



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 | 2022 | | 30 th | September | 2023 |

Section A Reference and administration details

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| 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 | 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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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

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| 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 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 White Post Farm, purchased end of year and Christmas gifts and bought each child a souvenir teddy to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.
- 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.
- Invited parents/carers into pre-school to share in their child's learning – linking activities (such as reading a story or baking) to the main areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. Also held a summer open morning tailored to meet the needs of parents of new children starting pre-school.
- We held a graduation celebration at the end of the academic year to wish the children transitioning to school luck in the next stage of their educational journey.
- Forest School sessions continue, utilising a site on a local farm and providing opportunities for children to experience learning through play in the natural environment of the surrounding area.
- 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.
- We have a qualified Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo) with 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 two Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) who work together in taking responsibility for any child protection issues.
- We continue to be involved with supporting local community groups:
 - We shared a Christmas Carol Service/Nativity with St. Luke's Church tailored to meet the needs of pre-school age children.
 - Children joined the local Vicar to unveil a community bench commemorating the Coronation of the King Charles III.
 - We printed posters for the Parish Council to promote the village Fireworks Display and litter picked around the village.
 - The children enjoyed short trips out of the village on trains and buses, learning more about different forms of transport.
 - We supported other national and local fundraising initiatives including: World Book Day, Jeans4Genes, Red Nose Day, Children in Need and Crackerjacks.

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

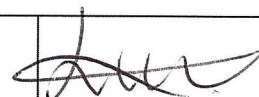
Section G

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)

Lee Tomlinson

Leann Moore

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Secretary

Date

10/06/2024.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Little Acorns Shireoaks

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Receipts and payments accounts

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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 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| 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 |



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

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