

LITTLE ACORNS, SHIREOAKS

England & Wales · Charity number 1069794

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1998-05-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: The aims of the Pre-school 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:(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.

Activities: To enhance the development and education of children primarily under the statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community projects.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-09-30 | £182,000 | £133,000 | - | - |
| 2023-09-30 | £132,057 | £134,623 | - | - |
| 2022-09-30 | £139,892 | £120,204 | - | - |
| 2021-09-30 | £112,729 | £103,790 | - | - |
| 2020-09-30 | £149,306 | £97,101 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------|------|------------|
| Jennifer Fullerton | | 2023-01-23 |
| Katie Homyard | | 2026-03-05 |
| Lana Wright | | 2024-02-19 |
| Tracey Hughes | | 2026-03-05 |
| Vikki Greenhalgh | | 2022-01-11 |

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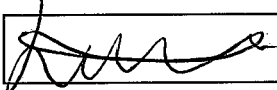
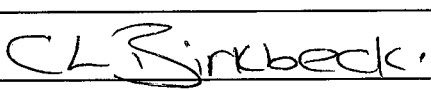
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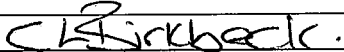
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
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| Full name(s) | Leann Moore | Claire Birkbeck |
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| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chairperson | Secretary  |
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| Date | 7 jan 2025 |
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- We held a Christmas Fayre and Sponsored Read to raise funds to pay for activities, new equipment and a pre-school trip.
- We funded a trip for the children to go on a train to see santa and santa gave a gift at the train station
- Continue to provide play, education and childcare facilities to the 'Good' Ofsted standard achieved in our last inspection.
- Staff develop and extend their skills by attending courses across a wide range of relevant areas, including language, behaviour and special needs. All staff renewed their First Aid training. Performance was assessed through an annual appraisal and regular supervisions.
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- Offer placements to students studying for childcare qualifications from local colleges, enabling them to gain experience within an Early Years educational setting.
- The pre-school is managed by a committee of volunteer parents and guardians who contribute their time, skills and expertise to ensure the successful running of the setting and fulfilling duty to:
 - ensure resources are used exclusively to pursue Little Acorns charitable aims
 - ensure Little Acorns complies with its constitution
 - ensure the pre-schools' finances comply with relevant legislation
 - obey employment laws in fulfilling responsibilities to both staff and the Government

Section D

Achievements and performance

aged 2 to 5 from the local village and surrounding area.

- Offer opportunities for all children, regardless of race, culture, religion, means or ability and encourage the study of the needs of such children.
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- In carrying out our charitable purposes we comply with the duty to have due regard for the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

Constitution

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

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(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by Committee

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- 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.

- Committee handbook updated and issued to new members.
- Follow guidance and advice from the Early Years Alliance and maintain membership to access specialist support and services.
- Accept support, guidance and advice from Local Authority via the Early Years Specialist Teacher to ensure Early Years Quality & Attainment standards are met.
- Regular inspection by Ofsted.
- Annual review of all policies and procedures undertaken to ensure any changes in legislation and best practice have been incorporated.
- Building trustees are appointed with particular focus on health and safety issues surrounding the premises (Portakabin unit).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To

Period end date

Day
1st

Month
October

Year
2023

Day
30th

Month
September

Year
2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Little Acorns Shireoaks

Other names charity is known by Little Acorns Pre-school

Registered charity number (if any) 1069794

Charity's principal address Brancliffe Lane

Shireoaks

Worksop

Postcode

S81 8PW

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 Lee Thomlinson | Chairperson | | |
| 2 Leann Moore | Secretary | | |
| 3 Lana Wright | Treasurer | | |
| 4 Jenny Fullerton | Member | | |
| 5 Vikki Greenhaigh | Member | | |
| 6 Susan Turner | Member | | |
| 7 Claire Birkbeck | Member | | |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Susan Turner | |

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 £ |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Virgin Bank | 61,277 | - | - |
| | Cambridge & Counties | 85,000 | - | - |
| | HT Bank | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 146,277 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | | | |

