

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

**Trustees' Report and Accounts**

**31ST AUGUST 2024**

Registered Charity Number 1040512

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From September 2023 To August 2024

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(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.</li><li>(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 area;</li><li>(c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.</li></ul>
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. 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	<b>The trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit</b>
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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	<b>Our committee members are volunteers and have positions such as Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Other parents also volunteer at events.</b>
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	<p><b>This year, our setting received a 'Good' rating from Ofsted following their visit on 13th September 2023. This is a testament to our dedication and hard work as a team. We proudly launched our beach school for preschoolers, offering enriching learning experiences by the seaside.</b></p> <p><b>Our curriculum has been enhanced with several exciting initiatives. We continued our bus project, sparking lively conversations among our children with visits to local places. Weekly sessions with Yoga Buddies, visits from the Reading Fairy, and focused phonics and maths lessons have enriched our learning environment. The visit from Edan Bear also allowed us to cover engaging topics about our local area.</b></p> <p><b>In January, we welcomed many new children from a local preschool that</b></p>

		<p>unfortunately had to close. This has helped us forge stronger links with families in our community, creating a welcoming and supportive environment for newcomers.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>This report summarises the successful year we have had, building on each area to ensure continual growth and development for our early learners.</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	<b>The Total revenue was £111,627 and total expense was £92,125 giving a gain of £19,502.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>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.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>Bank Balance as at the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 was £47,929.37</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>Not applicable</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>Not applicable</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Not applicable</b>

### 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	<b>The charity's principal source of funds are privately paid fees and funding from Lancashire County council which provided most the income for the year, along with small amounts of fundraising.</b>
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	<b>One of the main challenges we faced was accommodating the influx of new children in January. However, through strategic planning we were able to integrate them successfully and maintained our staff levels. This being said government funding rates and the minimum wage were not inline which if continues will be a risk for the charity.</b>
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	
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	
Charity's principal address	

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Susanna Foy	Chair		
2	Rebecca Davis Hutchinson	Vice Chair		
3	Holly Tiesteel	Secretary		
4	Susan Bryan			
5	Veronica Hawkard	Treasurer		
6	Leanne Allan	Nominated individual with OFSTED		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

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

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

**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
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**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)		L. Allan.
Full name(s)	SUSANNA FOY.	LEANNE ALLAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	Nominated person
Date	15/07/2025	

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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 2024 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 .....

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**Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

Unrestricted activities	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Lancashire County Council	96,721	43,135
Private Fees	12,996	8,552
Milk Claim	158	179
Fund raising	1,752	-
Clothing	0	37
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<u>111,627</u>	<u>51,903</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Salaries	64,836	56,221
Payroll Taxes	2,337	744
Pension	3,814	2,613
Extra-curricular	2,310	-
Ofsted + LCC	295	781
Staff training	993	2,145
Rent	8,850	7,375
Telephone	1,159	1,452
Premises	-	1,996
Books and equipment	3,834	4,650
Consumables	1,265	1,500
Insurance	679	757
Payroll processing costs	522	504
Miscellaneous	436	403
Professional fees - accountancy	438	-330
Professional fees	183	183
Uniform	176	174
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>92,125</u>	<u>81,168</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>19,502</u>	<u>-29,265</u>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31 August 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	
	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank	<u>47,929</u>	<u>28,427</u>
Total	47,929	28,427
 <b>Net Assets</b>		
	47,929	28,427
 Reserves	<u>47,929</u>	<u>28,427</u>

**Statement of movement in funds**

	Balance as at 1 Sep 2023	Income for the year	Expenditure for the year	Balance as at 31 Aug 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserves	28,427	111,627	92,125	47,929

Registered Charity Number: 1040512

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

...15<sup>th</sup> July..... and are signed on their behalf by:



Susanna Foy  
Trustee