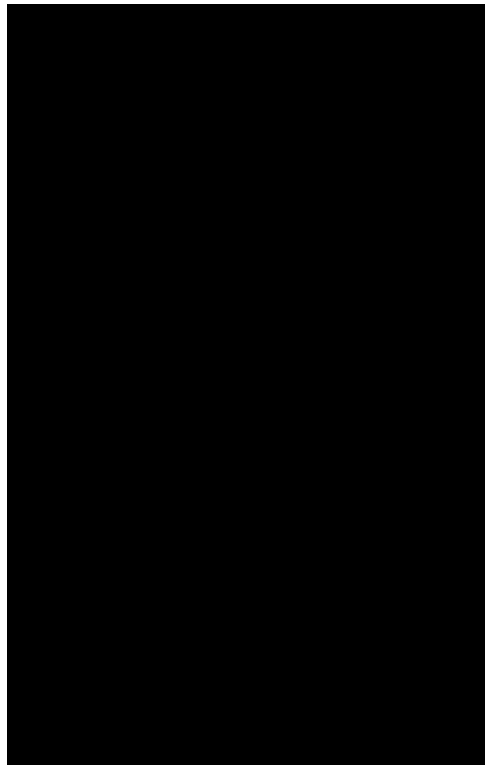
ACTIVITIES

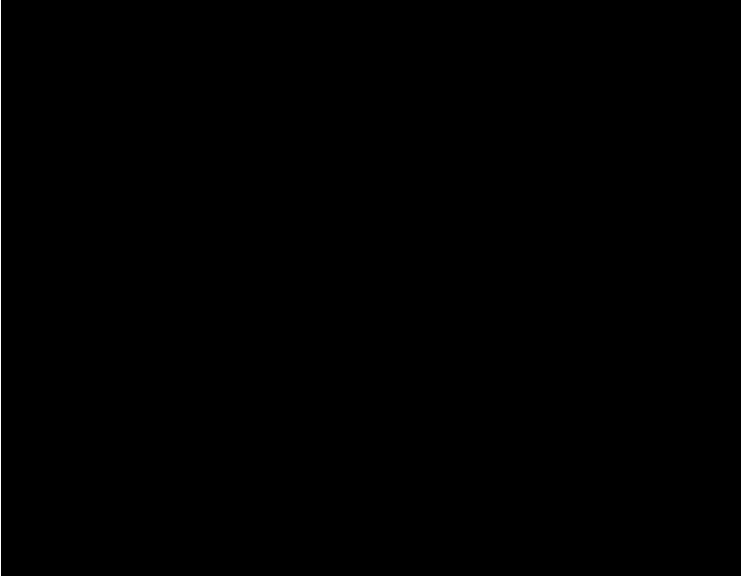
The playgroup offers a balance of structured and free-play activities. Children engage in a wide variety of experiences, from arts and crafts to imaginative play, music, and outdoor activities. Our play-based approach encourages children to explore new ideas, solve problems, and develop independence while learning social skills. Some examples of our range of activities are explored below, including seasonal celebrations, visiting specialists, gym days, trips, outdoor learning and library sessions!

Seasonal Celebrations

Throughout the year, Invercairn Playgroup hosted various seasonal events that enriched our children's cultural experiences:

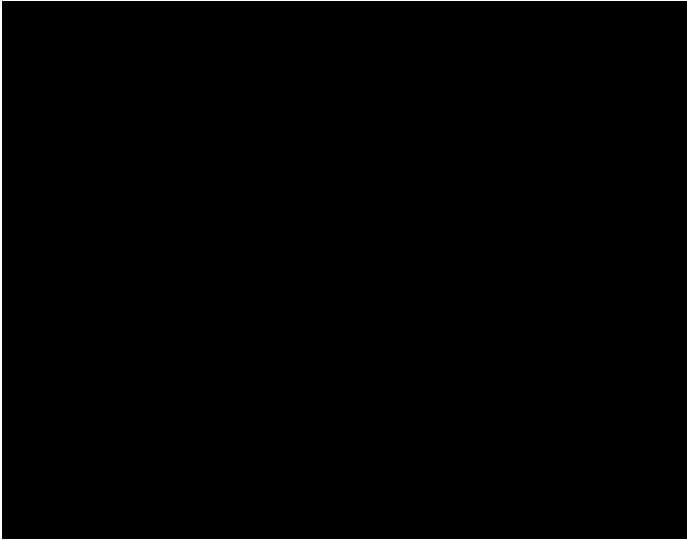
Burns Supper: We celebrated Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, with Scottish-themed activities, fostering an appreciation for Scottish heritage.