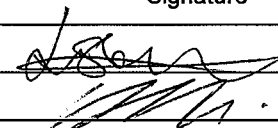
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|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
|  | LEANN MOORE LANA WELGHT | 19/6/25 19/6/25 |



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/10/2023

To

30/09/2024

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 £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| NCC Income | 127,343 | - | - | 127,343 | 82,799 |
| Parent paid fees | 43,000 | - | - | 43,000 | 42,520 |
| Fund raising and other | 3,945 | - | - | 3,945 | 3,423 |
| Bank Interest | 7,791 | - | - | 7,791 | 3,315 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 182,079 | - | - | 182,079 | 132,057 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 182,079 | - | - | 182,079 | 132,057 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Equipment | 8,879 | - | - | 8,879 | - |
| Insurance | 2,303 | - | - | 2,303 | - |
| Fund Raising Items | 224 | - | - | 224 | - |
| Hygiene | 3,449 | - | - | 3,449 | - |
| Office Costs, Phones | 5,146 | - | - | 5,146 | - |
| Placement Consumables | 3,291 | - | - | 3,291 | - |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 2,115 | - | - | 2,115 | - |
| Subscriptions | 1,686 | - | - | 1,686 | - |
| Salaries and Training | 104,361 | - | - | 104,361 | - |
| Trips and Travel | 1,730 | - | - | 1,730 | - |
| Sub total | 133,184 | - | - | 133,184 | 134,623 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 133,184 | - | - | 133,184 | 134,623 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 48,895 | - | - | 48,895 | 2,566 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 48,895 | - | - | 48,895 | 2,566 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Little Acorns Shireoaks

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2024

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(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 30/09/2024.

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 £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Financial Accountants.

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:

Date:

28th January 2025

Name:

Michelle Howe

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

Institute of Financial Accountants and Federation of Tax Advisers

Address: Office 16 Middletons Yard

Potter Street

Workshop S80 2FT

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.

LITTLE ACORNS, SHIREOAKS

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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|-------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
| | Day 1 st | Month October | Year 2022 | | Day 30 th | Month September | Year 2023 |

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| Worksop |
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| 3 | Hannah Underwood | Treasurer | | |
| 4 | Stevie Pickering | Acting Secretary | | |
| 5 | Rachel Hartley | Member | | |
| 6 | Vikki Greenhalgh | Member | | |
| 7 | Laura Williams | Member | | |
| 8 | Susan Bekisz | Member | Oct 2022 to Nov 2022 | |
| 9 | Crystal Lee | Member | Oct 2022 to Nov 2022 | |
| 10 | Verity Robinson | Member | Oct 2022 to Nov 2022 | |
| 11 | Mike Chendambuya | Member | Oct 2022 to Nov 2022 | |
| 12 | Jenny Fullerton | Member | Jan 2023 to Sep 2023 | |
| 13 | Leann Moore | Member | Jul 2023 to Sep 2023 | |
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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Helen Ruff | |
| Jessica Nicholson | |
| | |

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| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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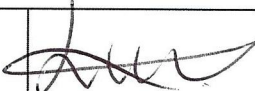
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Lee Tomlinson | Leann Moore |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chairperson | Secretary |
| Date | 10/06/2024. | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Little Acorns Shireoaks

1069794

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/10/2022

To

30/09/2023

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 £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Fees | 42,520 | - | - | 42,520 | 32,292 |
| Funding | 82,799 | - | - | 82,799 | 103,006 |
| Fundraising | 2,254 | - | - | 2,254 | 2,383 |
| Bank Interest | 3,315 | - | - | 3,315 | 1,136 |
| Other | 1,169 | - | - | 1,169 | 1,075 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 132,057 | - | - | 132,057 | 139,892 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 132,057 | - | - | 132,057 | 139,892 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 134,623 | - | - | 134,623 | 120,204 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 134,623 | - | - | 134,623 | 120,204 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 134,623 | - | - | 134,623 | 120,204 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 2,566 | - | - | - 2,566 | 19,688 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - 15,000 | 15,000 | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 30,666 | 200,000 | - | 230,666 | 210,978 |
| Cash funds this year end | 13,100 | 215,000 | - | 228,100 | 230,666 |

