

LOCKING STUMPS PRE SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1073258

Details

Other names BIRCHWOOD PRE-SCHOOL, LOCKING STUMPS PRE-SCHOOL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1999-01-11

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: Our charity offers pre-school facilities at an affordable price. We rely on fundraising to purchase equipment and offer subsidised days out for the children.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Warrington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£130,099	£129,085	-	-
2024-08-31	£127,195	£113,212	-	-
2023-08-31	£96,392	£92,240	-	-
2022-08-31	£93,135	£87,478	-	-
2021-08-31	£82,392	£91,027	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Cooper		2024-06-18
GEMMA ANTELL		
Thomas Chapman		2024-05-13

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Locking Stumps Preschool Committee Annual Report 2024-2025

Structure and Management

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The charity has been in operation since 1982 and the Manager, together with the Preschool Committee, is responsible for the work of Locking Stumps Preschool.

Locking Stumps Preschool is run by its Manager, Charlotte Cooper and its Committee members. The Committee will serve the charity until they choose to resign, or a new member is appointed at an AGM meeting.

Committee members have not taken any remuneration or expenses during the year but volunteer their services in the interests of ensuring first class preschool provision for the children of Locking Stumps. The Committee have kept an eye on financial matters, and were able to increase wages for the staff, and are confident that the Preschool will continue to provide good value for money.

In order to safeguard our children, all Committee members are checked under the Disclosure and Barring Scheme.

A full set of Policies and Procedures are in place which are reviewed regularly and meet any legal requirements.

The Preschool is currently in the late stages of becoming a CIO. The CIO has been registered with the charity commission; we just need Ofsted approval to operate under the new entity. Once gained all assets and liabilities will be transferred and the old charity will cease to operate.

Objectives of the Preschool

Locking Stumps Preschool aims to advance the development and education of children aged two to four, in such ways as the charity's Committee think fit, including:

- By offering children aged two to four living in the local area a high-quality preschool that meets all national standards for preschool provision.
- By instigating and adhering to the aims and objectives of the Preschool Learning Alliance.
- By working with parents and carers to ensure that preschool age children have access to a range of learning activities, within the setting.
- To be a non-profit making organisation where any profits made are used to extend and develop the preschool provision.
- To work with Locking Stumps Primary School, local Children's Centres and other agencies to ensure that the education given by the preschool links to the children's future learning and supports other areas of their development.

Who serves on the Preschool Committee?

The day-to-day running of Locking Stumps Preschool is the responsibility of the Preschool Committee. The Committee makes decisions about things like when the Preschool is open, staffing levels and how the Preschool is run. The Committee's Ofsted Nominated Person is currently Faye Gaskell.

The following people serve on the Committee: Gemma Antell (Chair), Thomas Chapman (Treasurer), Charlotte Cooper (Manager) and Faye Gaskell (Deputy Manager).

Thomas Chapman, Charlotte Cooper, Faye Gaskell, Laura Maclean, Tracy Lynskey and Katrina Worthington all intend to serve the new CIO as its board of trustees.

Achievements and Performance

For the year 2024-2025 the Preschool had 28 children attending and currently has 26 children attending. During 2024-2025 the provision had a small number of spaces available, but every effort was taken to fill as many spaces as possible. The Preschool also has a healthy waiting list for children wanting to take places in the following years and current 2 year olds are beginning to confirm sessions for next year.

Last year we raised funds to build a new summer house. In September this was completed and has this year been used to create a year-round versatile space. This space can be used to take small groups of children out of the main room for specific activities or to provide a quiet space away from the main rooms hustle and bustle.

Financial review

Our main source of funding is fees paid to us by parents which are charged termly, and the Free Early Years Entitlement (FEYE) given to parents of children between 2 and 4 years. The majority of the children who attend now receive funding due to the introduction of the working parent funding which increased to 30 hours from September 25.

Despite increased staffing costs—primarily driven by rises in the National Living Wage—and limited scope to increase income due to our reliance on FEYE funding (with rates set by the local authority), the Preschool achieved a surplus of £646.24 for the 2024–2025. We continue to maintain a healthy level of reserves to protect against unexpected costs or to support any future deficits.

However, we recognise that if current trends persist, our financial position may come under increasing pressure. Ongoing monitoring will be essential, and we will continue to try to identify and explore opportunities for additional funding.

What do the Preschool staff and Committee want to do next?

Continue to work closely with school to ensure the smooth transition of children from Preschool to Reception

Make links and continue to work with the local community - visit to Birchwood Forest Park for Preschool Graduation. We entered the duck race, a local festival attended by many families, with ducks decorated by the Preschool children.

