



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.1.24 To 31.12.24

Charity name: LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL MAWDESLEY

Charity registration number:1083227

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In 2024 we offered places to all families who requested to join. We engaged with Lancashire SEND services to help us provide a place for a child with additional needs.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the charities commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	n/a
Other		n/a

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>All children transitioned smoothly to their Reception Class. We offered places to all families who requested to join us.</p> <p>We had a successful Ofsted inspection in June retaining our previous judgement of 'Good'.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		n/a

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We had a deficit of £11523 at the end of 2024.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We aim to hold funds to cover at least 3 months running costs plus statutory redundancy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The deficit was caused by high staffing costs for SEN purposes and two staff on Maternity Leave.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties currently. A healthy waiting list for 2025.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	n/a
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	n/a
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Adopted by members at AGM.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	n/a
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		n/a

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	LITTLE ACORNS MAWDESLEY
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1083227
Charity's principal address	c/o Mawdesley St Peter's C of E School, Hurst Green, Mawdesley, Lancashire, L40 2QT

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	Rebecca Fletcher	Chair	-	Committee
2	Clare Paterson	Secretary	-	Committee
3	Paula Scarisbrick	Treasurer	-	Committee
4	Timothy Pennington	-	-	Committee
5	Marion Connett	-	-	Committee
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

MARION LAURA	CONNETT
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

MANAGER AND	COMMITTEE MEMBER
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Date

11.9.25

Little Acorns**Profit and Loss account**

	<u>Dec-24</u>	<u>Dec-23</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Early years free entitlement	66,165	53,197
Invoiced fees	7,988	9,630
Funds raised	Notes 1,477	531
Investment income	Notes 1,708	2,632
Miscellaneous	Notes	
	<hr/> 77,338	<hr/> 65,990
 <u>Payments</u>		
Staff salaries	76,416	62,358
Employers NI		
Employers Pension Contributions		
Staff training	673	374
Rent	4,323	4,300
Business rates	481	451
Insurance	718	685
Payroll charges		
Resources	2,612	3,722
Classroom improvements	396	2,388
Stationary	282	566
First aid/cleaning/toiletries	1,075	927
Childrens snacks & trips party	270	195
Fund raising costs	262	137
Miscellaneous	128	1,177
DBS checks	13	13
Ofsted		
Bank charges	32	30
Canopy	0	3,139
Advertising	19	211
Accounts	995	275
Telephone	169	79
	<hr/> 88,860	<hr/> 81,027
 Net receipts/payments	 -11,523	 -15,037
 Cash funds b/f	 42,056	 57,093
 cash funds c/f	 30,533	 42,056
 Cash and bank at 31 Dec 23 and 22	 <hr/> 30,533	 <hr/> 42,056



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

LITTLE ACORNS MAWDESLEY

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1083227

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

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:

[Signature]

Date:

11th JUNE 2025

Name:

SUZANNE CHILDS

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

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