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 £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current Account | 12,383 | - | - |
| | Deposit Account | - | 215,000 | - |
| | Cash in Hand | 717 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 13,100 | 215,000 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

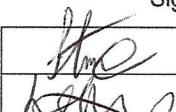

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|---------------|------------------|
|  | LEE TOMLINSON | 24/1/24 |
|  | LEANN MOORE | 24/1/24 |

LITTLE ACORNS, SHIREOAKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1069794

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: From Day 1st Month October Year 2021 To Day 30th Month September Year 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Little Acorns Shireoaks

Other names charity is known by Little Acorns Pre-school

Registered charity number (if any) 1069794

Charity's principal address
 Brancliffe Lane
 Shireoaks
 Worksop
 Postcode S81 8PW

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 | Rachael Hauxwell | Chairperson | | |
| 2 | Gemma Carroll | Vice-Chairperson | | |
| 3 | Hannah Underwood | Treasurer | | |
| 4 | Stevie Pickering | Acting Secretary | | |
| 5 | Susan Bekisz | Member | | |
| 6 | Crystal Lee | Member | | |
| 7 | Rachel Hartley | Member | | |
| 8 | Verity Robinson | Member | | |
| 9 | Mike Chendambuya | Member | | |
| 10 | Amy Downs | Member | Oct 2021 to Nov 2021 | |
| 11 | Vikki Greenhalgh | Member | Jan 2022 to Sep 2022 | |
| 12 | Laura Williams | Member | Mar 2022 to Sep 2022 | |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Helen Ruff | |
| Jessica Nicholson | |
| | |

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i> | Constitution |
| How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust deed, articles of association)</i> | Trust |
| Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i> | Elected by Committee |

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.

- Committee handbook updated and issued to new members.
- Follow guidance and advice from the Early Years Alliance and maintain membership to access specialist support and services.
- Accept support, guidance and advice from Local Authority via the Early Years Specialist Teacher to ensure Early Years Quality & Attainment standards are met.
- Regular inspection by Ofsted.
- Annual review of all policies and procedures undertaken to ensure any changes in legislation and best practice have been incorporated.
- Building trustees are appointed with particular focus on health and safety issues surrounding the premises (Portakabin unit).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To enhance the development and education of children, primarily under statutory school age, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of the children through community groups.

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)

- Offer appropriate play, education and care facilities for children aged 2 to 5 from the local village and surrounding area.
- Offer opportunities for all children, regardless of race, culture, religion, means or ability and encourage the study of the needs of such children.
- Offer 15 hours of funded early years education for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds and up to 30 hours for 3 and 4 year olds whose parents meet the governments eligibility criteria.
- Endeavour to keep childcare fees affordable for children of all means to attend the pre-school until they become eligible for nursery education funding.
- Support families of children on our register with chronic medical conditions through offering flexible childcare around absences resulting from their illness.
- Support offered if a child is absent due to admission to hospital.
- Provide further support to children with Special Educational Needs where government funding has failed to completely meet the child's needs whilst attending the setting.
- Assist families struggling to meet fees on a case by case basis.
- Keep session places available (when financially viable) to accommodate looked after children at short notice.
- In carrying out our charitable purposes we comply with the duty to have due regard for the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

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.

- Offer placements to students studying for childcare qualifications from local colleges, enabling them to gain experience within an Early Years educational setting.
- The pre-school is managed by a committee of volunteer parents and guardians who contribute their time, skills and expertise to ensure the successful running of the setting and fulfilling duty to:
 - ensure resources are used exclusively to pursue Little Acorns charitable aims
 - ensure Little Acorns complies with its constitution
 - ensure the pre-schools' finances comply with relevant legislation
 - obey employment laws in fulfilling responsibilities to both staff and the Government

