

Ludwell Valley Early Childhood Centre

Annual Report To 31st August 2023

This report along with the attached financial statements were approved by the Trustees for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of Ludwell Valley Early Childhood Centre.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Louise Marshall - Chairperson Date: 18/04/24
INCORPORATION AND CONSTITUTION

Ludwell Valley Early Childhood Centre is a registered Charity - 1059948

The Preschool's current constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting of June 2015.

PRINCIPLE ACTIVITY AND OBJECT OF THE CHARITY

The principle activity and object of the Charity is to advance the education of preschool age children. Ludwell Valley lease a building in the Wonford area of Exeter, where qualified and friendly staff provide quality learning and development in a safe, fun environment.

MISSION STATEMENT

Working together to provide quality care and education to create a foundation for lifelong learning.

BENIFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Our mission is to support and enhance children's development and pre-school education, by giving them a caring and nurturing environment to fulfil their full potential. Every child is an individual and develops at their own pace and we pride ourselves on providing each and every child with the inspiration and confidence to believe that they can achieve. Children in our care learn how to become respectful and moral citizens to aid them in their future.

Education is an essential part of every child's life, and this is recognised worldwide. Our pre-school educates children in different subjects, teaching them skills and knowledge to assist them throughout their lives. Education teaches children the basic essential life skills, to secure academic achievement and future job prospects, benefiting the lives of everyone. Children that attend our preschool acquire the fundamental values to support their health and wellbeing, which will benefit them but also benefit the public around them, by equipping the children with the capacity of how to understand and operate in the community.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Again, we had a loss this year, it is a shame but there has been less staff and less children, so it's not surprising and I still feel we are still dealing with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The preschool has such a good reputation, in the local community and I'm sure it will continue to do so, I'm hoping to see things improve this year.

TREASURERE REPORT

The Preschool at the end of the year had a small loss again, however, considering the rise in general day to day essentials for the preschool and the cost of living I think the preschool has done well. Hopefully there will be a more positive outcome next year.

MANAGERS REPORT

Unfortunately, there has been a loss again this year, but we have looked at ways to reduce our costs, and there is nothing further we can do with regards to this. We are a non-profit preschool and as we are in such a deprived area, it is essential that we keep any charges low, and I think this is why the preschool has been so successful over the years. Every child receives the education and start in life they deserve, and this is down to my wonderful team of staff.

We have put some fundraising ideas together and hope to see these put into place soon, as always, the children's learning and development will always come first at Ludwell Valley and as we have a minimum number of staff at present this is the first and foremost objective.

Profit and loss and balance sheet for ludwell Valley Ea

Profit and loss report

INCOME

Funding	£	107,940.72
Fees	£	37,147.92
Donations	£	-
Grants	£	-
Milk	£	-
Fundraising	£	-
Misc	£	451.98
Interest	£	53.94
Refund	£	232.33

Total £ 145,826.89

EXPENDITURE

Wages	£	114,716.52
HMRC	£	15,822.16
Equipment	£	5,454.04
Snack	£	2,188.26
Fundraising	£	8.69
Trips	£	-
Training	£	314.40
PLA/OFSTED	£	150.00
Utilities	£	5,383.49
Expenses	£	2,707.31
Transfer	£	-
Resources	£	-
	£	628.98

total £ 147,373.85

Profit/Loss

-£ 1,546.96

Early Childhood Centre 01/09/2021-31/08/2022

		<u>Balance sheet</u>	
ACCOUNTS	Opening cash position	43,280.81	
	Profit/loss	-£ 1,546.96	
	Closing cash position	£ 41,733.85	
	BANK	£ 12,733.85	
		£ 29,000.00	
	TOTAL	£ 41,733.85	
NOTE			
THE TWO GREEN NUMBERS SHOULD BE THE SAME			



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Ludwell Valley Early Years Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1059948

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets) ²

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:

Nicola Hooper

Date:

08/03/2023

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

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