

Carebears Community Playgroup
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 August 2023
Charity Commission Registration Number: NIC103721

McFarland Arnold & Co
Chartered Accountants

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Legal and administrative information for the year ended 31 August 2023

Legal Status

The playgroup is managed by a committee of parents. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 19 October 2015 under registration number NIC103721.

Trustees

Mr Alisdair Moran
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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 August 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Charitable objects

The charity was established to advance and to promote the preservation and protection of health amongst children in the Newtownstewart area of Co Tyrone. This is done by the provision of play facilities and recreation activities in the interests of social welfare with the object of enhancing the education and development of the children without distinctions of sex, race, political, religion or other opinions. The charity benefits the public by providing a high standard of preschool education for children below the compulsory school age.

Organisational structure

The trustees meet regularly, administer the charity and make all policy decisions.

Review of activities and achievements

During the academic year 2022/23, 20 children attended under Education Authority Peg's funding. The charity applied for and received various other grants for specific resources and projects. The trustees, staff and parents were very active in fundraising, raising a significant amount to help cover running costs. The trustees are pleased with feedback from parents, Early Years etc and are satisfied that child development is enhanced in line with their objectives.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its trustees and other volunteers who have continually supported their activities and management of the charity throughout the year.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the year end and of its receipts and payments during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

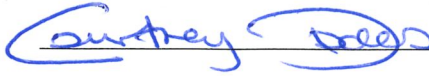
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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This report was approved by the trustees on 28 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Signature:



Name (in block capitals):

COURTNEY DOOPS
Trustee

Carebears Community Playgroup

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Carebears Community Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2023.

We report on the financial statements of Carebears Community Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the income and expenditure account and balance sheet.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:-

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities 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.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

McFarland Arnold & Co.

Chartered Accountants

Dated: *28 June 2024*

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 August 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Peg's funding		42,020		48,024
Pathway fund		21,326		21,114
Other grants		7,166		8,766
Fundraising activities		8,014		6,151
Donations		850		-
Milk refund		180		113
Voluntary contribution for break		3,430		3,905
Interest receivable		102		2
		83,088		88,075
Expenditure				
Wages and pensions costs	59,601		54,553	
Independent Early Years Specialist	1,352		1,651	
Provisions	1,655		1,763	
Resources for activities	9,951		10,185	
Costs of fundraising activities	79		228	
Rent	4,425		3,900	
Insurance	1,319		1,192	
Repairs	306		626	
Cleaning	229		651	
Printing, postage and stationery	513		333	
Advertising	357		211	
Telephone	1,175		660	
Accountancy	1,794		1,677	
Bank charges	64		45	
General expenses	274		458	
		(83,094)		(78,133)
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		(6)		9,942

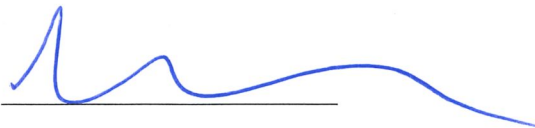
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Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 August 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Debtors	1,171		1,270	
Deposit account	17,983		17,881	
Current account	36,814		37,328	
Cash on hand	-		-	
	<u>55,968</u>		<u>56,479</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	<u>(3,472)</u>		<u>(3,977)</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>52,496</u>		<u>52,502</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u><u>52,496</u></u>		<u><u>52,502</u></u>
Funded by:				
Accumulated surplus		<u><u>52,496</u></u>		<u><u>52,502</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the management committee on 28 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature:



Name (in block capitals):

ALISDAIR MORAN

Trustee