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- We held fundraising events to raise funds to pay for activities, new equipment and a pre-school trip. These included Christmas & Spring Fayres and a Sponsored Walk (£500 matched funding from HSBC).
- We funded a Christmas trip for the children to Sundown Adventureland, purchased end of year and Christmas gifts and bought each child a souvenir 70th Jubilee teddy to keep.
- Continue to provide play, education and childcare facilities to the 'Good' Ofsted standard achieved in our last inspection, whilst overcoming the challenges of integrating children back into early years education following lockdown periods.
- Staff develop and extend their skills by attending courses across a wide range of relevant areas, including language, behaviour and special needs. Performance is assessed through annual appraisals and regular supervisions.
- Invite parents/carers into pre-school to share in their child's learning – linking activities to the main areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. Also hold a summer open morning tailored to meet the needs of parents of new children.
- We organised a summer picnic & graduation ceremony to celebrate the end of the academic year and wish the children who were transitioning to school luck in the next stage of their educational journey. An ice-cream van visited and bouncy castles were hired.
- A new Pre-school Manager was appointed qualified to undertake Forest School sessions providing new opportunity for children to experience the natural environment surrounding their setting.
- We have a 'Speech & Language Lead' for the setting to identify children where additional support in development is needed. They are integral in targeting and securing extra specialised support available from the LA and attend courses and termly meetings.
- Two members of staff are qualified as Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinators (SENDCo), and have a deeper understanding and awareness of the issues faced by children with more complex needs.
- We also have a Practitioner who is responsible for children with English as an Additional Language (EAL).
- We have four Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) who work together in taking responsibility for any child protection issues.
- We were able to resume our support and involvement with local community groups:
 - We shared a Christmas Carol Service with St. Luke's Church tailored to meet the needs of pre-school age children.
 - We held our summer picnic on the field of Shireoaks Sports & Social Club, lending our support to their business.
 - We printed posters for the Parish Council to promote the villages Platinum Jubilee celebration.
 - Allowed our building to be used for a Parish Council meeting.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In order to maintain financial stability the pre-school holds reserves at a level to cover any unforeseen circumstances that might arise. To ensure that our pre-school's core activity can continue we intend to build reserves for this purpose and also raise funds for specific planned projects.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We continue to add reserves, when means permit, to our Building Replacement Fund.

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.

Section F

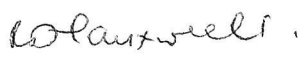
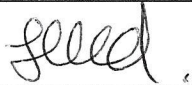
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Rachael Hauxwell | Hannah Underwood |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chairperson | Treasurer |
| Date | 06/02/2023 | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Charity Name Little Acorns Shireoaks | No (if any) 1069794 |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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|------------------------|--|----|--------------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 01/10/2021 | To | Period end date 30/09/2022 |
|------------------------|--|----|--------------------------------------|

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 £ |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Fees | 32,292 | - | - | 32,292 | 38,557 |
| Funding | 103,006 | - | - | 103,006 | 70,184 |
| Fundraising | 2,383 | - | - | 2,383 | 1,065 |
| Bank Interest | 1,136 | - | - | 1,136 | 1,649 |
| Other | 1,075 | - | - | 1,075 | 1,274 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 139,892 | - | - | 139,892 | 112,729 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 139,892 | - | - | 139,892 | 112,729 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 120,204 | - | - | 120,204 | 103,790 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 120,204 | - | - | 120,204 | 103,790 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 120,204 | - | - | 120,204 | 103,790 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 19,688 | - | - | 19,688 | 8,940 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - 70,000 | 70,000 | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 80,978 | 130,000 | - | 210,978 | 202,038 |
| Cash funds this year end | 30,666 | 200,000 | - | 230,666 | 210,978 |

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 £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current Account | 30,521 | - | - |
| | Deposit Account | - | 200,000 | - |
| | Cash in Hand | 145 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 30,666 | 200,000 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

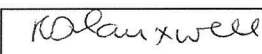
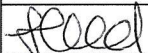
| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|----------------|------------------|
|  | R. D. HAMXWELL | 9-1-23 |
|  | H. UNDERWOOD | 9-1-23 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Little Acorns Shireoaks

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th September 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1069794

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(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 **30 / 09 / 2022**.

