

Little Otters
Children's Centre

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Committee Annual report for 2024

Little Otters Children's Centre has had another successful year, remaining busy throughout the year.

Little Otters small, staff team have remained the same over the last 12 months.

The introduction of 9 month plus funding for working parents in September 2024 has had a real positive impact on the setting. We are getting more enquiries for this younger age group.

We have had the opportunity to extend our provision through applying for capital grant funding. We chose not to do this as extending provision costs money and impacts on staffing. It has not been easy to recruit Early Years staff over the last few years and the setting has opted to employ staff through the apprenticeship route. It takes 18 months to 2 years for staff to gain a qualification, so does not provide the immediate answer to staffing ratios.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff team for their hard work and flexibility over the last 12 months.

I would also like to thank the committee for their support over the last 12 months. We would not be able to operate without the commitment from our parent/carers volunteers.

Staffing

The staffing remains a team of five level 3 qualified practitioners. One staff member on an Early Years level 2 apprenticeship

Vikki Thomas – Manager - holds a BA Hons in Early Childhood Studies and Early Years Professional Status. Level 3 Forest School Leader.

Billy Couch - Deputy Manager (Job share) returned from maternity leave in February 2024. Billy holds a Level 3 in Childcare and Education and a level 3 in Leadership and Management.

Nikki Furse - Deputy Manager (Job share) - holds a Level 3 in Childcare and Education.

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Alisha Holmes – Relief Deputy Manager - holds a level 3 in childcare and education.

Holly Lashbrook – Pups Room assistant – holds a level 3 Early Years Educator.

Charlotte Waters – Otters Room assistant – holds a level 3 in Pre-school practice. Charlotte is undertaking a level 2 Early Years Educator apprenticeship.

Children and funding

We currently have 25 children on role.

We have 7 children with 9 month plus funding.

We have 4 children with 2 year funding.

We have 13 children with 3/4 year funding, 10 of which have 30 hour funding.

Fundraising report

A bags to schools event raised £46.00

A sponsored sports day event which raised £380.00.

Tesco blue tokens raised £1000.00 towards flooring.

Bingo event at the Wilsey Down raised £1142.14

The flooring and some of the building repairs are now completed.

The soft tarmac in the front garden had to be prioritised as it had begun to separate and break up causing a trip hazard. We were able to use the balance from our fundraising account and our contingency fund to replace the tarmac at a total cost of £14570.00.

Plans for the future

We still need a new canopy to be fitted over the door to replace the current one. Drainage stones around the building to be replaced.

We are also looking at refurbishing our sleep room so we can accommodate another cot. Due to the funding being extended for 9 months plus children to

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30 hours in September 2025, we need to prioritise the sleep room ahead of the outer building repairs.

The extended funding has changed the logistics of the setting as we are now finding we have more demand for younger children. We are being more flexible in meeting current demand. We have already reduced the amount of 3 & 4 year old spaces available as we now include some 2 year olds in Otters Room and in the ratio. This enables more spaces for children under 2 in Pups Room.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and pride ourselves on being adaptable, sustainable and providing a valuable service for families in our local community.

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Annual Accounts 2024

Income	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24 total
Fees	6505.3	5982.76	3210.1	5935.13	3810.31	2438.4	8729.59	2517.13	4042.07	3332.23	5060.55	2571.34 54134.91
C.C.C	12612.38	13462.43	250.8	15633.02	31817.32	210.56		15754.48	956	15746.8	1014.8	532.53 107991.1
Donations						5250						5250
Fundraise			140	92			380				1188.14	1800.14
Grants	500		500					1000			500	2500
Milk NMRU	24.45			135.38				170.24	26.57			356.64
Misc	0											0
Total	19642.13	19445.19	4100.9	21795.53	35627.63	7898.96	9109.59	19441.85	5024.64	19079.03	7763.49	3103.87 172032.8
Expenses												
Payroll	45.6		91.2	45.6	45.6	45.6	45.6	45.6	45.6	45.6	45.6	501.6
Pension	255.32	318.91	312.92	285.18	321.36	269.33	311.68	272.83	428.39	390.23	374.87	420.15 3386.94
Wages	7970.51	8332.55	7854.74	7669	8075.05	7618.34	8143.01	7688.33	8274.53	7832.5	7708.58	8238.75 79102.83
PAYE	188.64	380.81	1609.02	979.14	994.55	806.38	977.41	763.81	1089.76	907.33	857.75	1049.34 10034.49
Groceries	74.51	140.76	141.4	128.3	145.66	105.52	170.91	128.13	78.3	229.48	124.52	116.85 1369.07
Hygiene	75.09		222.14				143.6			94.74	473.21	933.69
Resources	429.82	67.32	511.36	71.44	86.31	185.9	685.61	116.82	570.87	94.4	151.58	194.38 2668.67
Buildings	140	345	390.8	1012.04	471.24	858.8	4025	312	480	120	296.29	581.04 8547.21
Insurance					1699.67							1699.67
Stationary					79.99				173.12	89.81	115.79	458.71
Phone/Int	56.34	56	59.1	56.59	74.04	61.89	83.58	53.08	59.85	53.11	69.34	70.2 640.78
Training					90							90
Electric	249.27	302.12	226.48	183		21.39	76.98	87.19	71.48	98.68	131.7	208.58 1105.48
Water			105.72						118.66			64.48 288.86
Reg Fees	192								220	130		130 480
Counc Tax				52.57	54	54	54					214.57
Staff Exp	0		341.77			90	21			80	200	732.77
Other	0		12									12
Total	9677.1	9943.47	11878.65	10482.86	12137.47	10117.15	14738.38	9467.79	11610.56	10165.88	10549.23	11119.37 112267.3
Profit/loss	9965.03	9501.72	7777.75	11312.67	23490.16	2218.19	5628.79	9974.06	6585.92	8913.15	2785.74	7595.35 59765.5



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

LITTLE OTTERS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

31 / 12 / 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1079898

Set out on pages

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(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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 £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

14-7-25

Name:

ANDREW PERKINS

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qualification(s) or body

BA Accounting Degree

(if any):

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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.