

Battle Pre-School/



Trustees Annual Report for 2024-25

Carolyn Borthwick presented the Annual Report.

Preschool returned in September 2024 to much lower numbers than the previous year, having had 20 children leave for school. Numbers grew slowly, but did not reach the previous year's levels. Lots of enquiries came in during the Summer term for September 2025 starts.

Rosy joined us as a level 3 practitioner and quickly settled into the routine.

Jess continued with her Level 3 training, and all staff renewed their First Aid training in December 2024. Other small and relevant courses were undertaken by many staff.

The Ofsted inspection took place in June 2025, and Preschool retained its Good rating, thanks to the continued hard work and dedication of the staff.

The garden fence was replaced in October 2024, and then a further new fence was installed as a barrier between the soft top play area and the main gate. This created a better level of safety and allowed the children to play outside earlier while parents were still dropping off in the mornings.

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.



Lorna stood down as a trustee at the November AGM and Naiomi joined. Sadly Anita had to step down as a trustee in June due to personal issues, but Preschool were hopeful of recruiting new trustees in September 2025. Lisa retired as our bank staff member in December 2024, knowing that we did not need her due to better staffing levels.

I would also thank Sandie for helping with the day trips and stay and play sessions to support staff, Sandie and Tracy for tidying and sorting the craft cupboards during the summer holidays again 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 2025**

BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Tracy Dixon Kathryn Field Carolyn Borthwick Anita Hickman L Turner S Gerken N Cooper	(Appointed 14 November 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 2025.

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.

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements 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 the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 Charities Act 2011.
- 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 financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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

26 High Street
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3 March 2026

BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	1	117,851	129,430
Investments	2	491	428
Total income		<u>118,342</u>	<u>129,858</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	122,197	119,808
Total expenditure		<u>122,197</u>	<u>119,808</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(3,855)	10,050
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		<u>33,803</u>	<u>23,753</u>
Fund balances at 31 August 2025		<u>29,948</u>	<u>33,803</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 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	29,948		33,803	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-		-	
Net current assets			29,948		33,803
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			29,948		33,803
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 3 March 2026

Tracy Dixon
Trustee

BATTLE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees including lunches	6,558	13,900
Donations	250	200
Funding and grants	110,491	114,515
Fundraising and other	552	815
	<u>117,851</u>	<u>129,430</u>
Funding and grants		
Early years funding	109,244	110,115
Other grants	1,247	4,400
	<u>110,491</u>	<u>114,515</u>

2 Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>491</u>	<u>428</u>

3 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	99,067	90,769
Maintenance	12,274	11,206
Office costs	5,286	5,132
Travel and training	1,487	109
Sundries	1,172	1,250
Children expenses - equipment	2,517	7,064
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

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	2025	2024
	£	£
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 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>33,803</u>	<u>118,342</u>	<u>(122,197)</u>	<u>29,948</u>
Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
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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.

8 Independent examiner's fee

The creditor for the independent examination not accrued at 31 August 2025 is £450.

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