

**DOSTHILL PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

**PHILIP BARNES & CO. LTD**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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**DOSTHILL PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP****ANNUAL REPORT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2024**

The Dosthill Park Pre-school Playgroup is registered with the charity commissioners (No. 1017243) and is constituted by the Pre-school Learning Alliance. Its principal address is The Dorcas Centre, Blackwood, Tamworth, Staffs, B77 1JE.

The Pre-school is administered by a management committee, members of which are appointed at the charity's annual general meeting, and those serving during the year were as follows:

Mrs Amie Aldous	(Chairperson)
Mrs Gemma Wheeler	(Secretary)
Mrs Elizabeth Lightwood	(Treasurer)
Mrs Stacey Repton	
Miss Stacie Carvel	

Mrs E Lightwood and Mrs S Repton resigned on 18 October 2024. Mrs Kerry Mytton was appointed on 3 December 2024.

The charity's objective is to provide pre-school playgroup facilities for children in the local community. The management committee aims to provide first class facilities for the children at an affordable cost to parents. The charity employed 10 pre-school assistants and provided 8 sessions a week during term time and overall had approximately 55 children on average attending.

The pre-school's primary income is LEA grants, and these increased significantly this year due to an increase in the number of Think2 and children with special needs. There has been a decrease in direct fees charged as some children qualified for funded placements. We also continue to raise additional income through fundraising activities such as raffles, Christmas and summer fetes and sponsored events.

The Pre-School incurred an overall surplus for the year of £36,553 due to the significantly higher level of fees, whilst the increase in overall expenditure was less than 3%. The surplus has increased cash reserves at the year-end to £50,587 as shown in the balance sheet on page 3.

The pre-school will continue to offer pre-school facilities of 30 hours per week for children and with a continued restraint on expenses the management committee is confident that the charity will maintain a sufficient level of cash reserves and continue to provide the pre-school facilities required by the local community.

**For and on behalf of the management committee**



**Amie Aldous (chair)**  
**27th June 2024**

**DOSTHILL PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

**OF DOSTHILL PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examiner is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives my reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

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Chartered Accountants  
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27 June 2024

## DOSTHILL PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

## Receipts and Payments Account

Financial Year Ending 31st August 2024

General Fund (Unrestricted)

RECEIPTS

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Donations ,legacies and other similar receipts				
Funds Raised	1,700		1,404	
Donations and sponsorship	7,507		11,350	
Operating activities to further charity's objectives				
Fees Received	18,772		35,879	
Grants Received -	176,433		116,474	
Investment income receipts				
Bank Interest	-		-	
		204,412		165,107

PAYMENTSCharitable Payments

Charitable activities				
Staff costs	143,012		146,928	
Rent	5,878		2,170	
Uniforms	131			
Paint, Glue, Materials Etc	1,121		738	
Insurance	1,426		1,009	
PLA , Licences & DBS's	364		601	
Entertainments	393		67	
Presents & Prizes	485		184	
Refreshments/snack	1,524		86	
Sundries	767		329	
		155,101		152,112

Support costs

Telephone, Stationery and Postage	915		1,148	
Training and Courses	872		594	
Professional charges	7,334		7,366	
Website & on-line resources	116		74	
Advertising				
Repairs & Cleaning	1,739		1,178	
		10,977		10,360

Other Payments

Computer and software	474		304	
Playgroup Equipment	1,307		806	
		1,781		1,110
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>167,859</b>		<b>163,582</b>
Net receipts /(payments) for the year		36,553		1,525
Bank & Building Society Accounts at 31 August 2023		14,034		12,665
Bank & Building Society Accounts at 31 August 2024		50,587		14,191

## DOSTHILL PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 August 2024

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
<u>Cash</u>		
Bank Current Account	5,587	14,034
Bank Deposit Account	45,000	-
Total for General Purpose Funds	<u>50,587</u>	<u>14,034</u>

Other Monetary Assets

Stock on hand £255 (2023-£106)

Debtors due at the end of the year were £510 (2023- £35).

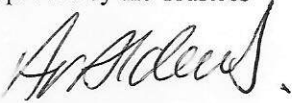
Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use

Computer Equipment and Software  
 Laminator  
 Photocopier  
 Various Playgroup Equipment  
 (Including Toys, Books and Other Educational Aids)

Liabilities

There were outstanding liabilities in respect of PAYE and other costs of £1,456 at the year end. (2023- £2,111)

Approved by the Trustees



A Aldous  
 Chairperson  
 27 June 2025