



## **Cheeky Chimps of Ashcott**

**INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS**

*For the year ended*

**31 August 2024**

**Charity Number 1045193**

**CHALMERS HB LTD**

Chartered Accountants  
20 Chamberlain Street  
Wells  
Somerset BA5 2PF

# **Cheeky Chimps of Ashcott**

## **ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024**

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# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Cheeky Chimps of Ashcott

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1045193

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2024**.

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").

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.

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:

- 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.

Signed:

Date:

16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Name:

Paul Dix

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

ACCA & ICAEW

Address:

Chalmers HB, 20 Chamberlain Street

Wells, Somerset. BA5 2PF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

|             |                   |             |              |           |                 |             |              |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
|             | Period start date |             |              |           | Period end date |             |              |
| <b>From</b> | Day<br>01         | Month<br>09 | Year<br>2023 | <b>To</b> | Day<br>31       | Month<br>08 | Year<br>2024 |

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Charity name</b>                       | Cheeky Chimps at Ashcott                                   |
| <b>Other names charity is known by</b>    | Cheeky Chimps  |
| <b>Registered charity number (if any)</b> | 1045193  |
| <b>Charity's principal address</b>        | Ridgeway<br>Ashcott<br>Somerset<br><b>Postcode</b> TA7 9PP |

#### 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  | Melissa Twitchell | Trustee & Chair     |                                   |   |
| 2  | Joanne Spencer    | Treasurer & Trustee |                                   |   |
| 3  | Vicky O'Brien     | Trustee             |                                   |   |
| 4  | Nikoletta Cox     | Trustee             |                                   |   |
| 5  | Claire Whitcombe  | Trustee             |                                   |   |
| 6  | Rose Stokes       | Trustee             |                                   |   |
| 7  |                   |                     |                                   |   |
| 8  |                   |                     |                                   |   |
| 9  |                   |                     |                                   |   |
| 10 |                   |                     |                                   |   |

#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|------|-----------------------------------|
|      |                                   |
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#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name            | Address   |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Accountants     | Chalmers HB Ltd | 20 Chamberlain Street, Wells, Somerset. BA5 2PF |
|                 |                 |   |

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution adopted 20<sup>th</sup> July 1994, amended 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Unincorporated charity, registered with the Charity Commission

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are appointed by the existing board of trustees.

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

### Trustee Board Composition

The constitution sets out the requirement for 60% of the trustees to be 'Family' Members of Cheeky Chimps.

### Risk Management

The Trustees have considered the major risks facing the charity and have taken steps to mitigate those risks.

### Related Parties

As above, the constitution requires members to be represented on the board of Trustees, therefore it is normal for some of the Trustees to pay the charity for providing services, which is all carried out on an arm's length basis.

### Trustee Remuneration

One Trustee has been paid remuneration by the charity during the year, although the remuneration was for their teaching role rather than their trusteeship, as allowed by the constitution and agreed by the committee.

No other Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity.

## Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The aims of Cheeky Chimps are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age and children attending our wrap around care by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by;

- (a) offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and extended hours groups, 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.
- (b) Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;
- (c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-School Learning Alliance

## Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission

The charity was able to meet its objectives by successfully running the pre-school facility all year, even throughout period of national lockdown, including developing at-home support packs for those children who did not attend the site during these times.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The year started busy for the both the staff and committee, with pre-school and both breakfast club and after school club busy with waiting lists, and with the new 2 year funding due to be implemented in the April of 2024, the year was only going to get busier! With the roof not costing as much as initially thought, the Auction of Promises for October was changed to raising money for a new outdoor classroom. This turned out to be a huge success, raising £2,500 on the night. A massive thank you goes to Clare for her hard work especially in making the night run so well along with the committee for giving their time on the day too.

In December we held a Christmas party over at Ashcott school as it was thought the cohort were too young to do any live singing/nativity and they had a visit from Father Christmas too, which always goes down well. In February the new outdoor classroom was delivered and installed over the February half term. A big thank you goes to all the parents and local community that helped over the few days. Thank you to you all for your help in painting The Ball Room and making it such a welcoming space for the children. The space is a great new addition to the setting and is being used for lots of group times and learning. We officially opened the Ball Room at our Easter event, along with some Easter activities and a cake sale to raise some extra funds. It was agreed we should hold more cake sales throughout the year as they are always well supported and easy for us to hold.

In February we welcomed OFSTED back to the setting, we were rated 'Good' and received lots of positive feedback from the Inspector. Thank you goes to the staff for your professionalism and dedication throughout the year.

We welcomed Melissa to the Cheeky Chimps team in March, who has been a great addition to the team and settled in quickly. Our lovely manager Caroline had to step back from her role at the start of the Summer Term. Julie and Hannah both agreed to step up to be Manager's on the days they were in, to cover Caroline's role. A big thank you to them both for doing this, they have both been brilliant and I know they have also received great support from the rest of the staff. Caroline has been hugely missed by the staff, parents and especially the children.

Hannah will be going off on Maternity Leave at the start of the Christmas holidays and her role of Deputy will be covered by Jo Spencer.

Beerfest was another great fundraising event for us, with £5,000 being donated to Cheeky Chimps. Thank you to everyone who helped set up or man the Children's Tent on the day, your help was greatly appreciated. With regards to grants we also got £3,000 from Clarks for use in our outside areas, new equipment has been purchased and also some Forest School lessons booked in for the Autumn term.

