

Battle Pre-School/



Trustees Annual Report for 2023-24

Carolyn Borthwick presented the Annual Report.

Preschool returned in September 2023 to much higher numbers, with a majority of 3-4 year olds. The numbers continued to grow during the first term and staffing was increased as needed. As the year progressed, additional lunchtime support was added. The books were closed at the February half term for any more new children until September 2024. Some sessions were at 24 children. 20 children left for school at the end of July, leaving rather low numbers to start in September 2024.

Jess and Louise continued with their level 3 training, and Louise completed the course by the end of July 2024. Jess has another few months to go.

Kate registered to do the Early Years Professional Development programme, in January, completing it in July, which saw lots of improvements to the layout of the preschool, and the introduction of new play and learning ideas. Resources were bought where money allowed to support these new ideas.

Kate also did some wellbeing training and now does wellbeing support for the staff.

From September 2024 another new member of staff will be added to the ratios, as Kate and Valentyna choose to drop a day each.

The 5 year fixed electrical test was performed and some remedial works were required and completed during the summer holidays, along with the PAT testing. Minor repairs to the plumbing and guttering were also completed, along with a roof check. The roof is currently sound, but parts of the roof felt are now over 10 -15 years old and replacing it will soon be required.



The outside garden fence was beyond further repair, and quotes were obtained ready to consider replacing it in October 2024.

The new physical equipment grant applications from July 2023 were successful and the new equipment was ordered in September 2023, This was very enthusiastically received by the children and has been in constant daily use since.

Our cleaner, of over 20 years. Viv, sadly decided to hang up her dusters in May and move on to a new career. Flowers and a gift were presented during a small celebratory tea party. A new, young cleaner, Patrick, has been employed and trained up by Viv, and is hardworking and totally reliable. The preschools high standards of cleanliness have been maintained.

The Manager would once again like to express her thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work and support, to Patrick for the early morning cleaning and to Alan for keeping the outside areas tidy and the general repairs up to date, and without whose cheerful support and ability to turn a hand to all the odd jobs, we would be lost.

I would also thank Sandie for helping with the day trips, Sandie and Anita for doing some stay and play sessions to support staff, Sandie and Tracy for tidying and sorting the craft cupboards during the summer holidays again, Lisa for constantly stepping in for emergencies as our bank staff member, Tracy for all her hard work on administration and applying for grants etc, and Kathryn for her constant support to me during the year.



Charity Registration No. 305166

**BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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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 2024.

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: 27 February 2025

BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	1	129,430	94,876
Investments	2	428	230
Total income		<u>129,858</u>	<u>95,106</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	119,808	98,339
Total expenditure		<u>119,808</u>	<u>98,339</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		10,050	(3,233)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		23,753	26,986
Fund balances at 31 August 2024		<u>33,803</u>	<u>23,753</u>

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 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	33,803		23,753	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			<u>33,803</u>		<u>23,753</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>33,803</u>		<u>23,753</u>
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27 February 2025

Lorna Godwin - Crowhurst
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees including lunches	13,900	23,319
Donations	200	361
Funding and grants	114,515	68,713
Fundraising and other	815	2,483
	<u>129,430</u>	<u>94,876</u>
Funding and grants		
Early years funding	110,115	67,663
Other grants	4,400	1,050
	<u>114,515</u>	<u>68,713</u>

2 Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	428	230
	<u>428</u>	<u>230</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

3 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	90,769	78,555
Maintenance	11,206	11,790
Office costs	5,132	5,125
Travel and training	109	523
Sundries	1,250	1,420
Children expenses - equipment	3,525	-
Children expenses - milk and snacks	3,539	109
Nursery grant payments	3,400	-
Fence project	878	817
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4 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

5 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Playgroup - current account	699	3,291
Playgroup - deposit account	19,329	23,099
Fundraising - current account	3,139	503
Fundraising - cash in hand	587	93
	<u>23,754</u>	<u>26,986</u>

6 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>23,753</u>	<u>129,858</u>	<u>(119,808)</u>	<u>33,803</u>

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AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

6 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	26,966	95,106	(98,339)	23,753

7 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.

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