

Country Mice Cowfold Pre-School Playgroup

Accounts

Year ended 31st March 2024

Charity Number 1000764

Country Mice Cowfold Pre-School Playgroup

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Michelle Tucker
Tilly Laker
Kelly Verrall
Victoria Dorman
Alex Raynos
Anthony Sanchez

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Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the charity for the year to the 31st March 2023, This report also represents the Trustees' report which is required to be provided by the Charities Act 2011.

Structure, Governance and Management.

The charity is registered for charitable purposes with the Charity Commission. Charity registration No 1000764 and is governed by its Trust Deed dated 11th February 1989.

The Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Michelle Tucker | Lisa Hillier |
| Tilly Laker | Alex Raynos |
| Kelly Verrall | Anthony Sanchez |
| Victoria Dorman | |

Trustees are appointed according to the Trust Deed and Rules.
All the trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Organisation and Structure

Due to the limited nature of the charities activities, decisions are made by the trustees as needed when they meet.

Principal aims and activities.

The principal aims of the charity during the year was to provide affordable childcare in a rural community and to enhance and foster the development and education of children under school age in a setting that encourages parental involvement through :

Providing safe and satisfying group play, in which parents have the right to take part.
Encouraging other charitable activities through which parents may help children.
Furthering the aim of the Pre-School Playgroup Association.

Each year the trustees review these activities to ensure they continue to reflect the aims of the charity.

Review of activities and future developments.

The charity derives most of its income from rents receivable from fees and funded places. During the year income was £136,362 as against £134,563 in 2023.

The principal area of expenditure was wages. During the year the expense was £87,741 as against £81,782 in 2023.

At the end of the year the charity had cash resources of £119,531.

The trustees aim is to maximise the income of the trust to enable them to provide the level of service currently in place and where possible increase the service.

Risk Management

The trustees ensure that they meet their obligation to manage the risks relating to the aims and objectives of the charity. There have been no significant risks identified during the year, however each year the trustees review our activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims.

Reserves Policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain a level of reserves, which will provide a stable base for its continuing activities while at the same time ensuring excessive funds are not accumulated. Reserves at the end of the year were £121,679.

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For and Behalf of the Trustees

Signed for and behalf of the charity's trustees

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Accountants' Report For the year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 the Charities Act 2011(The Charities Act)

You acknowledge your responsibilities in respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

In accordance with your instructions we have prepared accounts which comprise the Profit and Loss Account , the Balance Sheet and related notes, from the records supplied to us and on the basis of information and explanations given to us.

We have not carried out an audit or any other review and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

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Profit and Loss Account For the year ended 31st March 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Income | | |
| Fees | 50,165 | 57,289 |
| Funded Places | 86,197 | 77,274 |
| Toddler Group | 136,362 | 134,563 |
| Other Income | | |
| Fundraising Initiatives | 2,734 | 3,729 |
| Interest | 675 | 117 |
| Grants/Donations | 1,357 | 1,390 |
| Misc | 288 | 197 |
| Total Income | 141,416 | 139,996 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Wages, Pensions and NI | 87,741 | 81,782 |
| Staff Welfare/Recruitment | 1,151 | 3,019 |
| Property Renewals and Maintenance | 2,542 | 5,376 |
| Subscriptions and Memberships | 914 | 433 |
| Rent and Rates | 1,507 | 2,122 |
| Telephone and Internet | 800 | 622 |
| Light ,Heat and Power | 1,199 | 1,207 |
| Insurance | 1,501 | 1,452 |
| Cleaning | 838 | 1,791 |
| Direct Costs | 5,511 | 8,348 |
| Advertising | 1,133 | 493 |
| Printing ,Post and Stationery | 623 | 683 |
| Bad Debts | - | - |
| Fund Raising Costs | 2,461 | 2,028 |
| Study and Training Costs | - | 653 |
| Misc Expenses | 1,346 | 1,818 |
| Depreciation | 1,062 | 1,433 |
| Accountancy | 2,400 | 2,000 |
| Bank Charges | 3 | 3 |
| Legal and Professional Fees | 1,499 | 1,026 |
| | 114,231 | 116,289 |
| Net Profit For the year | 27,185 | 23,707 |
| Reserves brought forward | 94,494 | 70,787 |
| Balance carried forward | 121,679 | 94,494 |

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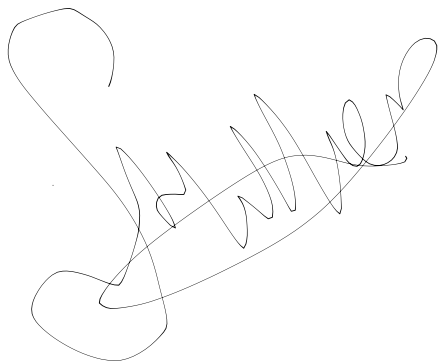
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

| | Notes | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Playground/ Equipment | 1 | 3,267 | | 4,298 | |
| Debtors | | 1,689 | | 2,901 | |
| Bank Accounts | | | | | |
| Current a/c | | 52417 | | 29791 | |
| Fundraising a/c | | 1885 | | 785 | |
| Contingency a/c | | 65228 | | 62153 | |
| P.Cash | | <u>1</u> | 119,531 | <u>1</u> | 92,730 |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Accruals | 2 | 1150 | | | |
| Other Creditors | | 1166 | | 575 | |
| Paye/Ni/Pesion | | 492 | | 4017 | |
| Payroll | | <u>0</u> | 2,808 | <u>843</u> | 5,435 |
| Net Assets | | | 121,679 | | 94,494 |
| Unrestricted Funds | 3 | | 121,679 | | 94,494 |

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LISA HILLIER



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Notes to Accounts

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|---|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Fixed Assets | | Playground - Equipment |
| | At Cost | B/Fwd 01/04/2023 | 23,696 |
| | Additions | 31/03/2024 | 31 |
| | | | 23,727 |
| | Depn | B/Fwd | 19,398 |
| | Depn: Charge for the year | | <u>1,062</u> |
| | Net Value | 31/03/2023 | 3,267 |
| 2 | Creditors and Accruals | | |
| | Accruals | | 1,150 |
| | Accounts Payable | | 1,166 |
| | Paye/Ni | | 492 |
| | | | 2,808 |
| 3 | Unrestricted Funds | | |
| | Balance B/Fwd | 01/04/2022 | 94,494 |
| | Profit for the year | | 27,185 |
| | Balance C/Fwd | 31/03/2023 | 121,679 |