Our leavers ceremony/sports day was a great success and enjoyed by everyone that attended. The children loved all the games that we had put out and the snack bags went down a treat, thank you Jo and Melissa.

We have had some new and very welcomed faces to the last few committee meetings, so hopefully we will have some new members officially join soon.



## Section D

## Achievements and performance

It's been a busy but enjoyable year as Chair and as a small committee we should be really proud of what we have achieved. Thank you to the committee for all your help and to the amazing staff at Chimps for your hard work and dedication.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's reserve policy is to maintain a sufficient level of unrestricted reserves necessary to generate the income required to run the charity on a day-to-day basis.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

#### Summary of Results

During the year, the charity received income of £207,329 (2023: £156,002).

Expenditure totalled £170,876 (2023: £154,981) so a surplus of £36,453 (2023: surplus of £1,019) was made this year.

We also invested in equipment and building works totalling £5,679 (2023: £36,453) resulting in an overall increase in cash funds of £30,774.

Cash funds at the year end amounted to £88,403 (2023: £57,629), all of which are unrestricted.

The Trustees believe that they have adequately been able to meet the charitable objectives during the year.

#### Principal Sources of Funds

The main funding sources are income from education related grants and fees paid directly by parents.

## Section F

## Other optional information

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| <b>Section G</b> | <b>Declaration</b> |
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                                     |                   |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Signature(s)                        | MJT               | RStokes     |
| Full name(s)                        | Melissa Twitchell | ROSE STOKES |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair             | SECRETARY   |
| Date                                | 14/05/2025        |             |





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Cheeky Chimps of Ashcott

No (if any)  
1045193

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## Receipts and payments accounts

|                        |                                 |    |                               |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period<br>from | Period start date<br>01/09/2023 | To | Period end date<br>31/08/2024 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Government Grants                                     | 112,413                                   | 865                                  | -                                   | 113,278                         | 80,547                        |
| Fees  | 82,816                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 82,816                          | 56,648                        |
| Bank Interest   | 297                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 297                             | 182                           |
| General Donations                                     | 7,093                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 7,093                           | 9,365                         |
| Restricted Donations                                  | -   | 3,845                                | -                                   | 3,845                           | 9,260                         |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>202,619</b>                            | <b>4,710</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>207,329</b>                  | <b>156,002</b>                |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>202,619</b>                            | <b>4,710</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>207,329</b>                  | <b>156,002</b>                |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Activities and materials                              | 1,898                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,898                           | 993                           |
| Refreshments and Ingredients                          | 5,477                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 5,477                           | 4,116                         |
| Play Equipment  | 6,149                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 6,149                           | 2,398                         |
| Insurance   | 1,517                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,517                           | 1,427                         |
| Wages   | 128,535                                   | 865                                  | -                                   | 129,400                         | 103,557                       |
| Coaches for Clubs                                     | 1,223                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,223                           | 1,441                         |
| Training and Recruitment                              | 349                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 349                             | 392                           |
| Uniform   | 141                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 141                             | -                             |
| Premises and maintenance costs                        | 14,671                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 14,671                          | 33,107                        |
| Office costs  | 3,816                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 3,816                           | 2,429                         |
| Payroll and Bookkeeping                               | 1,766                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,766                           | 1,841                         |
| Accountancy   | 1,788                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,788                           | 1,668                         |
| Subscriptions and Licences                            | 997                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 997                             | 1,005                         |
| Other Expenses  | 1,341                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,341                           | 292                           |
| Bank Charges  | 341                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 341                             | 315                           |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>170,011</b>                            | <b>865</b>                           | <b>-</b>                            | <b>170,876</b>                  | <b>154,981</b>                |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Equipment purchased                                   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 983                           |
| Property Enhancements                                 | 1,834                                     | 3,845                                | -                                   | 5,679                           | 30,974                        |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>1,834</b>                              | <b>3,845</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>5,679</b>                    | <b>31,957</b>                 |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>171,845</b>                            | <b>4,710</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>176,555</b>                  | <b>186,938</b>                |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>30,774</b>                             | <b>0</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,774</b>                   | <b>- 30,936</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>57,629</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>57,629</b>                   | <b>88,565</b>                 |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>88,403</b>                             | <b>0</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>88,403</b>                   | <b>57,629</b>                 |



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

| Categories  | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>  | Current Account  | 37,677                             | -                                | -                               |
|   | Fundraising Account                                    | 30,079                             | -                                | -                               |
|   | Deposit Account  | 20,646                             | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                |                                    | 88,403                           | -                               |
|   | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |
|   |  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                             |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                                 |  |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|   |  |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|   |  |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|   |  |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|   |  |                                    |                                  |                                 |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>         |  |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|   | Capitalised equipment                                  | Unrestricted                       | 5,927                            | -                               |
|   | Capitalised building enhancements                      | Unrestricted                       | 36,653                           | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                                       |  |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|   | Wages related Costs                                    | Unrestricted                       | 1,762                            | within 1 year                   |
|   | Accountancy & IE                                       | Unrestricted                       | 1,877                            | within 1 year                   |
|   | General Creditors                                      | Unrestricted                       | 1,947                            | within 1 year                   |
|   |  |                                    | -                                |                                 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees |  | Signature                          | Print Name                       | Date of approval                |
|   |  | MUT                                | MELISSA TWITCHELL                | 14/05/25                        |
|   |  | ROSE STOKES                        | ROSE STOKES                      | 14/05/25                        |