

Goring

LITTLE FISHES



Registered Charity No.: 1049215

GORING LITTLE FISHES
TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year ending 31st August 2022

Aim and Purpose

The aim of Goring Little Fishes is to encourage pre-school children to develop emotionally, physically and socially in a loving and caring environment which is based on Christian principles.

Objectives and Activities

Goring Little Fishes is a Christian-based playgroup based in Worthing, West Sussex. The Playgroup is affiliated to the Goring United Reformed Church and we welcome children from all faiths aged from two through to school-age. We are registered with Ofsted and follow the guidelines as advised by them.

We support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and children with English as an additional language.

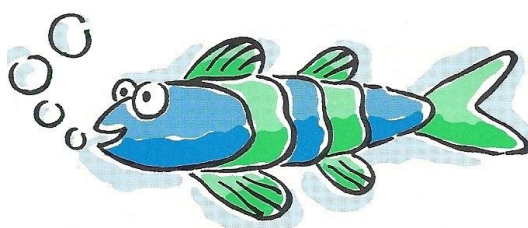
We may sponsor a number of children who may not be able to afford the fees prior to becoming eligible for funding from West Sussex County Council (WSCC).

Although the focus of the group is on the children attending, we also take many student placements from the local Colleges to pass on our knowledge and skills to enable young people to gain essential work experience. We have also taken on an apprentice.

Achievements

Ofsted visited us for an inspection in September 2017 which gave a brilliant overall judgement of Outstanding:-

- 'The manager is truly inspirational. She continually reviews everything she and the staff do. The manager inspires and motivates children, their parents and the staff team in achieving the best they can. She sets exceptionally high standards for herself.'
- 'The staff's expert knowledge and understanding of all children's abilities and developments ensure every child's uniqueness is met. The outstanding quality of teaching ensures every child is included in all activities regardless of their stage of development. The pre-school uses additional funding astutely to address gaps in learning rapidly to help children catch up quickly.'



Structure and Management

The Management Committee, who are also the Trustees, are responsible for overall management of the Goring Little Fishes Charity and usually meet once each term. They give their time freely and receive no remuneration or benefits. The Committee is made up of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, two Church Elder Representatives and other members. We can also be joined by two non-Trustee, Parent Representatives as regulated by our Constitution.

We regularly review our policies and have done so again this year incl. the Risk Management document.

Current membership is:

Mr Paul Redman - Chairman

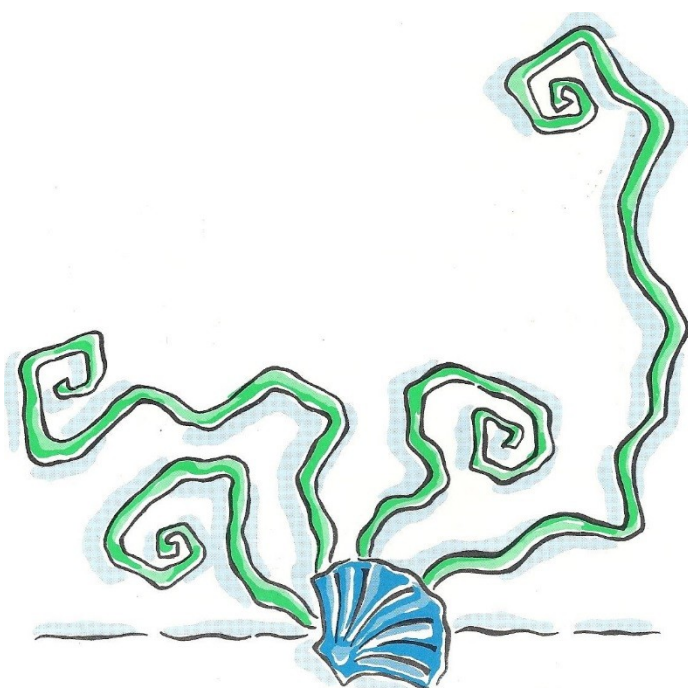
Mrs Susie Thomas – Secretary

Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey – Treasurer

Mrs Valerie Cooper – Church Elder Representative and Counsellor

Mrs Rosemary Terry – Church Elder Representative

Mrs Elizabeth Swierk – Member



The vast majority of the daily running of Goring Little Fishes (GLF) is delegated to our Manager, Lesley, who works closely with her other staff members. She attends our committee meetings to keep the committee members fully up-to-date with daily life at GLF.

The staff consist of:

Lesley Wake - Manager

Val Gill - Business Administrator

Ricky Mitchell - Early Years Educator SENCO

Amelia Miller – Early Years Educator SENCO

Petrina Edwardes - Early Years Educator

Cia Del Greco - Early Years Educator

Julia Godrey - Early Years Educator

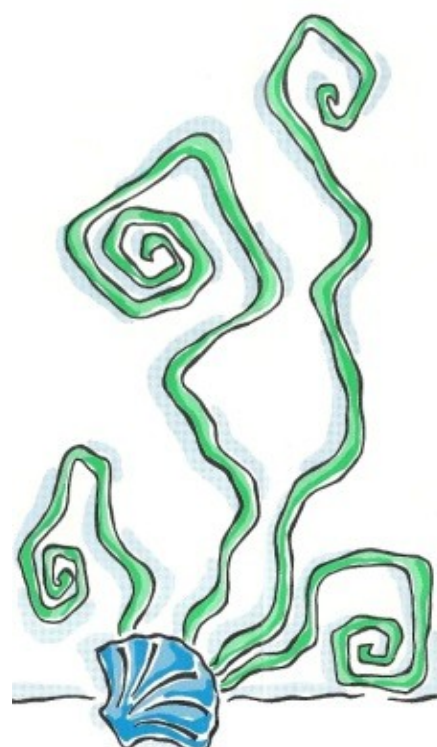
Teresa Price – Early Years Educator

DBS checks are carried out prior to staff appointments.

