



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	09	2023	To	31	08	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Marlborough Lane	
Swindon	
Postcode	SN3 1RA

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	Mia O'Hara	Treasurer	09/2024	
3	Sianne Donovan	Secretary	09/2024	
4	Rosie Timbrell			
5	Jessica Wheeler			
6	Nicola Hambidge			
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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 <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	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 year at Croft Playgroup, not without its challenges as the year began with a flood inside the building which required major internal repairs and some ingenuity in rearranging our indoor space to enable us to continue providing childcare for the children. The final repairs were completed by February 2024.

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 two children with neurodiversity 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 positive feedback that parents found this useful and reassuring as they prepared to support their children starting school.

A member of our team took the decision to undertake an apprenticeship and another member of staff successfully completed their foundation degree.

Our team enjoyed training in the EASIE movement programme which supports children's physical development through a programme of movements which support and strengthen the connection between brain and body.

We were thrilled to receive a grant from Nationwide Building Society which helped to fund story sack resources to loan to families to support and encouragement play, communication and language.

We held a family picnic in our garden so that families could join us for a play, picnic and to enjoy a magic show.

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

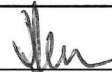
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Jason Adams

Mia O'Hara

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

11/06/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name CROFT PLAY GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2024 Charity no (if any) 1028686

Set out on pages

1-3. (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 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").

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.

Independent examiner's statement

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: [Signature]

Date: 14/3/2025

Name: MARTIN BUTLER

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

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