



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Charity name: Fowlmere Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1024798

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The aims of the playgroup are to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups by offering appropriate play, education and care facilities and adhering to the aims and objectives of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Fowlmere Playgroup is a small, friendly, parent-managed setting providing a happy, stimulating and supportive environment for pre-school children (two years and upwards) within the framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum where each child can have the opportunity to develop fully in every aspect of their development. The playgroup serves Fowlmere and the surrounding villages. The Playgroup employs three part-time members of staff during term time to provide sessions on weekdays. The Friday session is for children starting school in the following September to prepare them for the transition. Fowlmere Playgroup is open to all children within the age range, regardless of colour, ethnicity, religion, social background or disability.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In managing the playgroup, the trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	A substantial contribution is made by the trustees' management committee. In addition, without the continual fundraising efforts of the trustees the playgroup would not continue to operate. The input of the Playgroup Leader and staff outside their paid hours is also key.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Fowlmere Playgroup successfully ran supervised sessions for children aged from two years to school age, during school hours.</p> <p>Our staff work tirelessly to look after the children and give them the best possible childcare and learning experience, so that they feel safe, happy and nurtured, and thrive as preschoolers.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The focus this year has been on steadying our finances and beginning to recover from the financial impact of Covid-19. We have also been aiming to increase revenue in line with rising costs due to rising inflation</p> <p>We have been able to hold our biannual thrift sales, which have given a real boost to our fundraising efforts.</p> <p>The URC, which we rent our premises from, has kindly given some flexibility in the rates we pay while we get back on our feet.</p> <p>Our profit for the year was £8.04. This is a great improvement on the previous year, especially given that we were still recovering from the impact of the pandemic and facing the challenges of rising costs. The committee is focused in the coming year on breaking even or continuing to make a small surplus to maintain the financial stability of the organisation.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The playgroup aims to maintain a reserve fund to cover three months' operational costs. This will allow us to meet staff notice and redundancy costs if required and to act as a buffer to fluctuations in income due to unexpected decreases in child numbers.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11,253
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Pre-school Learning Alliance Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees elected by members at AGM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Fowlmere Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1024798

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Jasmine Redrup (Manager)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kayleigh Holwell	Kate Parker
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	01/11/2023	01/11/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

FOWLMEERE PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1024798

Set out on pages

1,2 AND 3

(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 31/03/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Adrian Winter

Date:

14/08/23

Name:

