



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	09	2022	To	31	08	2023

## 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	Jason Adams	Chair		
2	Nicola Hambidge	Treasurer		
3	Amina Abdullah	Secretary	09/2023	
4	Karen Baker			
5	Rosie Timbrell			
6	Jessica Wheeler			
7	Mia O'Hara		09/2023	
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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 quality pre-school education.
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**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 to become charity trustees 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**

We have had yet another busy and fulfilling at Croft Playgroup.

In May 2023 we had our Ofsted inspection and were very pleased to receive a 'Good' rating, with our Leadership and Management area reaching the 'Outstanding' standard.

As always, the children made great progress throughout the year and the older children were ready for school when they left us at the end of the summer term. We secured an Educational Health and Care Plan for an individual with complex medical needs which ensured they would have the support they required when they transitioned to school.

We held a school readiness evening where we invited parents in to discuss what it means to be 'ready for school'. We received great feedback to say how useful this was for parents, and that it took the uncertainty out of the sometimes overwhelming experience of sending a child to school.

Our apprentice keyworker successfully completed their course and became a fully qualified member of our team.

We were thrilled to receive a grant from Nationwide Building Society. This paid for the whole team to undertake Forest School training, to help us understand how we can use our amazing garden and nearby local wood to further engage with the children and extend their play.

We held a picnic in our garden for the King's coronation, inviting all our children and their families to join us. The children made flags to decorate the building and garden.

We were fortunate enough to book sessions for the children with the wonderful Dinky Ponies (two very patient miniature ponies who are happy to stand and be petted), and also with Zoolab (who bring exotic insects and creatures in to the setting for the children to see and touch).

**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 from Swindon Borough Council.

The playgroup relies heavily on fundraising and grants to enable us to purchase all the equipment and resources we need to support the childrens' requirements.

Any profit made is invested back into the playgroup to enhance the children's' experience with us and to ensure the financial viability of the setting.


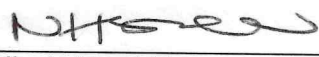
**Section F****Other optional information**

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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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Jason Adams	Nicola Hambidge
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer

Date 22/5/2024

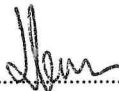
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023  
FOR  
CROFT PLAYGROUP

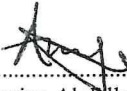
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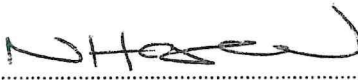
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	<u>31.8.23</u>		<u>31.8.22</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>		262,240		208,816
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Wages and pensions	183,556		147,325	
Events and activities	6,222		3,652	
Telephone	1,078		1,071	
Post & stationery	478		2,419	
Advertising	270		831	
Travelling	-		20	
Equipment for children	11,525		8,086	
Repairs & renewals	2,079		1,491	
Cleaning	10,285		8,910	
Protective clothing	95		1,158	
Training courses	5,808		2,908	
Food and drink supplies	5,481		3,639	
Subscriptions	85		85	
Gifts	850		470	
Accountancy	1,741		1,603	
Professional fees	2,274		413	
Service charge	24,000		20,100	
Insurance	<u>2,431</u>		<u>1,304</u>	
		<u>258,258</u>		<u>205,485</u>
		3,982		3,331
<b>Finance costs:</b>				
Bank charges		<u>183</u>		<u>176</u>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>		<u>£3,799</u>		<u>£3,155</u>

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

  
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Jason Adams

  
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Amina Abdallah

  
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Nicola Hambidge

Date: 5/4/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

CROFT PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 AUGUST 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1028686

Set out on pages

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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'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:

06.03.24

Name:

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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.