**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:

7.1.2023

Name:

Sarah Smith, BA (Hons), FCA

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

FELLOW, ICAEW (INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF ENGLAND & WALES)

Address:

70 MIDDLE MEADOW, SHIREOAKS

WORKSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

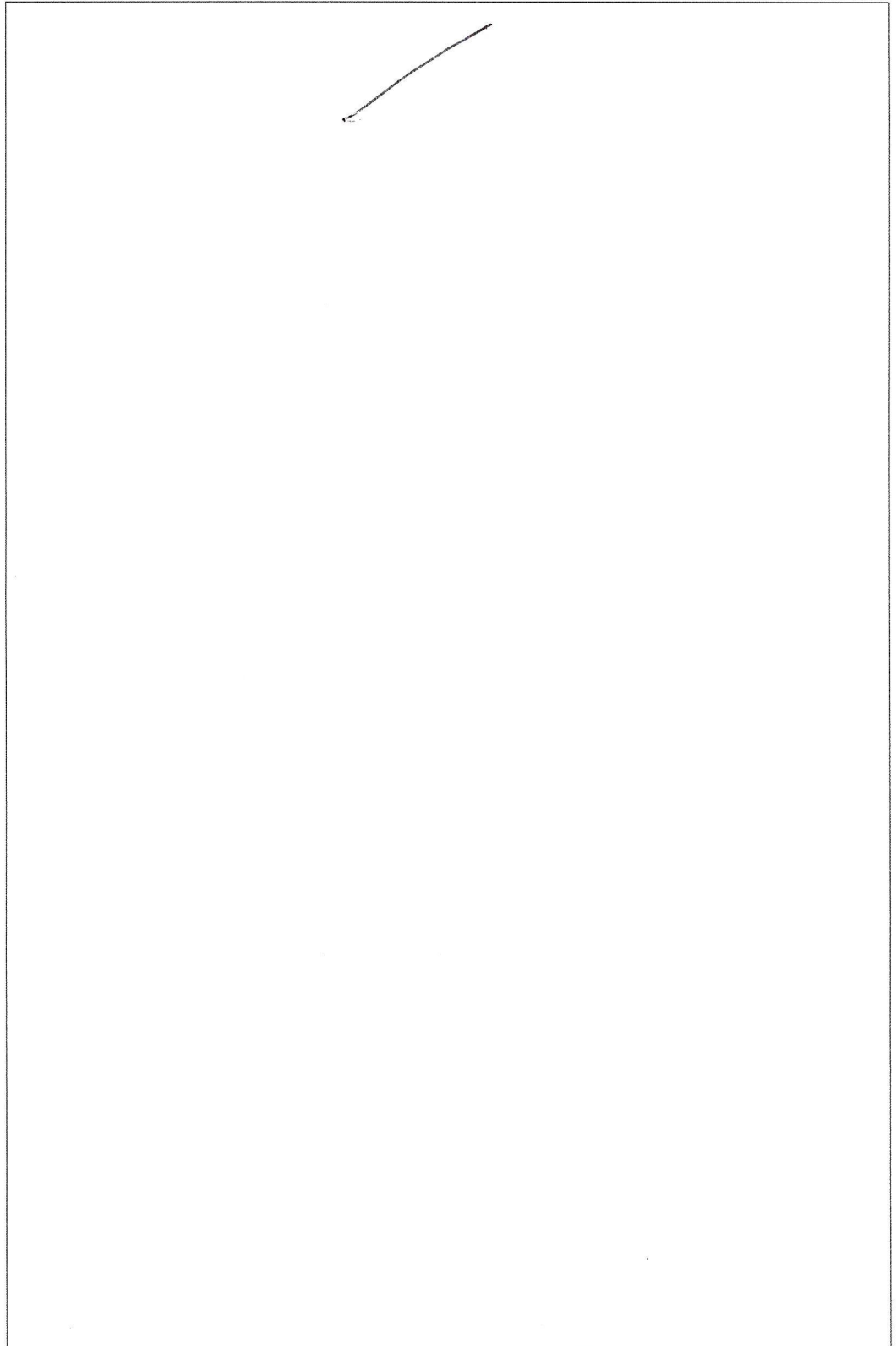
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Section B

Disclosure

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.

