



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Wheathampstead Playgroup Ltd

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/22

Charity no
(if any)

1118728

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022. DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011
("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Michael Edmond

Date:

4/10/2022

Name:

MICHAEL EDMOND

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW

Address:

26 BLACKMORE WAY
WHEATHAMPSTEAD
AL4 8LJ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD PLAYGROUP LTD
(a Company Limited by Guarantee)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 March 2022

Registered Company Number 05958735

Registered Charity Number 1118728

WHEATHAMPSTEAD PLAYGROUP LTD

(a Company Limited by Guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES:

Tom Armstrong (appointed 8th October 2012)
Judith Parry (appointed 4th July 2016)
Jennifer Cook (appointed 24th October 2018)
Helen Osborne (appointed 24th October 2018)
Sally Wright (appointed 24th October 2018)

SECRETARY:

Sally Wright

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Nurseries Road
Wheathampstead
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL4 8TP

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER

0555958735

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1118728

**DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The directors present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

CONSTITUTION

The activities of Wheathampstead Playgroup, a registered charity, is carried out through a company limited by guarantee. The company is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. Directors/Trustees are nominated by members and are elected for a period of up to 3 years at the Annual General Meeting of the charity. The board of directors/trustees are also able to co-opt new directors/trustees at other times. The policies and activities of the charity are established and controlled by the board of directors/trustees. The board meets approximately 6 times each year.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The objects of the charity are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:-

- ◆ Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities and training courses, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;
- ◆ Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs;
- ◆ Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Early Years Alliance.

REVIEW OF THE PERIOD AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The limited liability company is the operating entity for Wheathampstead Playgroup (registered number 283087) since 1 April 2007. These accounts show the full activity for the period under review. As with the previous year 2021-22 has been a difficult year, with major staffing issues. As the manager left, the deputy stepped up to run the setting on a temporary basis, and staff worked extra shifts to ensure that the staffing shortage did not affect the children or their care in the setting. We were able to employ new pre-school assistants, but were not able to find a suitable replacement manager. The number of children in the setting has remained capped in order to ensure that staff could give them the time and care that they needed. This situation has also led to concerns about finances, as we have had to keep staffing levels high in order to ensure the setting could be run properly.

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

All directors of the company are also Trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The following have held

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Jennifer Cook (appointed 24th October 2018)
Helen Osborne (appointed 24th October 2018)
Sally Wright (appointed 24th October 2018)

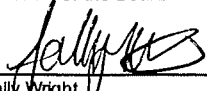
STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors/trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year, and its profit or loss for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- ◆ make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors/trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board



Sally Wright
Company Secretary

Dated: 1 July 2022
Registered Office: Nurseries Road, Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, AL4 8TP

WHEATHAMPSTEAD PLAYGROUP LTD
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

| <u>Notes</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Fee Income | 24,009 | 13,532 |
| Funding (Herts County Council) | 76,063 | 78,313 |
| Fund Raising Activities | 0 | 191 |
| Interest | 1 | 16 |
| Donations and Other Income | 50 | 7,886 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | 100,122 | 99,938 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| PAYMENTS | | |
| Rent and Rates | 575 | 0 |
| Premises Expenses | 6,451 | 4,093 |
| Wages | 87,419 | 79,352 |
| Fund Raising Activities Costs | 0 | 0 |
| Equipment and Consumables | 4,041 | 2,828 |
| Administration Expenses and Training | 8,739 | 6,949 |
| PLA Membership and Insurances | 762 | 744 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 107,987 | 93,965 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD | (7,865) | 5,973 |
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The profit and loss account contains all the gains and losses recognised in the current and preceeding year.

The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements

WHEATHAMPSTEAD PLAYGROUP LTD
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

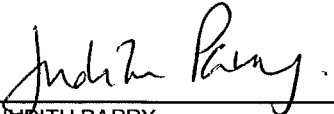
| <u>Notes</u> | <u>2022</u> £ | <u>2021</u> £ |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Stock of unsold merchandise | - | - |
| Current account | 14,814 | 23,799 |
| Deposit account | 7,398 | 7,397 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 25 | 105 |
| Fee and Income debtors | - | - |
| | <hr/> 22,236 | <hr/> 31,301 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Creditors | (2,400) | (3,600) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET ASSETS | <hr/> <u>19,836</u> | <hr/> <u>27,701</u> |
| RESERVES | | |
| Profit and loss account | 19,836 | 27,701 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL RESERVES | <hr/> <u>19,836</u> | <hr/> <u>27,701</u> |

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

Approved by the Board of Directors on 1/7/2022 and
signed on its behalf:


JUDITH PARRY

The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention.

2 STAFF COSTS

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Salaries | 77,709 | 72,106 |
| Social Security & Pensions | <u>9,710</u> | <u>7,245</u> |
| | <u><u>87,419</u></u> | <u><u>79,352</u></u> |

3 RESERVES

| | £ | £ |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Balance at 1 April | 27,701 | 21,728 |
| Retained profit for the financial year | <u>(7,865)</u> | <u>5,973</u> |
| Balance at 31 March | <u><u>19,836</u></u> | <u><u>27,701</u></u> |