Work towards sustainability, we are hoping to source planters to grow our own fruit and veg and a water butt to collect water for watering plants.

Thomas Chapman
Treasurer of Locking Stumps Preschool

Overview Academic Year 2024-2025

Outgoings	
Wages	£87,050.13
Agency	£0.00
Rent	£6,873.24
Pre School Learning Alliance	£1,559.77
HMRC	£14,367.33
Nest Pensions	£4,334.30
Food	£1,974.92
Stationary	£233.06
Training	£661.50
Equipment	£4,098.51
Memberships	£750.07
Other outgoing	£7,003.06
DBS	£179.50
Total Outgoings	£129,085.39

Income	
Government Funding	£104,385.80
Fees	£17,400.14
DLA Funding	£910.00
SENDIF	£5,201.74
Other Income	£1,383.95
Welcome Fee	£450.00
Interest	£368.25
Total Income	£130,099.88

Total for Year	£1,014.49
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YEARLY MOVEMENTS

Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2024	£21,570.19
Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2024	£25,545.38
Income	£130,099.88
Expenditure	-£129,085.39
Closing balance 31st August 2025	£48,130.06

Represented by:

Bank balance 31st August 2025	£20,216.43
Bank balance 31st August 2025 Premium	£27,913.63
	£48,130.06

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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I have checked the Receipts and Payments and confirm the above Statement of Accounts is in accordance with the books and vouchers and explanations given to me.

A. Craddock

Tony Craddock ACMA
Chartered Management Accountant
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31st October 2025

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Committee members have not taken any remuneration or expenses during the year but volunteer their services in the interests of ensuring first class preschool provision for the children of Locking Stumps. The Committee have kept an eye on financial matters, and were able to increase wages for the staff, and are confident that the Preschool will continue to provide good value for money.

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Achievements and Performance

For the year 2023-2024 the Preschool had 29 children attending and currently has 27 children attending. During 2023-2024 the provision had some spaces available but as the year went on these spaces were taken and we ended with no session availability. The Preschool also has a waiting list for children starting up to September 2026 and current 2-year-olds have started securing their sessions for September 2025. This is a beneficial position to be in as our finances will be stable for the next 2 years.

The Preschool received a grading of 'Good' in all areas following an Ofsted inspection in November 2023 where we received positive feedback and support from parents.

Financial review

Our main source of funding is fees paid to us by parents which are charged termly, and the Free Early Years Entitlement (FEYE) given to parents of children between 2 and 4 years. The majority of the children who attend now receive funding due to the introduction of the working parent 15 hours funding. With this due to increase to 30 hours from September 25 we have had many parents request that their children increase their hours next year.

In December 2023 we held a stall at the school Christmas Fair and raised £250. These funds will help towards enhancing the outdoor provision and replacing the roof on a shed making it water tight, and a functional space for the children to use as a sensory room. This is a space well used by the children and we hope to keep developing this area.

Despite the increases in our outgoings, we are still in a good financial position.

What do the Preschool staff and Committee want to do next?

We have been developing more secure links with Locking Stumps Primary School in order to further strengthen community working. We hope to continue to work together in order to target specific areas this will be done through regular meetings.

The Committee and staff members would like to focus on fundraising and organising future events, including parents coming on board with ideas they have. We are currently asking local business's to give donations for us to give out in our raffle and we have had a large amount of support with this. With the money we are raising we are hoping to have an insulated year-round summer house that can be insulated and utilized as a versatile classroom and quiet area. This space is essential for conducting activities with small groups of children and offering a quiet environment away from the main room's hustle and bustle. Currently, we operate solely within one room, which can become overwhelming with 16 children. The planned summer house will serve as a permanent structure with adaptable usage to meet the varying needs of children each year. Currently, our only option for providing a child with some respite from others is to go outside, which may not always be feasible due to weather conditions. This additional space will unlock numerous opportunities for the preschool, enabling us to deliver more personalised care and tailored experiences for the children.