Scotland Euros: In support of Scotland's participation in the European Football Championship, we organized football-themed crafts and facepainting, promoting teamwork and national pride.

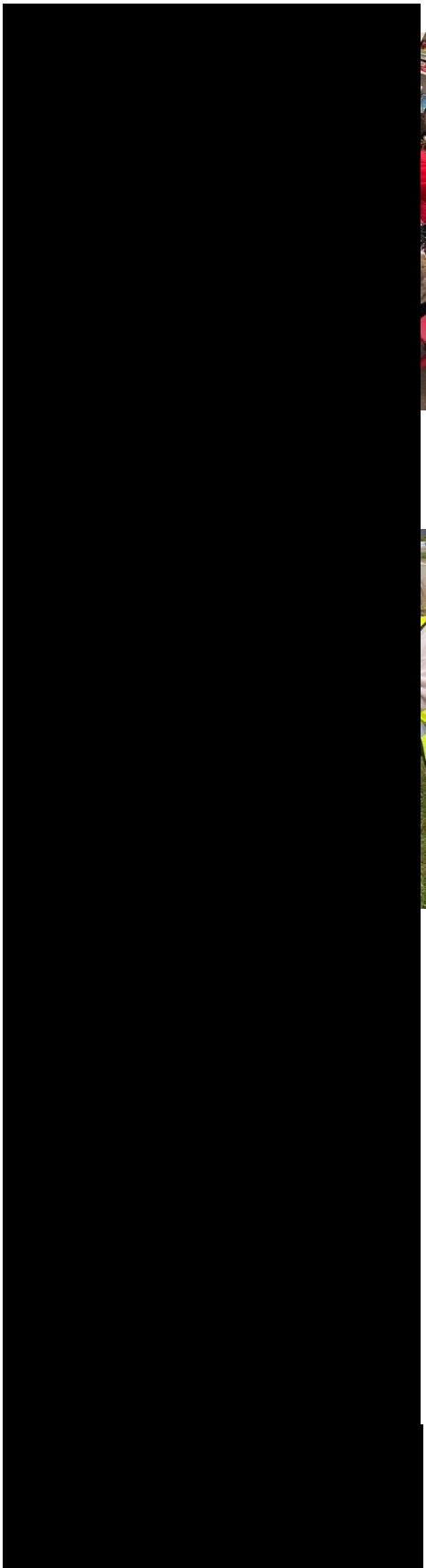
Halloween Party: Children enjoyed dressing up in costumes and engaging in creative activities, enhancing their social and imaginative skills.



Christmas Sing-Along and Party: The festive season was marked with a sing-along featuring classic carols, and a Christmas party with a visit from a special visitor, bringing joy and holiday spirit.

Visiting Specialists

We collaborated with various specialists to provide diverse learning experiences:



Bookbug: This initiative from the Scottish Book Trust encourages early literacy through song, rhyme, and storytelling sessions. Our children benefited from these interactive experiences that support language development.

CB Coaching: Specializing in children's physical education, CB Coaching offered sessions that enhanced our children's motor skills and introduced them to various sports in a fun and engaging manner.

Childsmile: As part of Scotland's national oral health improvement program, Childsmile provided guidance on dental hygiene, helping instill good oral care habits from an early age.

Fiona Ritchie Music School: This organisation introduced our children to traditional Scottish music through interactive sessions, fostering an appreciation for musical heritage and enhancing auditory skills.

KDance: Their sessions at our playgroup encouraged physical activity, rhythm, and self-expression among the children.

Gym Days

Regular gym sessions are held to promote physical fitness and coordination. These activities allowed children to develop gross motor skills through structured exercises and free play, emphasising the importance of an active lifestyle.