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LITTLE ACORNS, SHIREOAKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1069794

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| | | | | | | | |
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| | | Period start date | | | Period end date | | |
| From | Day | Month | Year | To | Day | Month | Year |
| | 1 st | October | 2020 | | 30 th | September | 2021 |

Section A Reference and administration details

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------|--|
| Charity name | Little Acorns Shireoaks | | |
| Other names charity is known by | Little Acorns Pre-school | | |
| Registered charity number (if any) | 1069794 | | |
| Charity's principal address | Brancliffe Lane | | |
| | Shireoaks | | |
| | Worksop | | |
| | Postcode | S81 8PW | |

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

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Helen Ruff | |
| Jessica Nicholson | |
| | |

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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| | | |

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted

(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods

(eg. community elected)

Elected by Committee

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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 - ensure Little Acorns complies with its constitution
 - ensure the pre-schools' finances comply with relevant legislation
 - obey employment laws in fulfilling responsibilities to both staff and the Government

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- With Covid-19 restrictions still adversely impacting on family incomes we endeavoured to assist by providing flexible childcare arrangements where genuine needs were identified.
- The pre-school continued to welcome all children on register during the lockdown imposed from January to March 2021, while in the same period school age children were not allowed to attend educational settings.
- Due to Covid-19 we were unfortunately unable to hold either our annual Christmas or Spring Fayre events, or organise a pre-school trip for the children. We did execute some remote fundraising and were grateful to our families for their support with this.
- We endeavoured to provide play, education and childcare facilities to the 'Good' Ofsted standard achieved in our last inspection, despite the challenges faced within the community.
- To aid transition to primary school we once again held outdoor graduation ceremonies for small groups of children and their families. These were greatly appreciated by our parents.
- We were able to organise a summer picnic to celebrate the end of the academic year and wish the children who left us in July 2020 and July 2021 lots of luck in the next stage of their educational journey.
- Pre-school Manager continued to attend on-line meetings and share best practice with other local education establishments through 'Early Attainment' and 'Networking' events.
- Two Pre-school Practitioners share the role of 'Language Lead' for the setting, identifying any children where additional support developing speech and language is needed. They are integral in targeting and securing extra specialised support available from the Local Authority and attend courses and termly meetings.
- Two members of staff are qualified as Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) practitioners, one of whom holds a Level 3 qualification to gain a deeper understanding and awareness of the issues faced by children with more complex needs.
- Our usual involvement with community groups was sadly curtailed as none of the usual events went ahead locally. We did hold our summer picnic on the field of the Shireoaks Miners Welfare and Sports Club, lending our support to their business.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

We continue to add reserves, when means permit, to our Building Replacement Fund.

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.

Section F

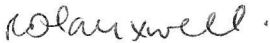

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Rachael Hauxwell | Susan Bekisz |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chairperson | Committee Member |
| Date | 24/01/2022 | |

Receipts and payments accounts

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 01/10/2020 | To | Period end date 30/09/2021 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

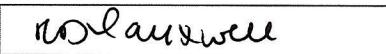
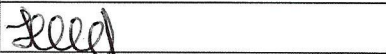
Section A Receipts and payments

| | 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 £ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Fees | 38,557.25 | - | - | 38,557 | 22,627 |
| Funding | 70,183.74 | - | - | 70,184 | 122,065 |
| Fundraising | 1,064.70 | - | - | 1,065 | 557 |
| Bank Interest | 1,649.39 | - | - | 1,649 | 1,413 |
| Other | 1,274.27 | - | - | 1,274 | 2,644 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 112,729 | - | - | 112,729 | 149,306 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 112,729 | - | - | 112,729 | 149,306 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 103,790 | - | - | 103,790 | 97,101 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 103,790 | - | - | 103,790 | 97,101 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 103,790 | - | - | 103,790 | 97,101 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 8,940 | - | - | 8,940 | 52,205 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 72,038 | 130,000 | - | 202,038 | 149,833 |
| Cash funds this year end | 80,978 | 130,000 | - | 210,978 | 202,038 |

