

Charities Commission – Trustee’s Report

TURVEY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP - 295055

The Reading Room, High Street, Turvey, Bedfordshire, MK43 8DB

Trustees: Madeleine Anderton, Isabelle Corns, Jodie Finch.

Managed by volunteer committee, with crucial input from Preschool Leader and staff, to maintain the key objective of providing Early Years Education and wrap around care to the village to the highest standard. Trustees agreed by committee.

Year ending August 2024

The academic year September 2023 - August 2024 saw a consistent staffing team within Turvey Pre School. Jodie and Rachel are well established in their leadership roles. The number of children in session has remained consistent, as has the before and after school club. Having joined the team last year Natalie completed her level 3 qualification, and has her level 4 qualification well underway. Continued staff training remains important to the staff team, this takes place on Monday afternoons. The Pre-school committee also remained similar, Clare Harris stepped down now her children have left Pre-school and Antonin and Emily Abauzi joined the committee, along with Aaron. It was discussed that no new committee members will contribute to decision making or work with children until DBS and EY2 forms are completed.

Fundraising was consistently successful, again the Toddle Waddle saw very generous donations from families and was our highest earner. This money was put towards a bathroom refurbishment, which included new toilets, flooring, damp proofing and pipework. The flooring continues out to the corridor and a new back door was purchased and installed. This not only provides a modern environment for Pre-school, but also assists in energy efficiency and ensuring competitive building insurance quotes, as the back door is more secure than previously. We also used the expertise of Anna for annual photographs, a percentage of proceeds donated to Pre-school; and continued with our annual easter egg trail. The Pre-school nativity was as successful as ever and consisted of a raffle and sale of tea, coffee and mince pies. The proceeds of these fundraising initiatives have also gone towards new resources for Pre-school such as a water table. A generous donation of £1000 made by the Community Café (another village charity) also allowed for a purchase of a wooden ‘shop’ which serves as an excellent imaginative corner within Pre-school. We are continuing to explore the possibility of obtaining grants to assist in the expense of upcoming large maintenance costs. The coming academic year will see hard earned fundraising efforts put to use with the scheduled work of the roof and building repairs.

There was as is now normal an annual fees review. After an in-depth discussion it was confirmed that we will increase our hourly rate for BASC to £5.60. This will the cover our outgoings that have been worked out to be £5.54 per hour. For the first time in a while we have agreed to have different rates for 3-4yr-olds and for 2yr-olds.

With the introduction of 15hr funding for 2yr-olds from April ‘24 the funding rate given for 2yr-olds increased to much closer to the calculated cost of providing the service than for previous years, eligibility for this funding also broadened. There was an increase to fees for 2yr-olds put in place for April. This reflected the simple increase in provision costs for those not receiving funding. Pre-school pride themselves on keeping ratios at 1:4. Offering 2 year-olds a positive and more personal settling in process, allowing them time to settle and grow in confidence. For once funding rates for 3-4yr-olds increased in line with the minimum wage. Therefore we were able to hold these fees as they were.

There is much discussion on how the new government funding of childcare may impact the coming academic year. Anna and Isabelle have been working on forecasting for the Pre-school, it proves difficult with unknown numbers and funding changes. There was also a one off supplementary grant introduced by the government which covered September 23 to March 24 to top up funding, this was included as part of the normal funding received with no breakdown provided on the extra benefit.

We continue to have strong links with our local school, Turvey Primary School, for whom we have continued to run the before and after school club successfully. The walking bus, and summer park visits work very well. Before and after school club numbers from both the Pre-school children and Primary school children remain sound. Children enjoyed a visit from the Primary school ahead of their school enrolment induction.

Pre-school numbers remain stable, and on finishing the year many sessions are close to being full. A number of children will be leaving for Primary school at the end of the summer term, however numbers continue to look to be stable for September, with new enquiries from families being dealt with for the autumn term. This year also saw a new initiative of 'stay and play' at the Pre-school a termly open door morning session for prospective parents. Further advertisement and presence within the community occurred with posts on social media, attendance at community events and articles within local press.

Lastly, the successful academic year finished off nicely with a new Pre-school community event, Sunday 13th July 2024 saw families and the wider community gather down at the recreation area in Turvey and enjoy a BBQ, socialising, fun and games. The event was also a fundraising event with sale of alcohol, soft drinks, bbq items and a snack shop. The event was well received and also served as a way for families to socialise together at the end of the year.

Madeleine Anderton, Chair of Turvey Pre-school Committee.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	TURVEY PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP		
On accounts for the year ended	31/08/2024	Charity no (if any)	295055
	Set out on pages 1 AND 2 OF CC16A		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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:	alshouler	Date:	18 th MARCH 2025
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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS GIVE A TRUE AND FAIR VIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARITIES ACT 2011 AND THE CHARITY ACCOUNT REGULATIONS 2008 AND THEIR AMENDMENTS

Alan Shouler

ALAN SHOULER (ACMA)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Turvey Preschool Playgroup

No (if any)
295055

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2023	To	Period end date 30/08/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Preschool Fees	19,842	-	-	19,842	20,694
Preschool Adhoc Sessions	656	-	-	656	1,976
Before & After School Club Income Fees	33,979	-	-	33,979	25,349
Bank Interest Received	958	-	-	958	276
Uniform Sales	77	-	-	77	92
Fundraising Income - Events/Promotions/Donations/Grants	4,117	-	-	4,117	3,596
BB Council Preschool Funding	59,125	-	-	59,125	48,483
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	118,754	-	-	118,754	100,466
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	118,754	-	-	118,754	100,466
A3 Payments					
Salaries & Pension	89,594	-	-	89,594	86,331
Staff Uniforms & Childrens uniform	-	-	-	-	626
Broadband, Phone & Web	1,254	-	-	1,254	1,133
Fundraising Expenses	662	-	-	662	397
Training & Development	406	-	-	406	303
Office Supplies, Miscellaneous & Activites, Software	4,726	-	-	4,726	4,292
Insurance & Professional Fees	2,824	-	-	2,824	3,363
Repairs & Maintenance	3,580	-	-	3,580	2,684
Utilities	1,676	-	-	1,676	1,784
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	104,722	-	-	104,722	100,914
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Kitchen Asset	492	-	-	492	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	492	-	-	492	-
Total payments	105,214	-	-	105,214	100,914
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,540	-	-	13,540	448
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	78,563	-	-	78,563	-
Cash funds this year end	92,103	-	-	92,103	448

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 to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and Float	17,872	-	-
	Gold Fundraising Account	55,444	-	-
	Reserve Account	18,787	-	-
	Total cash funds	92,103	-	-

(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Washing Machine Purchase and Install		492	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
I CORNS	I CORNS	26/06/2025