Trips

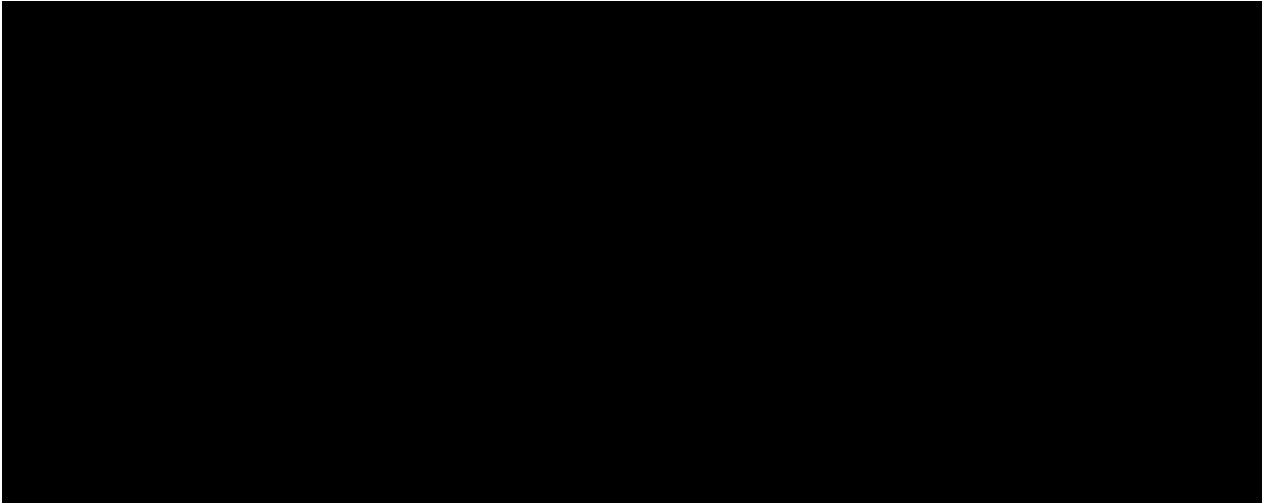
Throughout the year, Invercairn Playgroup has organised a variety of trips to enhance children's learning experiences beyond the playgroup setting. These outings provide opportunities for children to explore new environments, develop social skills, and engage in hands-on learning.

Highlights from this year's trips include:

- **Fire Station Visit:** Children toured the local fire station, learning about fire safety and the role of firefighters in our community.
- **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Set:** A visit to the theatrical set offered insights into storytelling and stage production, sparking creativity and imagination.
- **Beach Excursion:** A day at the beach allowed for exploration of the natural environment, fostering curiosity and an appreciation for nature.
- **Fairy Woods Adventure:** This trip encouraged imaginative play and storytelling as children explored woodland areas, enhancing their connection to the outdoors.

These trips have been invaluable in supporting children's development and will continue to be a key part of our activities.

Outdoor Learning



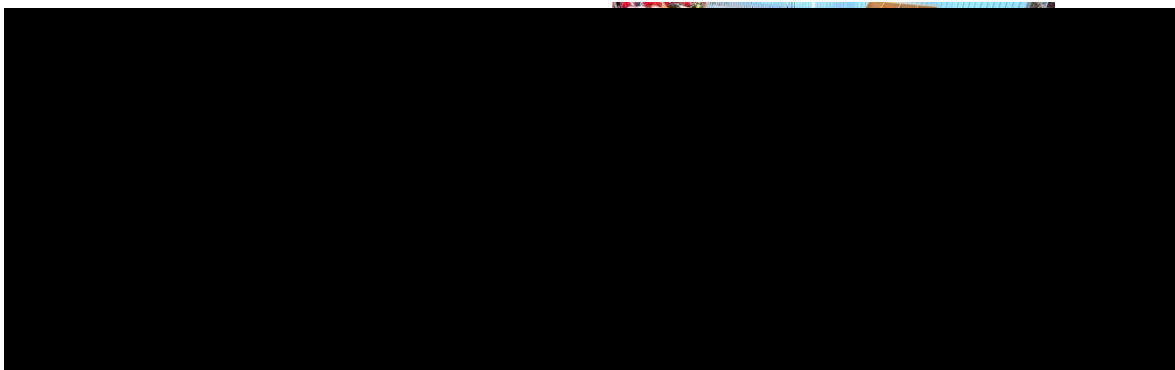
At Invercairn Playgroup, we recognize the vital role outdoor learning plays in early childhood development. Our outdoor activities encourage children to explore, be active, and develop confidence in a natural setting.

Throughout the year, we have provided regular outdoor play sessions where children engage in physical activities, sensory exploration, and nature-based learning. These experiences support cognitive, social, and emotional development while fostering a connection with the environment.

Staff continually develop outdoor learning opportunities, aligning with Early Years Scotland's best practices.

