



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	09	2021	To	31	08	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Katherine Chan	Chair	09/2022	
2	Nicola Hambidge	Treasurer	09/2022	
3	Natasha Woolf	Secretary	09/2022	
4	Karen Baker			
5	Rosie Timbrell		09/2022	
6	Jason Adams		09/2022	
7	Jessica Wheeler		09/2022	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision of pre-school education.
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As above

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Croft Playgroup is a charity-run playgroup and relies on family members/volunteers to become charity trustees and to help manage fundraising events.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year was very busy and fulfilling, across many different areas of pre-school education.

We arranged a bespoke training day for all our staff with Tamsin Grimmer, author of a Loving Pedagogy. The aim and outcome was to develop our loving pedagogy and help implement it through practice building the foundation to our curriculum.

We also undertook 'In The Moment Planning' training for our new employees to demonstrate and explain the philosophy behind how playgroup is run and to understand why we choose to work in this way.

It was a busy year for fundraising; events we arranged included a Sponsored Read, Sponsored Walk, Cake Sales and a Fundraising Stall at the local primary school fetes. These events all raised money to continue to refresh and buy new resources for the children.

We have actively supported children to re-adapt to life after Covid. We recognised that children's speech and language skills were not quite at expected levels so the playgroup invested in improvements to the library room, to help foster a love of reading. The library is open all day with parents being able to access it both before and after their children's sessions.

We introduced a new focus for the children called People Who Inspire Us. This activity helps connect our community to people around the world who have done inspiration things. We talk to the children about what or who inspires them and on occasions introduce them to people from around the world. This incorporates religion, culture, aspirations and often demonstrates how people have overcome obstacles in their lives to achieve great things.

We invited Zoo Lab into our setting who visited with some exotic animals that the children were able to touch and explore. The children became knowledgeable in these animals which extended their learning further.

We continued our weekly Forest School sessions to utilise our garden space and provide techniques which support children's emotional well-being outdoors. It also ensured that we had a male role model amongst our children.

Towards the end of the academic year we helped prepare children for their transitions into school encouraging their independence for them to be 'school ready'.

Finally, we celebrated Croft Playgroup's 50th birthday (1972-2022). We held a fun-day where families and colleagues both past, present and future could visit playgroup and talk about the memories they shared. We played games, ate cake and celebrated this amazing achievement together!

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Croft Playgroup has a Reserves fund and policy

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Croft Playgroup's principal source of funding is via Swindon Borough Council.

We rely heavily on fundraising to enable us to purchase all the equipment and resources we need to support the children's needs and requirements.

Any profit made during any academic year is invested back into playgroup to enhance the children's experience with us.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Katherine Chan</i>	
Full name(s)	KATHERINE CHAN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	10/5/23	

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
FOR
CROFT PLAYGROUP

GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

ADDRESS:

Croft Children's Center
Marlborough Road
Swindon
SN3 1RA

ACCOUNTANTS:

Ekins & Co (Swindon)
Accountants and Tax Advisors
1 Cricklade Court
Cricklade Street
Old Town
SWINDON
Wiltshire
SN1 3EY

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO

CROFT PLAYGROUP (CHARITY NUMBER: 1028686)

We have prepared the attached Income and Expenditure Account in accordance with approved accounting standards. In our opinion, the accounts, give a true and fair view of the playgroups affairs at the 31 August 2022.



Ekins & Co (Swindon)
Accountants and Tax Advisors
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Date: 25/4/2023

THE CROFT PLAYGROUP

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	31.8.22		31.8.21	
	£	£	£	£
Income		208,816		203,073
Expenditure:				
Wages and pensions	147,325		134,777	
Events and activities	3,652		1,703	
Telephone	1,071		991	
Post & stationery	2,419		4,296	
Advertising	831		1,080	
Travelling	20		-	
Equipment for children	8,086		11,675	
Repairs & renewals	1,491		1,017	
Cleaning	8,910		10,378	
Protective clothing	1,158		281	
Training courses	2,908		242	
Food and drink supplies	3,639		2,399	
Subscriptions	85		50	
Gifts	470		64	
Accountancy	1,603		1,170	
Professional fees	413		834	
Service charge	20,100		19,890	
Insurance	1,304		1,246	
		<u>205,485</u>		<u>192,093</u>
		3,331		10,980
Finance costs:				
Bank charges		<u>176</u>		<u>135</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>£3,155</u>		<u>£10,845</u>

We approve the Income and Expenditure Account and confirm we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Katherine Chan
Katherine Chan

Natasha Woolf
Natasha Woolf

Nicola Hambidge
Nicola Hambidge

Date: *21/04/23*



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

CROFT PLAY GROUP.

On accounts for the year ended

31st AUGUST 2022	Charity no (if any)	1028686.
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Set out on pages

1-3.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 25/4/2023.

Name: Ekins & Co (Sunderland)

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

F.M.A.A.T

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

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.