ADRIAN WINTER

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

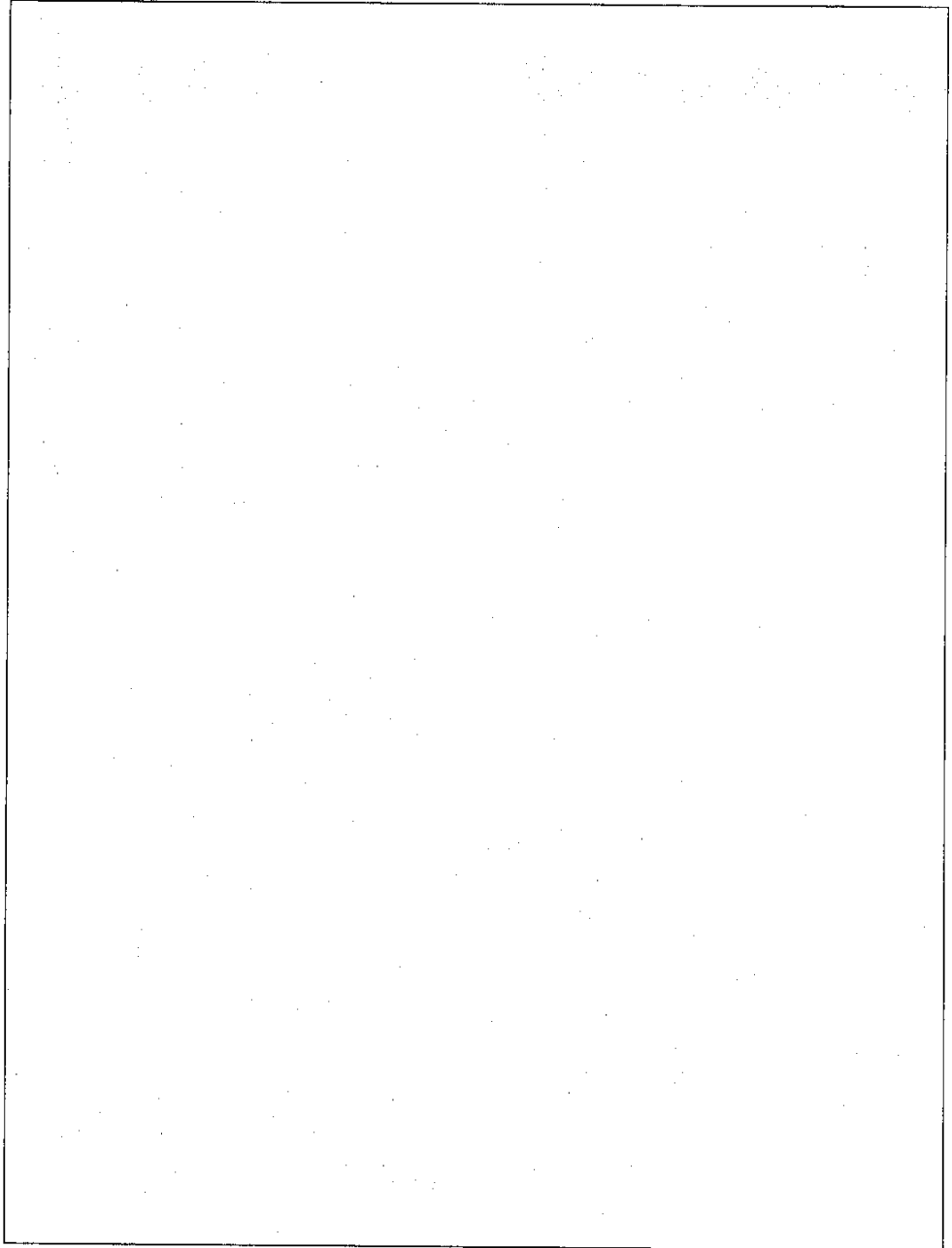
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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





Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
FEES	15,121	-	-	15,121	14,201
FUNDING CAMBS CC	28,602	-	-	28,602	20,990
FUNDRAISING	4,338	-	-	4,338	4,624
SUNDRY INCOME - FURLOUGH	-	-	-	-	790
SUNDRY INCOME - HARDSHIP GRANT	-	-	-	-	2,000
DONATIONS	665	-	-	665	680
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	48,726	-	-	48,726	43,285
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,726	-	-	48,726	43,285
A3 Payments					
DIRECT WAGES	33,983	-	-	33,983	33,431
ADVERTISING & MARKETING	281	-	-	281	29
AUDIT & ACCOUNTANCY FEES	1,247	-	-	1,247	1,404
CLEANING & LAUNDRY	125	-	-	125	149
EQUIPMENT	61	-	-	61	332
GAMES, BOOKS & TOYS	140	-	-	140	217
GENERAL EXPENSES	93	-	-	93	215
GIFTS	216	-	-	216	220
INSURANCE	699	-	-	699	580
OUTINGS/PARTIES	6	-	-	6	13
PENSIONS COSTS	427	-	-	427	282
PRINTING & STATIONERY	344	-	-	344	131
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-
REFRESHMENTS	63	-	-	63	30
RENT	9,366	-	-	9,366	6,608
STAFF TRAINING	209	-	-	209	107
SUBSCRIPTIONS	327	-	-	327	321
ICO	35	-	-	35	35
OFSTED	50	-	-	50	50
DBS	26	-	-	26	26
XERO	293	-	-	293	270
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	341	-	-	341	570
TRAVEL	76	-	-	76	14
Sub total	48,408	-	-	48,408	45,034
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,408	-	-	48,408	45,034
Net of receipts/(payments)	318	-	-	318	1,749
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,935	-	-	10,935	12,684
Cash funds this year end	11,253	-	-	11,253	10,935

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash account	40	-	-
	Cash at bank	11,232	-	-
	Debtors	2,262	-	-
	Others - Total Current Liabilities	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,534	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Assets	general	323	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Creditors	general	2,604	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kayleigh Holwell	01/11/2023
	Kate Parker	01/11/2023