Library Sessions

We also hold regular library sessions to encourage a love of reading and storytelling. These sessions allow children to explore books, listen to stories, and engage in discussions. We aim to inspire a lifelong interest in reading.

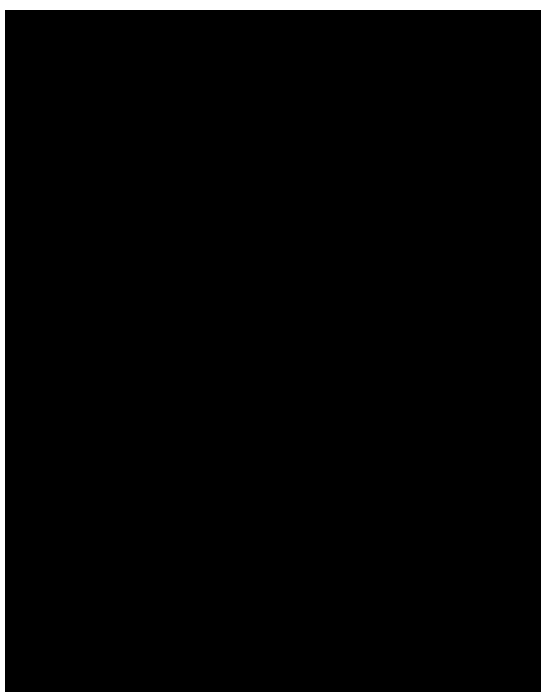


These activities and initiatives collectively contributed to a holistic early learning experience, nurturing the physical, emotional, and intellectual growth of the children at Invercairn Playgroup.

FUNDRAISING

Throughout the year, Invercairn Playgroup organised a variety of fundraising activities to support the purchase of essential resources, ensuring a rich and engaging learning environment for our children. Funds raised help cover the cost of educational materials, play equipment, arts and crafts supplies, and general operational expenses.

Fundraising Events



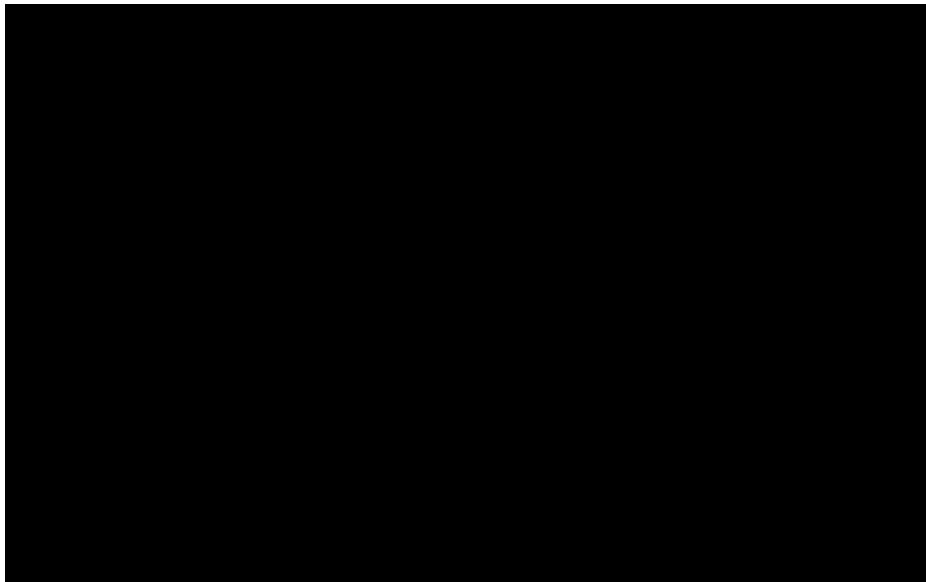
Sponsored Walk at Aden Park – This event encouraged children and families to be active while raising money through sponsorships. The walk not only promoted physical health but also engaged the wider community in supporting the playgroup.

Easter Hamper Raffle – Families generously donated items to create themed hampers, which were raffled to raise funds. This event was well received, bringing excitement during the Easter period while generating much-needed funds.

Elves Workshop & Christmas Card Fundraiser – The Elves Workshop provided children with the opportunity to enjoy festive crafts, games and a visit from Santa. The Christmas Card Fundraiser allowed families to order personalised cards designed by their children, making it a special and sentimental way to raise funds during the holiday season.