Thomas Chapman
Treasurer of Locking Stumps Preschool

Overview Academic Year 2023-2024

Outgoings	
Wages	£76,532.30
Agency	£2,800.14
Rent	£6,873.24
Pre School Learning Alliance	£1,270.99
HMRC	£11,077.25
Nest Pensions	£3,202.10
Food	£1,667.22
Stationary	£378.61
Training	£573.00
Equipment	£3,764.56
Memberships	£494.67
Other outgoings	£3,300.68
DBS	£77.10
SENDIF Spend	£1,200.00
Total Outgoings	£113,211.86

Income	
Government Funding	£101,447.38
Fees	£13,883.61
DLA Funding	£2,643.00
SENDIF	£7,850.00
Other Income	£516.60
Registration Fee	£510.00
Interest	£343.95
Total Income	£127,194.54

Total for Year	£13,638.73
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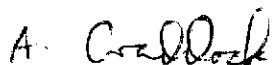
YEARLY MOVEMENTS

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Income	£127,194.54
Expenditure	-£113,211.86
Closing balance 31st August 2024	£47,115.57
Represented by:	
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16th October 2024

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Gemma Antell
Chair of Locking Stumps Preschool

LOCKING STUMPS PRE SCHOOL

Overview Academic Year 2022-2023

Outgoings	
Employee Salaries	£71,145.75
Rent	£6,600.49
Pre School Learning Alliance	£787.10
HMRC	£3,394.18
Nest Pensions	£2,246.76
Food	£1,437.91
Stationary	£188.70
Equipment	£2,069.96
Other outgoings	£4,330.28
EYPP	£38.48
Total Outgoings	£92,239.61

Income	
Government Funding	£80,728.96
Fees	£13,670.41
Other	£1,993.01
Total Income	£96,392.38

Total for Year	4152.77
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YEARLY MOVEMENTS

Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2022	£6,373.58
Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2022	£22,606.54
Income	£96,392.38
Expenditure	-£92,239.61
Closing balance 31st August 2023	£33,132.89

Represented by:

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25th October 2023

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The following people serve on the Committee: Faye Gaskell – Preschool Manager Gemma Antell – Chair Person Steven Antell – Secretary Caroline Atkinson – Treasurer

Achievements and Performance

The Preschool currently has 30 children attending the provision with no session availability. This is a beneficial position to be in as our finances will be stable for the next 2 years. The Pre-School also have a *waiting list for September 2023*

The Pre-School received a grading of 'Good' in all areas following an Ofsted inspection in November 2018 where we received positive feedback and support from parents.

Financial review

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In October/December & April we held fundraising events which raised a total of £1208.65. These funds enabled pre-school to replace the blinds in the setting; install an outside tap and erect an outdoor canopy to provide shelter for our children whilst doing outdoor activities.

Despite our outgoings we are still in a good financial position.

What do the Preschool staff and Committee want to do next?

We have been developing more secure links with Locking Stumps Primary School in order to further strengthen community working. We have been able to work together in order to provide parent workshops in specific areas where professionals feel parents would need support. We hope to continue to work together in order to target specific areas this will be done through regular meetings.

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Gemma Antell

Chair of Locking Stumps Preschool

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Outgoings	
Employee Salaries	£64,213.56
Rent	£7,068.93
Pre School Learning Alliance	£384.12
HMRC	£4,584.61
Nest Pensions	£1,855.62
Food	£1,611.60
Stationary	£202.26
Equipment	£1,806.29
Other outgoings	£5,750.96
Total Outgoings	£87,477.95

Income	
Government Funding	£75,725.10
Fees	£13,836.32
Other	£3,574.05
Total Income	£93,135.47

Total for Year	£5,657.52
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YEARLY MOVEMENTS

Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2021	£11,719.38
Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2021	£11,603.22
Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2021	£0.00
Income	£93,135.47
Expenditure	-£87,477.95
Closing balance 31st August 2022	£28,980.12

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	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Government Funding	£75,725.10	£72,451.33
Fees	£13,836.32	£9,935.40
Other income	£3,574.05	£5.37
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£93,135.47</u>	<u>£82,392.10</u>
<u>Outgoings</u>		
Employee Salaries	£64,213.56	£64,157.72
Rent	£7,068.93	£8,421.52
Pre School Learning Alliance	£384.12	£466.56
HMRC	£4,584.61	£5,468.88
Nest Pensions	£1,855.62	£1,774.23
Food	£1,611.60	£1,719.60
Stationary	£202.26	£114.97
Equipment	£1,806.29	£6,111.21
Other outgoings	£5,750.96	£2,792.76
<u>Total Outgoings</u>	<u>£87,477.95</u>	<u>£91,027.45</u>
<u>YEARLY MOVEMENTS</u>	<u>£5,657.52</u>	<u>-£8,635.35</u>

LOCKING STUMPS PRE SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1073258

Accounts



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Locking Stumps Preschool Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Structure and Management

Locking Stumps Preschool is run as a charity for the public benefit of the children in the local area with the purpose of advancing their education, specifically during their preschool years, so that they are well prepared for statutory schooling.

The charity has been in operation since 1982 and the Manager, together with the Preschool Committee, is responsible for the work of Locking Stumps Preschool.

