

Chair Report

Welcome to the 2024 Report and Accounts.

Stepping Stones continues to be a provider of Pre-School services for children aged 2 until School age.

It has been a good year with a settled staff and high attendee numbers. Revenue and retained surplus have both increased which has resulted in a stronger financial position.

We continue to provide a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities and take a full part within the local community. We work closely with Stoberry Park School and embrace the Early Years Learning framework.

During the year Ofsted undertook an inspection, and we again achieved a Good standard. This plus the reputation we enjoy is a credit to the strong team we have. Thank you to them. It is also pleasing to report that we have a full committee.

Looking ahead we hope to maintain both our standards and progress.

Derek Logan
Chair

STEPPING STONES PLAYGROUP

Registered Charity No. 1022365

Financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		
Receipts		
Fees	17,287	14,520
Government Grants for 2, 3 and 4 year Olds	66,992	59,879
Fundraising	708	486
Donations	3,850	3,760
Interest on Deposit Accounts	304	120
Total Receipts	89,141	78,765
Payments		
Salaries	69,230	64,259
Pensions	1,711	966
Administration	681	1,139
Equipment/Activites/Consumables/Resources	1,547	2,044
Telephone/Utilities/Rates	4,563	387
Insurance/Licences	1,101	805
Repairs and Renewals	874	139
Advertising/Website	116	197
Training/Subscriptions/Memberships	403	241
Sundry/Uniforms/Photos	175	-
Total Payments	80,399	70,177
Excfees/(Shortfall) of Receipts over Payments	8,742	8,588
Balance at beginning of year	36,362	27,774
Total	45,104	36,362
Represented by:		
Petty Cash at 31 August	116	83
Bank Current Account at 31 August	20,697	12,292
Deposit Accounts at 31 August	24,291	23,987
	45,104	36,362

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Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name STEPPING STONES PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

2024

Charity no (if any)

1022365

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Alec Straughan

Date:

14/06/25

Name:

ALEC STRAUGHAN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

N/A

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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