DBS checks can be carried out on the trustees but as they have no physical interaction with the children (i.e. they only meet in the evenings) the current decision is not to do so, however this is under constant review by the committee.

Health and Safety, Risk Assessments and other playgroup policies are always under review to be kept up to date with current legislation.

Training by staff is always ongoing including NVQ Level 5 and 6 Child care courses.



Chairperson's Report 2022

This year has seen Goring Little Fishes (GLF) under a new manager, Lesley Wake, who accepted the post permanently from the end of March 2021. The GLF committee, which is made up of volunteers, has remained unchanged and continues to oversee the running of this fantastic Early Years setting. The playgroup comprises of employed (paid) staff, headed by a manager. The staff are all extremely well qualified, professional and a talented team of people. The staff continue put so much energy and enthusiasm into Little Fishes, this was proven by our most recent Ofsted rating (2017) of Outstanding and can still be seen today. Our staff seem very happy and don't want to leave which is very encouraging for us.

This year the GLF committee sent out a questionnaire to all parents for vital feedback, ideas and changes that could improve the GLF experience. We had a good response and have taken several actions as a result of the replies on the forms returned.

We have a good number of children attending preschool and have a small, but continuous flow of interest in viewing and signing up. On a Saturday in early July, a stay and play session was held for all children starting/returning in September, giving them a chance to play, see the setting and ask any questions.

Over the past year the children have been on trips to the park and to local amenities including the local ride-on model railway, located just over the road. In April, GLF joined with the church's Puppet Club, who performed the story of Easter, followed by an Easter egg hunt. GLF have been involved this year with the West Sussex's healthy eating and physical development activities where they have been able to educate both the children and their families.

GLF continue to make good use of our large separate sensory space in which those children who have learning difficulties, developmental or sensory impairments can learn to interact with the world around them, but within a safe, controlled environment that builds up their confidence and abilities. There is also space outside this room that has been made a safe outdoor second playground with a soft play surface. This outdoor space now has a new motorised sunshade canopy for that extra protection from the elements, funded by a generous donation.

The children leaving this year received leavers' t-shirts with their name and a Little Fishes logo (funded by the parents). A leaver's party with presentation for those going to school and an end of term party for the children who are not going to school was held in July.

The parents requested a fun day, this was arranged for 9th July at Goring Gap, Worthing, with fun games and mini football matches.

GLF have been working more closely with the church, with GLF staff being 'donated' to help lead and run the parent and toddler group formerly known as 'The Ark' now rebranded to 'Mini Fishes' held once a week at the church hall. GLF are now also getting involved more at Easter and Christmas special events held at the church, further building the relationship.

Finally, I'd like to thank the rest of the Little Fishes Committee for their time and input into meetings, with again a special thank you to Gaynor, who does so much work for the GLF group in her own time outside the Committee meetings in her role as treasurer.

I do hope and pray that the good work that Goring Little Fishes is doing in and for our local community continues and I wish all here another happy and successful year going forward.

Paul Redman - GLF Chair

Financial Review

For our year September 2021 to August 2022, our income has decreased from £176.4K last year to £151.6K this year. This is due to WSCC reducing the inclusion funding for the year.

In conjunction, we had brought our outgoings own from £161.6K last year to £154.8K. This has given us a 2.9K loss.

This loss is less than what was forecasted. Due to many years of having an excess, we have a good contingency fund.

This year we have replaced the large computer and installed an awning over the second play area – which was covered by an anonymous donation made in the previous accounting year.

At the end of the year, we have £87.9K in the bank.

The accounts will be independently examined by J Cozens, who is a chartered Accountant.

Reserves Policy

We have a contingency fund to accommodate unforeseeable events, losses, repairs or redundancy. Or late payments from WSCC. A minimum of £50K will be necessary for 2022/23.

Gaynor Anderson-Easey

Treasurer.

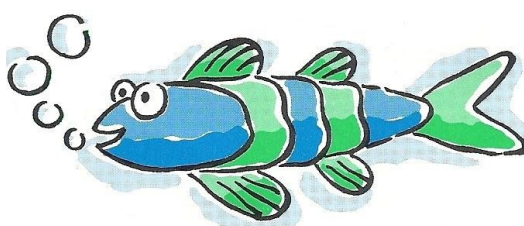
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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT

AS AT 31st AUGUST 2022

		2022	2021	
Best Estimate				
Assets		£9,345 *	£5,118	
Cash In Hand		£277	£253	
Liabilities	(Contractual)	£1,100	£3,834	
Premises & Utilities		£1,805	£3,677	3 mths Rent & Gas & Waste
Refurbishment Liabilities		£0	4500	Work done/Ordered
Other Liabilities		£600	600	

*75% of this year's purchase price of assets plus 25% of last year's assets



FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1st SEPTEMBER 2021 - 31st AUGUST 2022

Receipts

Payments

Balance at beginning of 2021/2022	£	90,746.22
Balance at end of 2021/2022	£	87,879.83
Loss for 2021/2022	-£	2,866.39



Date 14/11/2022

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J Houli FMAAT

Date 08/04/2023





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Goring Little Fishes Playgroup

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2022

Charity no
(if any)

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 31/08/2022/YY.

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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ 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.

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

06/04/2023

Name:

Jennifer Hoult

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

FMAAT

(if any):	
Address:	Evans Weir, 25 St Pancras, The Victoria, Chichester, PO19 7LT

Section B**Disclosure**

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.

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