

Battle Pre-School/



Trustees Annual Report for 2021-22

Carolyn Borthwick presented the Annual Report.

Preschool returned in September 2021 to slightly higher numbers than 2020, as concerns about Covid reduced and parents returned to Preschool

Hayley left as manager on 31st October 2021, when Carolyn took over as manager and Kate as Deputy. We welcomed Valentyna to the staff on the 8th November, and her imaginative crafts and steady reliability have been a welcome asset.

By the Summer term the sessions were nearly all full, with numbers up to 22-24 children in the mornings. Even with 14 leaving for school, the September 2022 starting figures were looking better than they had for the previous two years.

The small garden space was in desperate need of a makeover, and two grants were received to help facilitate this, £250 from the Jempson foundation and £500 from the Arnold Barker foundation. The rest came from the Repairs budget. In the Summer holidays the sleepers were repositioned along one side of the garden, and then the stones from the playing area were moved over. During the recent Autumn half term the ground was levelled, the bamboo plants moved to one end and the while area turfed. Many thanks to Sandie and Alan the Caretaker for spending hours moving the stones!

A police grant, applied for via PCSO Daryl Holter, for £500 helped purchase the paint and new furnishings for the back room, and this was painted over the summer holidays by Alan. The room is now a lovely fresh space and it is hoped the larger main room can be done next.



Preschool were also very grateful to receive a £1000 from the Battle Muffins, to purchase four replacement ipads for the staff. The previous ones were almost 9 years old and were not able to run the tapestry programme correctly any longer.

All staff attended the Curiosity Approach Conference in June 2022, and returned brimming with ideas and improvements which are still being introduced.

The improvements officer came regularly to support Carolyn in her new role as manager and the audit continues in the Autumn Term.

The Manager would like to express her thanks to all the staff for their continues hard work and support, to Vib for the early morning cleaning and to Alan for keeping the outside areas tidy and the general repairs up to date.



**BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Battle Pre-School Playgroup (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Holland Harper LLP

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Dated: 21 November 2022

BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
	Notes		
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	1	99,717	82,740
Investments	2	8	2
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Total income		99,725	82,742
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Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	89,600	85,811
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Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		10,125	(3,069)
Fund balances at 1 September 2021		16,861	19,930
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Fund balances at 31 August 2022		26,986	16,861
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These accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	26,986		16,861	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-		-	
Net current assets			26,986		16,861
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			26,986		16,861
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 21 November 2022

Lorna Godwin - Crowhurst
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees including lunches	12,248	9,212
Donations	140	-
Funding and grants	86,767	71,497
Fundraising and other	562	133
Insurance claim	-	1,898
	<u>99,717</u>	<u>82,740</u>
Funding and grants		
Early years funding	78,171	59,811
Furlough scheme	-	1,741
Other grants	2,270	5,695
Foyle Foundation grant	-	2,000
Battle town council grant	-	2,250
Covid grants	173	-
Community grant	6,153	-
	<u>86,767</u>	<u>71,497</u>

2 Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

3 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	71,367	63,731
Maintenance	7,263	4,943
Office costs	5,760	4,022
Travel and training	1,169	40
Sundries	1,468	983
Children expenses - equipment	1,654	926
Children expenses - milk and snacks	59	-
Fence project	860	11,166
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4 Cash at bank and in hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Playgroup - current account	3,291	5,785
Playgroup - deposit account	23,099	10,891
Fundraising - current account	503	103
Fundraising - cash in hand	93	82
	<u>26,986</u>	<u>16,861</u>

5 Property

The property used by the playgroup is held on their behalf by the Official Custodian of the Charity Commission. The land is owned by Battle Town Council. The building had an approximate valuation in 2007 of £70,000.

6 Independent examiner's fee

The creditor for the independent examination not accrued at 31 August 2022 is £402.

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