Coffee Morning – A community event that brought parents, carers, and supporters together over tea, coffee, and home baking. It provided an opportunity for social engagement while raising money through donations and raffles.

Comic Relief "Dress Funny for Money" – This fun-filled event encouraged children and staff to wear silly outfits in exchange for a donation. While the money raised was donated directly to Comic Relief, this initiative reinforced the values of kindness, empathy, and giving back to the wider community.



Tesco Grants – Bikes & Scooters for Outdoor Learning

We were fortunate to receive funding through the Tesco Grants Scheme, which allowed us to purchase bikes and scooters to enhance outdoor learning. These resources play a vital role in early childhood development by:

- Improving gross motor skills, balance, and coordination.
- Encouraging physical activity, helping children develop a love for movement and exercise.
- Supporting confidence and independence as children explore their outdoor environment.
- Enhancing social interaction, as children learn to take turns, share, and play collaboratively.

Our continued fundraising efforts ensure that Invercairn Playgroup remains well-equipped to offer a stimulating and enriching environment for all children in our care.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

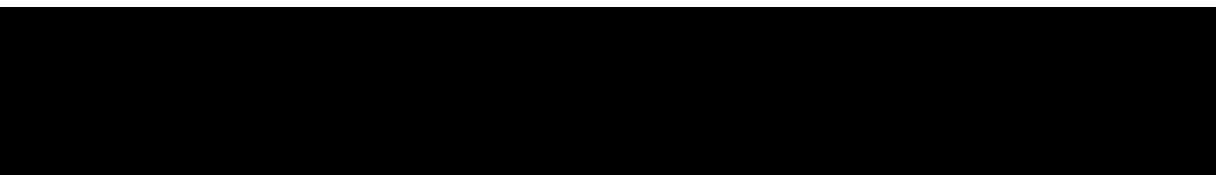
STRUCTURE

Invercairn Playgroup is managed by a voluntary committee, primarily composed of parents and carers, who oversee governance, strategic direction, and compliance with regulatory requirements. The playgroup operates independently while following best practices and guidance from Early Years Scotland.

Role Bearers:

Role	Name

Our playgroup is led by a qualified early years practitioner, supported by a dedicated team of staff.



TYPE OF GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Invercairn Playgroup is governed by its Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) constitution which outlines its purpose, membership, and decision-making processes. The trustees are responsible for ensuring that all activities align with the constitution and that the playgroup operates in accordance with its stated objectives, legal obligations, and best practices in early years education.

TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT

Trustees are appointed through an open and transparent recruitment process. New trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), where all members of the playgroup community, including parents and carers, are invited to participate. During the year, we actively sought new trustees to bring fresh perspectives and ensure the effective governance of the charity. Interested individuals were encouraged to put

their names forward, and appointments were made based on their skills, experience, and commitment to the playgroup's mission.

No external organisations have the authority to appoint trustees. However, we welcome input from professionals and advisors where necessary to strengthen our governance and strategic planning.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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During this financial period, Invercairn Playgroup has made significant progress in delivering high-quality early years education, fostering a safe and stimulating environment where children can develop essential social, emotional, and cognitive skills through play-based learning.

Activities to Achieve Our Aims

- We provided engaging, play-based learning sessions aligned with best practices in early years education.
- We followed Early Years Scotland guidance to enhance our policies and procedures.
- Termly committee meetings ensured effective governance, financial planning, and strategic direction.

Biggest Successes

- The Playgroup Leader successfully completed early years training, enabling her to achieve a qualification that ensures she is fully equipped to lead the team in best practices.
- Successful fundraising events, allowing us to invest in new learning resources and equipment.
- Staff Expansion: We hired an additional staff member, ensuring a well-supported learning environment
- We strengthened community ties by hiring local businesses and professionals to share their skills with the children, covering areas such as physical development, literacy, self-care, and music.

Impact and Outcomes

- Parents have observed improvements in social skills, confidence, and early learning abilities from the children who attend our setting
- Families have benefited from a supportive environment that encourages parental involvement and collaboration.
- Staff have received additional training opportunities, ensuring continuous professional development.
- Families benefited from a stable and consistent childcare service, even during staff shortages.

- By supporting local businesses, we contributed to the wider community and enriched the children's early learning experiences.

