

**Rascals Community Playgroup  
(Company limited by guarantee)**

**Trustees' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

**Company number: NI036835**

**Northern Ireland charity number: NIC107314**

**McFarland Arnold & Co  
Chartered Accountants**

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**Legal and administrative information  
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

**Legal Status**

The company is a private limited company, limited by guarantee, which was incorporated under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 under Registration Number NI036835. It is also recognised as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs under Reference Number XR19021. The company is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 15 April 2020 under registration number NIC107314.

**Trustees**

Rachel Ballantine (appointed 1 October 2024)  
Cathal McCullagh (appointed 3 June 2024)  
Donna McCullagh (appointed 3 June 2024)  
Roisin Smith (appointed 3 June 2024)  
Steven Turner (appointed 3 June 2024)  
Justine McCrory (resigned 23 May 2024)  
Charlotte Lagan (resigned 23 May 2024)  
Brenda Gormley (resigned 23 May 2024)  
Helen Warnock (resigned 23 May 2024)

**Registered office  
and business address**

62 Main Street  
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Co Tyrone  
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**Independent Examiners**

McFarland Arnold & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
8 Main Street  
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BT78 4AA

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**Trustees' report  
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

**Directors**

Officers of the charitable company, known as directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

**Charitable objects**

The charitable company was established to advance and to promote the preservation and protection of health amongst children in the Gortin 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 charitable company benefits the public by providing a high standard of preschool education for children below the compulsory school age.

The company is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 15 April 2020 under registration number NIC107314.

**Organisational structure**

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

**Review of activities and achievements**

The directors are aware that the number of children availing of the facilities needs to be maintained at the maximum level of 16 to ensure the future viability of the playgroup. They continue to fundraise and consider funding available.

**Reserves**

The results for the year are set out on page 5. The purposes of the funds are outlined in the notes to the financial statements.

**Volunteers**

The charitable company is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its directors and other volunteers who have continually supported the activities and management of the charitable company throughout the year. As indicated in note 11 to the financial statements, the directors were not in receipt of any remuneration nor reimbursement of expenses in respect of their services during the year.

**Taxation**

The charitable company is accepted as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs under reference XR19021 and therefore is exempt from corporation tax.

**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

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

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**Trustees' report  
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

Company law and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' (FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing these 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 charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Special provisions relating to small companies**

This report has been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 28 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

**Signature:**

  
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**Name (in block capitals):**

RACHAEL BAWANTINE  
Trustee

**Rascals Community Playgroup  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Rascals Community Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2024.**

We report on the financial statements of Rascals Community Playgroup for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied ourselves that the charitable company is not subject to audit under company law, 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
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 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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.



**Chartered Accountants**

**Dated:** 28 May 2025.

**McFarland Arnold & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
8 Main Street  
Newtownstewart  
Co Tyrone  
BT78 4AA**

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**Statement of financial activities  
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations & fundraising		13,470	-	13,470	4,678
Registration		280	-	280	220
Family subscriptions including pre-preschool		7,601	-	7,601	3,895
Education authority	4	29,395	1,292	30,687	29,773
Other grants	4	-	4,300	4,300	925
Income from investments		265	-	265	50
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		51,011	5,592	56,603	39,541
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Staff costs		31,890	-	31,890	32,912
Employer pension costs		1,296	-	1,296	990
Staff training		230	-	230	10
Recruitment costs		337	-	337	-
Rent paid		2,000	-	2,000	2,500
Insurance		727	-	727	655
Light and heat		2,691	-	2,691	1,877
Repairs and maintenance		104	-	104	302
Printing, postage and stationery		247	-	247	173
Telephone and internet access		1,008	-	1,008	885
Resources		1,073	1,292	2,365	3,585
Fundraising expenses		2,104	-	2,104	-
Family fun day expenses		599	300	899	-
Milk & provisions		1,229	-	1,229	1,298
Early years fees		143	-	143	536
Early years consultant		1,265	-	1,265	214
Accountancy fees		1,536	-	1,536	696
General expenses		48	-	48	43
Interest and charges		106	-	106	30
<b>Total resources expended</b>		(48,633)	(1,592)	(50,225)	(46,278)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		2,378	4,000	6,378	(6,737)
Total funds brought forward		3,844	-	3,844	10,581
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		6,222	4,000	10,222	3,844

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet  
as at 31 August 2024**

		2024		2023	
Notes	£	£	£	£	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		14,766		6,480	
		14,766		6,480	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	6	(4,544)		(2,636)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			10,222		3,844
<b>Net assets</b>			10,222		3,844
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	8		6,222		3,844
Restricted funds	9		4,000		-
			10,222		3,844

The company is registered as a private limited company in Northern Ireland under Registration Number NI036835.

The trustees' statements required by Section 475 (2) and (3) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet (continued)**

**Trustees' statements required by Section 475 (2) and (3)  
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 August 2024 and

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibility for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006,

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 of the Companies Act 2006 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland') and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 28 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Signature:

R. Rallantine

R. Smith

Name (in block capitals):

RACHEL RALLANTINE  
Trustee

ROSIN SMITH  
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

**1. General information**

The company is a private limited company, limited by guarantee, which was incorporated under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 under Registration Number NI036835 and registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 15 April 2020 under Registration Number NIC 107314. The address of the registered office is 62 Main Street, Gortin, Co Tyrone, BT79 8NH.

**2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland') and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

**3. Accounting policies**

**3.1. Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland')

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 Section 1A from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling.

**3.2. Incoming resources**

All income is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is received.

**3.3. Resources expended**

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

**3.4. Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds relate to general funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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**3.5 Financial instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**3.6. Taxation**

The charitable company is registered as a charity for tax purposes under reference NIC107314.

As a charitable company, Rascals Community Playgroup is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have therefore arisen for the company for the year ended 31 August 2024.

**4. Grant income**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Education Authority - PEGS	28,595	-	28,595	23,861
Education Authority - other	800	1,292	2,092	5,912
Halifax	-	4,000	4,000	-
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	-	300	300	925
	<u>29,395</u>	<u>5,592</u>	<u>34,987</u>	<u>30,698</u>

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**5. Employees**

**Number of employees**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year were:	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Employer pension costs	<u>1,296</u>	<u>990</u>

**6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income	<u>4,544</u>	<u>2,636</u>

**7. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fund balances at 31 August 2024 as represented by:			
Current assets	10,766	4,000	14,766
Current liabilities	(4,544)	-	(4,544)
	<u>6,222</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>10,222</u>

**8. Unrestricted funds**

	<b>1 September 2023</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>31 August 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General fund	3,844	50,041	(47,663)	6,222
	<u>3,844</u>	<u>50,041</u>	<u>(47,663)</u>	<u>6,222</u>

**Purposes of unrestricted funds**

General funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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9. Restricted funds	1 September 2023	Incoming	Outgoing	31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
EA - Getting ready to learn	-	500	(500)	-
EA - Extended services	-	792	(792)	-
Halifax Foundation - Staff salaries	-	4,000	-	4,000
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council - Family fun day	-	300	(300)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,592</u>	<u>(1,592)</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,592</u>	<u>(1,592)</u>	<u>4,000</u>

**Purposes of restricted funds**

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds is charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the note above.

**10. Capital commitments**

As at 31 August 2024, the charitable company had no capital commitments.

**11. Transactions with trustees**

The Trustees were not in receipt of any remuneration nor reimbursement of expenses in respect of their services during the year.

The trustees attend meetings and carry out the business of the charitable company on a voluntary basis.

