



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From Day 1st Month October Year 2020
 Period end date
To Day 30th Month September Year 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)
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 Woolley	Member		
8	Verity Robinson	Member	Mar 2021 to Sep 2021	
9	Mike Chendambuya	Member	Jun 2021 to Sep 2021	
10	Amy Downs	Member	Jun 2021 to Sep 2021	
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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. election, 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

Section D

Achievements and performance

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

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

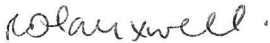

Other optional information

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	Susan Bekisz
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Committee Member
Date	24/01/2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Little Acorns Shireoaks

No (if any)
1068794

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2020	To	Period end date 30/09/2021
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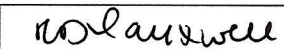
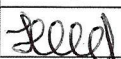
Section A Receipts and payments

	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 HAUKEWELL	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:

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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.