Volunteer Achievements

- Maintained regular playgroup sessions despite staff absences, thanks to the invaluable support of parent volunteers. This ensured continuity and reliability for families.
- Parents and carers have also supported the playgroup through participation in special events and outings, enriching the children's experiences and enhancing the sense of community.
- Committee members have actively contributed to decision-making, governance, and fundraising efforts.

Overall, this year has been a remarkable one for Invercairn Playgroup, demonstrating our commitment to early years education, community involvement, and continuous improvement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES

Invercairn Playgroup aims to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to ensure financial stability and continuity of services in the event of unexpected expenses or fluctuations in income. Our aim is to hold reserves equivalent to at least three months' operating costs to cover essential expenditures such as staff wages, rent, and utilities.

As of this year, our closing cash balance is £7,428. This provides an ample financial cushion.

The trustees will continue to monitor income and expenditure closely.

Details of Any Deficit

There is no deficit on any fund this year. The charity has maintained a balanced budget, ensuring financial sustainability while continuing to provide valuable services to our beneficiaries.

DONATED FACILITIES AND SERVICES

We currently have no free access to our Playgroup room or gym hall and now pay rent for both. We have free access to the library and its facilities on a Wednesday morning.

FUTURE PLANS

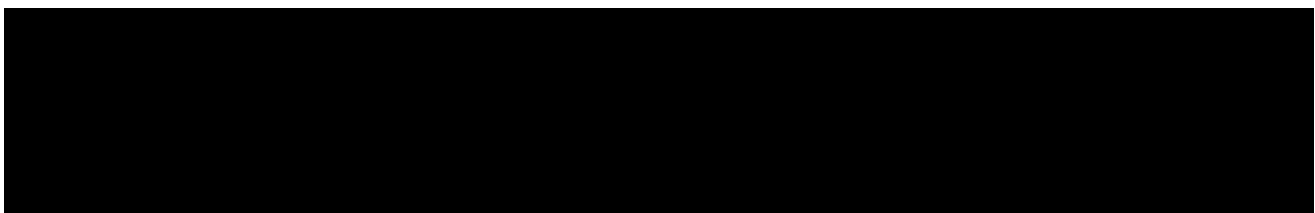
Invercairn Playgroup is committed to enhancing the quality of early years education and ensuring long-term sustainability. Looking ahead, our key priorities include:

- **Expanding Learning Opportunities:** We plan to introduce new play-based learning resources and structured activities that align with Early Years Scotland guidance, ensuring children continue to develop essential skills.
- **Staff Development & Training:** Continued investment in CPD opportunities for staff to strengthen their knowledge and expertise in early childhood education.
- **Community Engagement & Fundraising:** Strengthening partnerships with local organisations, schools, and families while increasing fundraising efforts to support the playgroup's growth.
- **Facility & Equipment Improvements:** The current toilet facilities are inadequate and pose safety risks to children. We are in discussions with the local council to upgrade the toilets, repair loose floor tiles, and replace the carpet with a more suitable vinyl floor. However, progress has been slow, and we will continue to push for these urgent improvements.
- **Sustaining & Growing Enrollment:** Promoting the playgroup within the community to maintain strong attendance and support more families.

By focusing on these areas, we aim to ensure the playgroup remains a valuable, high-quality early years setting for local families.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

	
Designation	Chairperson and Trustee
Date	28 th March 2025

INVERALLOCHY PLAYGROUP
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2024	2023	Movement
	£	£	£
Income			
Fees	11,939.94	12,642.50	- 702.56
Fundraising	4,736.78	3,881.46	855.32
Donations	2,955.00	3,200.00	- 245.00
Total Income	<u>19,631.72</u>	<u>19,723.96</u>	<u>- 92.24</u>
Expenditure			
Expenses for fundraising activities	1,131.25	724.73	406.52
			-
Wages	12,389.34	13,868.38	- 1,479.04
			-
Cleaning	39.13	14.01	25.12
Staff Training	328.00	749.00	- 421.00
Crafts	156.61	418.09	- 261.48
Early years membership and insurance	768.02	678.00	90.02
Equipment	478.62	370.59	108.03
Meetings	84.00	79.59	4.41
Rent	2,082.12	2,940.12	- 858.00
Snack	611.27	849.61	- 238.34
Stationary	340.48	155.02	185.46
Sun Cream/First aid	23.24	26.77	- 3.53
Parties	682.38	842.71	- 160.33
Uniforms	-	54.96	- 54.96
Day trips and outings	199.00	428.50	- 229.50
Total Expenditure	<u>19,313.46</u>	<u>22,200.08</u>	<u>- 2,886.62</u>
Net income/deficit	<u>318.26</u>	<u>(2,476.12)</u>	<u>2,794.38</u>
Represented by:			
Opening bank balance	7,109.74		9,537.19
Opening cash balance	-		48.67
	7,109.74	9,585.86	
Add net income/deficit	<u>318.26</u>	<u>(2,476.12)</u>	
	7,428.00	7,109.74	
Closing bank balance	(7,428.00)		(7,109.74)
Closing cash balance	-		-
	(7,428.00)	(7,109.74)	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	