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 £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current Account | 80,822 | - | - |
| | Deposit Account | - | 130,000 | - |
| | Cash in Hand | 156 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 80,978 | 130,000 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | Portakabin | Restricted | - | - |
| | Outdoor structures & equipment | Restricted | - | - |
| | Toys, books & play equipment | Restricted | - | - |
| | Office, I.T. & audio visual equipment | Restricted | - | - |
| | Internal furnishings, fixtures & fittings | Restricted | - | - |
| | Tables, chairs & freestanding storage | Restricted | - | - |
| | White goods | Restricted | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|  | RACHAEL HAUKWELL | 17-01-2022 |
|  | HANNAH WOODWARD | 13-01-2022 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Little Acorns Shireoaks

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1069794

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(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 **30 / 09 / 2021**.

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 (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.

Signed:

Date:

4 JAN 2022

Name:

Sarah Smith, BA (Hons), FCA

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

FELLOW, ICAEW (INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF ENGLAND & WALES)

Address:

70 MIDDLE MEADOW, SHIREOAKS
WORKSOP, S81 8PX

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.

LITTLE ACORNS, SHIREOAKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1069794

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|----|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
| | Day 1 st | Month October | Year 2019 | | Day 30 th | Month September | Year 2020 |

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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 | Rachael Hauxwell | Chairperson | | |
| 2 | Gemma Carroll | Vice-Chairperson | | |
| 3 | Susan Stanley | Secretary | Oct 2019 to Nov 2019 | |
| 4 | Hannah Underwood | Treasurer | | |
| 5 | Stevie Pickering | Acting Secretary | | |
| 6 | Susan Bekisz | Member | | |
| 7 | Crystal Lee | Member | | |
| 8 | Rachel Woolley | Member | | |
| 9 | Rebecca Merrills | Member | Oct 2019 to Nov 2019 | |
| 10 | Kathryn Watson | Member | Oct 2019 to Nov 2019 | |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Helen Ruff | |
| Jessica Nicholson | |
| | |

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

Constitution

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

Trust

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

Elected by Committee

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.

- Committee handbook updated and issued to new members.
- Follow guidance and advice from the Early Years Alliance and maintain membership to access specialist support and services.
- Accept support, guidance and advice from Local Authority via the Early Years Specialist Teacher to ensure Early Years Quality & Attainment standards are met.
- Regular inspection by Ofsted.
- Annual review of all policies and procedures undertaken to ensure any changes in legislation and best practice have been incorporated.
- Building trustees are appointed with particular focus on health and safety issues surrounding the premises (Portakabin unit).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To enhance the development and education of children, primarily under statutory school age, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of the children through community groups.

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)

- Offer appropriate play, education and care facilities for children aged 2 to 5 from the local village and surrounding area.
- Offer opportunities for all children, regardless of race, culture, religion, means or ability and encourage the study of the needs of such children.
- Offer 15 hours of funded early years education for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds and up to 30 hours for 3 and 4 year olds whose parents meet the governments eligibility criteria.
- Endeavour to keep childcare fees affordable for children of all means to attend the pre-school until they become eligible for nursery education funding.
- Support families of children on our register with chronic medical conditions through offering flexible childcare around absences resulting from their illness.
- Support offered if a child is absent due to admission to hospital.
- Provide further support to children with Special Educational Needs where government funding has failed to completely meet the child's needs whilst attending the setting.
- Assist families struggling to meet fees on a case by case basis.
- Keep session places available (when financially viable) to accommodate looked after children at short notice.
- In carrying out our charitable purposes we comply with the duty to have due regard for the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

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.

- Offer placements to students studying for childcare qualifications from local colleges, enabling them to gain experience within an Early Years educational setting.
- The pre-school is managed by a committee of volunteer parents and guardians who contribute their time, skills and expertise to ensure the successful running of the setting and fulfilling duty to:
 - ensure resources are used exclusively to pursue Little Acorns charitable aims
 - ensure Little Acorns complies with its constitution
 - ensure the pre-schools' finances comply with relevant legislation
 - obey employment laws in fulfilling responsibilities to both staff and the Government

