

**Bare Methodist Playgroup t/a  
Bare Necessities Pre-School Playgroup, Morecambe**

**Trustees' Report and Accounts**

**31ST AUGUST 2023**

Registered Charity Number 1040512

**WATERS & ATKINSON**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From September 2022 Period start date To August 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Bare Necessities Preschool Playgroup

Charity registration number: 1040512

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The aims of the Pre-school are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:</p> <p>(a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;</p> <p>(b) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;</p> <p>(c) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.</p>
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	<p>We offer term-time only sessional care Monday to Friday, during the following hours:</p> <p>Monday- 8.30-3.30 Tuesday-12.00- 4.00 Wednesday-8.30-3.30 Thursday- 8.30-3.30 Friday- 9.00-1.00</p> <p>We provide play, education and care for up to 30 children per session within the local area.</p> <p>Children can access up to 29 hours per week.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our committee members are Volunteers and have positions such as Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Other Parents also volunteer at events.
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	The preschool has continually supported families with early years childcare and development. The preschool was freshly painted, and sinks were fitted into the main room to improve hygiene. We moved onto an online journal to support passing of information to parents. Sensory equipment was purchased to support the needs of the children. E.g. Sensory den. In the spring we had an incubator and eggs which enhanced our topic of life cycles. We established our bus project where children went out locally on the bus, this developing their knowledge of the local area. We upgraded our internet system to ease the communication with parents and outside agencies.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>improve and feel that we made good steps in doing this throughout the year.</b>
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	The total revenue was 51,903 and total expense was £81,168 giving a loss of £29,265
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We always keep £20,000 plus in reserve and do not intend to reduce this. We ensure we can pay our redundancy liability in the event we need to close.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Bank balance as at the 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 was 28,427.45
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

### 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	The charity's principal sources of funds are privately paid fees and funding from Lancashire County council which provided most of the income for the year, along with a small amount of fundraising.
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	The number of children we have can be affected by a low birth rate year. The government funding rates and the increase of minimum wage not being inline.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Unincorporated association</b>
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	<b>The committee Members are elected at our AGM for a one-year term. Unless a member of the committee has served for ten consecutive years they can be re-elected. If the committee decided it necessary it can co-opt up to three further members after the AGM.</b>

### 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	Bare Necessities Preschool Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1040512
Charity's principal address	Bare Methodist Church, St Margarets Road Bare Morecambe LA4 6EF

**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	Natalie Maguire	Chair	12.2.2023	
2	Rebecca Davis Hutchinson	Vice Chair		
3	Holly Tiesteel	Secretary		
4	Susanna Foy			
5	Susan Barns			
6	Leanne Allan	Nominated individual with OFSTED		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### 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

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

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#### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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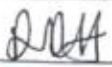

#### Other optional information

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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)	REBECCA DAVIES-HUTCHINSON	LEANNE MARGARET ALLAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	VICE CHAIR	Nominated individual with OFSTED
Date	17-9-2024	

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bare Necessities Pre-School Playgroup**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 12 to 13.

**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').

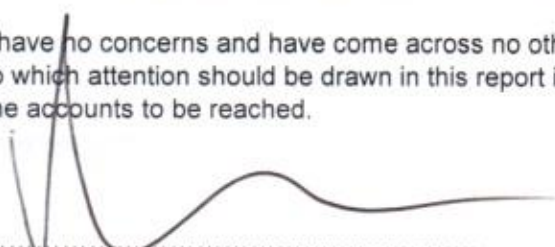
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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Date ..... 24/09/24 .....

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**Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

<b>Unrestricted activities</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Lancashire County Council	43,135	57,591
Private Fees	8,552	5,903
Milk Claim	179	221
Fund raising	-	266
Clothing	37	27
Little Acorns	-	15,974
Education & skills	-	1,500
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b><u>51,903</u></b>	<b><u>81,482</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Salaries	56,221	39,989
Payroll Taxes	744	382
Pension	2,613	2,366
Ofsted + LCC	781	531
Staff training	2,145	743
Rent	7,375	6,175
Telephone	1,452	678
Premises	1,996	250
Books and equipment	4,650	1,717
Consumables	1,500	863
Insurance	757	440
Payroll processing costs	504	450
Miscellaneous	403	324
Professional fees - accountancy	-330	408
Professional fees	183	-
Uniform	174	100
Donation - Methodist Church	-	1,500
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>81,168</u></b>	<b><u>56,916</u></b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b><u>-29,265</u></b>	<b><u>24,566</u></b>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31 August 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	
	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank	28,427	58,164
Total	<u>28,427</u>	<u>58,164</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Nest	-	142
Accrual	-	<u>330</u>
		472
<b>Net Assets</b>		
	28,427	57,692
Reserves	<u>28,427</u>	<u>57,692</u>

**Statement of movement in funds**

	Balance as at 1 Sep 2022	Income for the year	Expenditure for the year	Transfers between funds	Balance as at 31 Aug 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves	57,692	51,903	81,168	-	28,427

**Registered Charity Number: 1040512**

These accounts were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on the

20/9/24 and are signed on their behalf by:

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Rebecca Davies-Hutchinson  
Trustee