

## 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

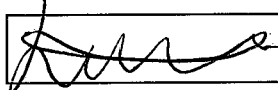
## Section G

## 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)

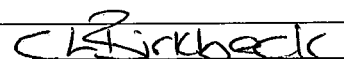
Leann Moore

Claire Birkbeck

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Secretary



Date

7 jan 2025

**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.
- 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.

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

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 forest school twice weekly to allow children the opportunity for out door play activities and explore
- 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.

**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

**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)

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.



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To

Period end date

Day

1<sup>st</sup>

Month

October

Year

2023

Day

30<sup>th</sup>

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

Branchcliffe 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

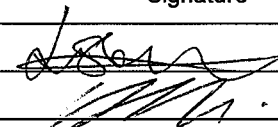
Dates acted if not for whole year

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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Virgin Bank	61,277	-	-
	Cambridge & Counties	85,000	-	-
	HT Bank	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>146,277</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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
	LEANN MOORE	19/6/25
	LANA WRIGHT	19/6/25



## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>182,079</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182,079</b>	<b>132,057</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>182,079</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182,079</b>	<b>132,057</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>133,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,184</b>	<b>134,623</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>133,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,184</b>	<b>134,623</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>48,895</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,895</b>	<b>2,566</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>48,895</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,895</b>	<b>2,566</b>





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Little Acorns Shireoaks

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> 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:

28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Name:

Michelle Howe

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

Institute of Financial Accountants and Federation of Tax Advisers

<b>Address:</b>	<b>Office 16 Middletons Yard</b>
	<b>Potter Street</b>
	<b>Workshop S80 2FT</b>

<b>Section B</b>	<b>Disclosure</b>
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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.**