Locking Stumps Preschool is run by its Manager, Faye Gaskell and Committee members Gemma Antell (Chair), Steven Antell (Secretary) and Caroline Atkinson (Treasurer). The Committee will serve the charity until they choose to resign or a new member is appointed at an AGM meeting.

Committee members have not taken any remuneration or expenses during the year but volunteer their services in the interests of ensuring first class preschool provision for the children of Locking Stumps. The Committee have kept an eye on financial matters, and were able to increase wages for the staff, and are confident that the Preschool will continue to provide good value for money.

In order to safeguard our children, all Committee members are checked under the Disclosure and Barring Scheme.

A full set of Policies and Procedures are in place which are reviewed regularly and meet any legal requirements.

Objectives of the Preschool

Locking Stumps Preschool aims to advance the development and education of children aged four and under, in such ways as the charity's Committee think fit, including:

- By offering children aged four and under living in the local area a high quality preschool that meets all national standards for preschool provision.
- By instigating and adhering to the aims and objectives of the Preschool Learning Alliance
- By working with parents and carers to ensure that preschool age children have access to a range of learning activities, both within the setting and by way of parent workshops.
- To be a non-profit making organisation where any profits made are used to extend and develop the preschool provision.

- To work with Locking Stumps Primary School, local Children’s Centres and other agencies to ensure that the education given by the preschool links to the children’s future learning and supports other areas of their development.

Who serves on the Preschool Committee?

The day-to-day running of Locking Stumps Preschool is the responsibility of the Preschool Committee. The Committee makes decisions about things like when the Preschool is open, staffing levels and how the Preschool is run. The Committee’s Ofsted Nominated Person is currently Faye Gaskell who is the Preschool Manager.

The following people serve on the Committee: Faye Gaskell – Preschool Manager Gemma Antell – Chair Person Steven Antell – Secretary Caroline Atkinson – Treasurer

Achievements and Performance

The Preschool currently has 27 children attending the provision with no session availability. This is a beneficial position to be in as our finances will be stable for the next 2 years. The Pre-School also have a *waiting list for September 2022*

The Pre-School received a grading of ‘Good’ in all areas following an Ofsted inspection in November 2018 where we received positive feedback and support from parents.

Financial review

Our main source of funding is fees paid to us by parents which are charged termly and the Free Early Years Entitlement (FEYE) given to parents of children between 2 and 4 years.

Unfortunately, the Covid 19 pandemic which commenced March 2020 still continued to have an impact on the setting resulting in reduced fee income. We were unable to participate in fundraising events however plans are in place for the next financial year.

We were fortunate to purchase a 65” interactive screen which has proved to be an invaluable teaching resource and is liked/used by all our children.

Despite our outgoings we believe we are still in a good financial position.

What do the Preschool staff and Committee want to do next?

We have been developing more secure links with Locking Stumps Primary School in order to further strengthen community working. We have been able to work together in order to provide parent workshops in specific areas where professionals feel parents would need support. We hope to continue to work together in order to target specific areas this will be done through regular meetings.

The Committee and staff members would like to focus on fundraising and organising future events, including parents coming on board with ideas they have.

Gemma Antell

Chair of Locking Stumps Preschool

LOCKING STUMPS PRE SCHOOL
Overview Acedemic Year 2020-2021

<u>Outgoings</u>	
Employee Salaries	£64,157.72
Rent	£8,421.52
Pre School Learning Allience	£466.56
HMRC	£5,468.88
Nest Pensions	£1,774.23
Food	£1,719.60
Stationary	£114.97
Equipment	£6,111.21
Other outgoings	£2,792.76
Total Outgoings	£91,027.45

<u>Income</u>	
Government Funding	£72,451.33
Fees	£9,935.40
Other income	£5.37
Total Income	£82,392.10

Total for Year	-£8,635.35
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YEARLY MOVEMENTS

Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2020	£10,359.70
Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2020	£21,598.25
Opening bank balances 1st Sept. 2020	£0.40
Income	£82,392.10
Expenditure	-£91,027.45
Closing balance 31st August 2021	£23,322.60

Represented by:

Bank balance 31st August 2021		£11,719.38
Bank balance 31st August 2021	Premium	£11,603.22
Bank balance 31st August 2021	Premium Eypp	£0.00
		£23,322.60

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I certify that I have examined the books and records relating to Locking Stumps Pre-School for the year ended 31st August 2021 and the above Statement of Accounts as at 31st August 2021.

I have checked the Receipts and Payments and confirm the above Statement of Accounts is in accordance with the books and vouchers and explanations given to me.

Tony Craddock ACMA
Chartered Management Accountant
AC Accounting Solutions

10th June 2022