I have examined the books and accounts of the Invercairn Playgroup and find them to be correct

Name

Signature

Date

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	August	2023		31	July	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Expendable to nearest £	Permanent to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	265				265	2,200
Legacies					-	-
Grants	1,600	1,000			2,600	1,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	4,827				4,827	3,881
Gross trading receipts	11,940				11,940	12,643
Income from investments other					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other					-	-
					-	-
A1 Sub total	18,632	1,000	-	-	19,632	19,724
A2 Receipts from asset &						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,632	1,000	-	-	19,632	19,724
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	1,131				1,131	725
Gross trading payments	12,389				12,389	13,868
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	4,688	1,105			5,793	7,609
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	18,208	1,105	-	-	19,313	22,202
A4 Payments relating to asset						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,208	1,105	-	-	19,313	22,202
Net receipts / (payments)	424	(105)	-	-	319	(2,478)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	(521)	521			-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(97)	416	-	-	319	(2,478)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	6,525	584			7,109	9,587
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(97)	416			319	(2,478)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	6,428	1,000	-	-	7,428	7,109
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

To advance the education and social development of pre-school children with the emphasis on the play experience, so that they become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors, and take a constructive place in the community and also to develop and enhance the education of their parents, carers and other appropriate persons. Most of the charity's income is received through fee's received, paid privately from parents and guardians. The playgroup does not offer funded spaces. The charity also fundraises to increase income and receives donations also. Where no specification is made funds received are used for the operational needs of the playgroup. Where a restriction is stated, cash is set aside in a fund to be used for that specific purpose.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
			Total	-

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction	Balance
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	
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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	General Fund	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	265				265	1,200
Legacies					-	-
Grants	1,600				1,600	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	4,827				4,827	3,881
Gross trading receipts	11,940				11,940	12,643
buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
Sub total	18,632	-	-	-	18,632	17,724
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-				-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,632	-	-	-	18,632	17,724
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	1,131				1,131	725
Gross trading payments	12,389				12,389	13,868
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	4,688				4,688	3,253
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	18,208	-	-	-	18,208	17,846
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	
Purchase of investments	-				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,208	-	-	-	18,208	17,846
Net receipts / (payments)	424	-	-	-	424	(122)
Transfers to / (from) funds	(521)				(521)	(1,196)
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(97)	-	-	-	(97)	(1,318)
Nature and purpose of funds						
For operational and general day to day use by the playgroup.						

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	Invercairn Gala	Tesco Community Grant 2023	Tesco Community Grant 2024			
Receipts						
Donations					-	1,000
Legacies					-	-
Grants			1,000		1,000	1,000
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
Sub total	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	2,000
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-				-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	2,000
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	682	423			1,105	4,356
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	682	423	-	-	1,105	4,356
Payments relating to asset and investment						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	-
Purchase of investments	-				-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	682	423	-	-	1,105	4,356
Net receipts / (payments)	(682)	(423)	1,000	-	(105)	(2,356)
Transfers to / (from) funds	660	(139)			521	1,196
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(22)	(562)	1,000	-	416	(1,160)

Nature and purpose of funds

Last year the playgroup received a grant, being £1,000 from Tesco's, to pay for new equipment and a trip. Last year this fund was used to purchase a tablet, hi-vis vests and to fund a trip to Federate Woods. This fund has been further utilised this year to purchase replacement equipment, such as balance bikes and scooters. This fund has been fully utilised at the year end.

Last year the playgroup also received a £1,000 donation from Invercairn Gala to cover the cost of the playgroups Christmas and Easter party. This fund has now been fully utilised with the cost of this years parties.

This year the playgroup received another donation from Invercairn Gala to replace the flooring in the playgroup bathrooms. This fund has not been utilised within the year.