

CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

Annual Report and Accounts

31 August 2024

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Anita G De Souza -Treasurer
Karyne Lopez - Secretary

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	10/03/2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
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Charity Name
CHESTNUTS PLAYGROUP

**On accounts for the year
ended**

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**Charity no
(if any)**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

**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.

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Date:

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Name:

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**Relevant professional
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Total receipts	44,879	195,404	-	240,282	216,801
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Independent examiner fee	2,760	-	-	2,760	2,400
Bank charges		-	-	-	-
Computer costs	259	-	-	259	665
Insurance	861	-	-	861	916
Payroll processing fees	1,125	-	-	1,125	2,955
Printing, postage and stationery	977	-	-	977	1,644
Sundry expenses	35	-	-	35	2,225
Website costs	859	-	-	859	184
Premises costs	15,013	-	-	15,013	16,191
Building repairs	29,493	-	-	29,493	18,472
Refuse collection	497	-	-	497	817
Rent	17,630	-	-	17,630	9,870
Repairs and maintenance	908	-	-	908	672
Telephone and internet	373	-	-	373	712
Preschool equipment and activities	16	-	-	16	7,437
Equipment, toys and books	4,349	-	-	4,349	6,040
Food and drink	3,951	-	-	3,951	2,039
Subscriptions	1,247	-	-	1,247	214
Trips and activities	825	-	-	825	576
Staffing costs		-	-	-	1,272
Employer's NI	14,906	-	-	14,906	18,900
Employer's pension	2,575	-	-	2,575	5,386
Salaries	149,706	-	-	149,706	116,207
Staff recruitment and training	2,588	-	-	2,588	105
Staff travel	161	-	-	161	90
Visitor parking	30	-	-	30	
Christmas gifts	51	-	-	51	58
Energy supply	2,245	-	-	2,245	573
Interest on PAYE paid late	1,292	-	-	1,292	
Nursery cover staff	2,105	-	-	2,105	2,260
Other expenditure	108	-	-	108	2,730
School trip		-	-	-	850
Settlement for staff dispute	8,550	-	-	8,550	-
Sub total	277,861	-	-	277,861	230,138
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Van purchased		-	-	-	-
Machinery purchased		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	277,861	-	-	277,861	230,138
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 232,982	195,404	-	- 37,578	- 13,337
A5 Transfers between funds	232,982	- 232,982			
A6 Cash funds last year end		233,294		233,294	246,631
Cash funds this year end	- 0	195,716		195,716	233,294

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
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Business Premium Account		26,608	-
	Barclays Community Account		172,876	-
	Cash in Hand	4,379		-
	Total cash funds	4,379	199,484	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors		891	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Motor vehicle		-	
	Computer equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accruals		5,160	
	PAYE liability		3,360	
	Pension creditor		518	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sildonie Marie Mclean	10/03/2026
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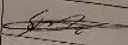

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Food and drink	3,951	-	-	3,951	2,039
Subscriptions	1,247	-	-	1,247	214
Trips and activities	825	-	-	825	576
Staffing costs		-	-		1,272
Employer's NI	14,906	-	-	14,906	18,900
Employer's pension	2,575	-	-	2,575	5,386
Salaries	149,706	-	-	149,706	116,207
Staff recruitment and training	2,588	-	-	2,588	105
Staff travel	161	-	-	161	90
Visitor parking	30	-	-	30	
Christmas gifts	51	-	-	51	58
Energy supply	2,245	-	-	2,245	573
Interest on PAYE paid late	1,292	-	-	1,292	
Nursery cover staff	2,105	-	-	2,105	2,260
Other expenditure	108	-	-	108	2,730
School trip		-	-		850
Settlement for staff dispute	8,550	-	-	8,550	-
Sub total	277,861	-	-	277,861	230,138
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Van purchased		-	-	-	-
Machinery purchased		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	277,861	-	-	277,861	230,138
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 232,982	195,404	-	- 37,578	- 13,337
A5 Transfers between funds	232,982	- 232,982			
A6 Cash funds last year end		233,294		233,294	246,631
Cash funds this year end	- 0	195,716		195,716	233,294

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
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Business Premium Account		26,608	-
	Barclays Community Account		172,876	-
	Cash in Hand	4,379		-
	Total cash funds	4,379	199,484	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors		891	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Motor vehicle		-	
	Computer equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accruals		5,160	
	PAYE liability		3,360	
	Pension creditor		518	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sildonie Marie Mclean	10/03/2026
	Anita G De Souza	10/03/2026