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- We held our annual Christmas fayre with the intention to raise funds to pay for the annual pre-school trip, which sadly could not go ahead due to the coronavirus lockdown.
- The enforced closure of all Early Years settings in March 2020 meant we could only remain open for the children of parents employed in keyworker roles critical to the Covid-19 response. We endeavoured to provide flexible childcare for those families on our register who met the government criteria. We then also opened to all children wishing to return from the 1st June 2020, when the government called for the wider re-opening of settings.
- The charity was able to provide much appreciated support to families by enabling staff to continue working, both in the setting on a rota system, and undertaking tasks at home. This included keeping in contact with their key children and developing activities utilising on-line platforms, including social media, to keep them engaged and interacting
- We endeavoured to provide play, education and childcare facilities to the 'Good' Ofsted standard achieved in our last inspection, despite the challenges faced within the community.
- All of our Pre-school Practitioners renewed their Paediatric First Aid qualifications during their summer break, each committed to completing this as soon as Covid-19 restrictions allowed.
- To aid transition as much as possible, we held several small graduation ceremonies for the children leaving us to go to primary school in July. These were outdoors, socially distanced and very much appreciated by our families.
- Pre-school Manager continues to attend on-line meetings and share best practice with other local education establishments through 'Early Attainment' and 'Networking' events.
- Two Pre-school Practitioners share the role of 'Language Lead' for the setting, identifying any children where additional support developing speech and language is needed. They are integral in targeting and securing extra specialised support available from the Local Authority and attend courses and termly meetings.
- Two members of staff are already qualified as Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) practitioners, one of whom successfully completed the Level 3 qualification to gain a deeper understanding and awareness of the issues faced by children with more complex needs.
- Continue to be involved and support local community groups:
 - We shared a Christmas Carol Service with St. Luke's C.E. Church in Shireoaks, especially tailored to meet the needs of pre-school age children. An invitation was extended to the whole community.

Section E Financial review

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Signature(s) | <i>Rachael Hauxwell</i> | <i>Susan Bekisz</i> |
| Full name(s) | Rachael Hauxwell | Susan Bekisz |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chairperson | Committee Member |
| Date | 22 nd February 2021 | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Little Acorns Shireoaks

No (if any)
1069794

Receipts and payments accounts

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| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 01/10/2019 | To | Period end date 30/09/2020 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

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 £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Fees | 22,627 | - | - | 22,627 | 36,276 |
| Funding | 122,065 | - | - | 122,065 | 64,865 |
| Fundraising Events | 557 | - | - | 557 | 1,026 |
| Donations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other income | 2,644 | - | - | 2,644 | 1,249 |
| Bank interest | 1,413 | - | - | 1,413 | 1,433 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 149,306 | - | - | 149,306 | 104,848 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 149,306 | - | - | 149,306 | 104,848 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 97,101 | - | - | 97,101 | 94,253 |
| Transfer - set up new fixed rate saver | 40,000 | 40,000 | - | - | - |
| Transfer to savings account | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 147,101 | 50,000 | - | 97,101 | 94,253 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 147,101 | 50,000 | - | 97,101 | 94,253 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 2,205 | 50,000 | - | 52,205 | 10,595 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 69,833 | 80,000 | - | 149,833 | 139,238 |
| Cash funds this year end | 72,038 | 130,000 | - | 202,038 | 149,833 |

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

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Petty cash to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current Account | 71,837 | - | - |
| | Deposit Account | - | 130,000 | - |
| | Cash in Hand | 201 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 72,038 | 130,000 | - |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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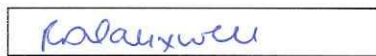

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | | |
| Details | | | |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

| | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | |
| Details | | | |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

| | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | |
| Details | | | |
| Portakabin | Restricted | - | - |
| Outdoor structures & equipment | Restricted | - | - |
| Toys, books & play equipment | Restricted | - | - |
| Office, I.T. & audio visual equipment | Restricted | - | - |
| Internal furnishings, fixtures & fittings | Restricted | - | - |
| Tables, chairs & freestanding storage | Restricted | - | - |
| White goods | Restricted | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

| | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | |
| Details | | | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
|  | RACHAEL MAXWELL | 22/03/21 |
|  | SUSAN BEKISZ | 22/03/21 |