



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 August 2023 To 31 July 2024**

**Charity name: Barn Owls Etchingham Pre-School**

**Charity registration number: 1041020**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provision of education and childcare through play for under 5s in the local community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Confirmed

## Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>After a challenging year to 31 July 2023, we have had an encouraging year managing to stabilise our position, resulting in a surplus for the year.</p> <p>We had 45 children on roll by the end of the year and have seen 27 of those leave for the local primary schools, primarily Burwash and Etchingham, but also in the surrounding villages too.</p> <p>The annual parent survey provided excellent feedback on the quality of care and education provided by our staff, ratifying the hard work that has been put in by all concerned.</p> <p>We were very grateful to the parish council for providing a grant towards a new mud kitchen which was completed after the year end. We were also very grateful for the parents and the local community turning out for a fundraiser at the Etchingham Club to help raise additional funds for this. It also served to increase our engagement in the community and make people aware of what Barn Owls stands for.</p> <p>From a financial report standpoint, our existing accountant is retiring and for the following year we will be running the book-keeping and accounts in-house by the trustees. As such, the accounts will be shown on a receipts and payments basis and we have prepared the accounts to 31 July 2024 on this basis. It should therefore be noted that under the receipts and payments basis, the accounts show an additional surplus of around £7k due to amounts owed to HMRC for tax and NI that have not yet been paid.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the year end, we had a healthy cash balance of approximately £30k.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We aim to keep a healthy cash reserve to help us to weather any challenging years and enable us to pay for any unforeseen outgoings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	See above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns over going concern currently.

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principle source of funding comes from funded childcare, which is distributed by the East Sussex County Council. This accounted for approximately 80% of income with the majority of the remainder coming from private fees.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principle risks facing us are the reliance on central funding on the one hand and rises to national living wage on the other. If government funding is not increased in line with NLW increase, this leaves us with a deficit, which will need to be plugged through other means. Inevitably this means rises in parent fees but as these only represent approx. 20% of our income source, it is unlikely to be able to plug a substantial deficit, should this arise.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election or re-election of trustees bi-annually and any member of the Association may put themselves forward.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Barn Owls Etchingham Pre-School
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1041020
Charity's principal address	Parsonage Croft, High St, Etchingham, E.Sussex TN19 7BY

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Justin Lyon Taylor	Chair		
2	Daniel Cudlipp			
3	Hannah Moore			
4	Suzanne Parr			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
N/A		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

## Exemptions from disclosure

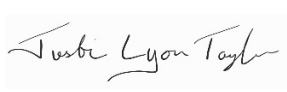
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Justin Lyon Taylor	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	09/05/2025	



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Barn Owls Etchingham Pre-School

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Aug-23


To

31-Jul-24

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Parent Fees	18,569	-	-	18,569	-
ESCC Fees	120,068	-	-	120,068	-
Donations	1,258	-	-	1,258	-
Nursery Grant		-	-	-	-
School Dinners	5,116	-	-	5,116	-
School Uniform	66	-	-	66	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>145,078</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145,078</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>145,078</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145,078</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising	240	-	-	240	-
Net Wages	97,864			97,864	
HMRC	2,006			2,006	
Pensions	6,743			6,743	
Premises Expenses	7,350			7,350	
Business Rates	2,128			2,128	
Postage	32			32	
Office Stationery	486			486	
Computer Software	446			446	
Pre-school General Expenses	6,681			6,681	
Accountancy	1,554			1,554	
Professional Fees	116			116	
Repairs and renewals	150			150	
Bank Charges	99			99	
Staff Uniforms	553			553	
Training Costs	- 735			- 735	
Insurance	1,168			1,168	
School Meal Costs	7,110	-	-	7,110	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>133,990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,990</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>133,990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,990</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,087</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,087</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>21,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,029</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>32,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,116</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	31,864	-	-
	Petty Cash	252	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>32,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
	Equipment and furniture (estimated MV)	Unrestricted	-	6,000
			-	-
			-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>	
		Justin Lyon Taylor	9/5/2025	





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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Barn Owls Etchingham Pre-School

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 July 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1041020

Set out on pages

See annual accounts

(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 / 07 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 08/05/2025

Name:

Oliver Cripps

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

Up to 31 December 2024, I was a Chartered Accountant under the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales

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Kent, TN18 5PT