

**BRAMBLY HEDGE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

**CHARITY ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

**Charity Number : 108443**

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**INFORMATION AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**Charity Name**

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**Charity Number**

**108443**

**Trustees**

**Claire Cowan (Chairperson)**

**Clare Campbell (Vice-Chairperson)**

**Catherine McComb (Secretary)**

**Ruth Alcorn (Treasurer)**

**Jayne Kee**

**Julie Middleton**

**Laura Baird**

**Lucy Dougherty**

**Bankers**

**Ulster Bank**

**Culmore Road**

**Londonderry**

**Independent Examiner**

**Mrs Angela Cheung**

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### Trustees' Report

I would like to thank everyone for giving up their time to attend our AGM.

Last year we had 14 children with PSEP Funded places.

Brambly Hedge, started with a staff of 2 in September. Holly, our Deputy, went off on Maternity Leave at the end of the school year, with Mairead joining us in June to cover Holly for the coming school year. We are very grateful for the professional and caring staff we have, to nurture and care for the children who attend our setting.

### Staff Training

We continue to keep our training up to date throughout the year as part of our staff development. Staff were also able to attend small cluster groups with our independent early year's specialist and staff from other settings. These have been valuable and encouraging for our staff in learning from others, and to implement changes for any areas needing improving.

### Visitors to our setting

In recent years, we have had restrictions on visitors to our setting, but this year we were fortunate to have visits from the local police and optician. They were very informative and interesting sessions for the children. We also had a number of sessions with Tyrone Messy Play, Nourish and Nature Yoga, Jo Jingles, Crafty Teddies, and even a visit from the Ice cream Man.

### Links with parents

The Getting ready to learn programme continued to run, and was great to help parents be involved in their child's education. We also continued to use Dojo to update the parents on what we do each week at the nursery, and it was an extra form of communication for parents to get in touch if they ever had any concerns.

### Links with Others

We, at Brambly Hedge, continued to have a strong link with our Local Primary School. The children were invited to attend the school Christmas show at Bready Jubilee, as well as being invited for a number of Play sessions with Mrs Goodman, to help children with their transition to Primary 1.

### Outings / Special Occasions

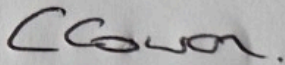
Throughout the year, we held a number of trips and special events – we had Santa Night, Banyan Theatre evening, Summer messy play, and at the end of term, we held a group trip to the Playshed for children and parents.

### Fundraising

Fundraising is always a large aspect of Committee and Nursery life. I would like to thank all

committee members, staff and parents for their continuous support throughout the year. This year we have not carried out as much as fundraising as we would have liked, due to other commitments. We held our Annual Christmas and Easter Raffles. Moving forward into the 2023/24 School year, fundraising is something we must emphasise to try and maintain a healthy and a much needed bank balance.

Finally, and again, I would like to continue to thank my fellow committee members and staff for all your help throughout the year. We have many members who have continued to stay on, even when their children have moved on to school. Without this valuable help, we would not be able to open our doors. As always, we will continue to put the interests of the children and the community at heart, and ensure the best learning experience possible.



Claire Cowan

Date : 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brambly Hedge Community Playgroup**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 which are set out above.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act, (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

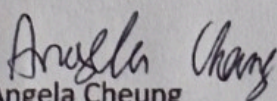
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and an examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as charity members concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters 1-4 listed above and, in connection with the following Directions of the Charity Commission Northern Ireland; I have found no matters that require drawing your attention.

  
Angela Cheung

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023