



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.4.2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31.03.2024

Charity name: Little Acorns Playgroup

Charity registration number:1083266

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Little Acorns Playgroup provides safe and stimulating sessional childcare for children from the age of 2 years. Part of the provision is delivered to families in receipt of Flying Start funded places.
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	The playgroup provides childcare, support and guidance to children and their families. Early intervention support has been accessed and provided for children with ALN. Flying Start provision is secure for the playgroup as the playgroup location is in the centre of the eligibility area. The eligibility criteria has also been extended. Little Acorns Playgroup also offers additional places to fee paying parents.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Donations of reusable equipment and resources have been received from groups and individuals within the community.
Other		

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>Little Acorns Playgroup is open for 50 weeks of the year, with 10 playgroup sessions run every week during term time. During the school holidays, sessions are reduced to 3 sessions per week to ensure viability, this provides continuity for the children and their families.</p> <p>Staff development continues to be a focus, training and support are given to all staff members. 2 staff members have gained their NVQ Level 3 in Childcare, Learning and Development during this financial year, another member of staff has started their NVQ Level 3 with another due to start in the very near future.</p> <p>We continue to support training and experience opportunities for childcare students and also vocational opportunities for students still within the school system.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Little Acorns Playgroup's financial position is better than that of previous years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The group now has the recommended and necessary reserves if ever needed for redundancies. The group is going to still add to the reserves total.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Funds are continuously monitored and changes are made if necessary. The playgroup is in a better financial position than that of previous years.

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	The principal sources of funds are government grants - such as Flying Start funding, donations, fundraisers and individual fees paid.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The main risks facing the playgroup are, the rising minimum wage requirements, cost of living and inflation, hindering our financial situation as a charity. Grant income (per playgroup place) remaining static, however there are plans for this to increase in the near future.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Early Years Wales Consitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
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	Newly or re elected annually.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Little Acorns Playgroup
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1083266
Charity's principal address	Hubberston & Hakin Community Centre Church Road Hubberston Pembrokeshire SA73 3PL

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	Emma Newbould	Chairperson		
2	Ebony Hawkings	Secretary		
3	Hannah Taylor	Treasurer		
4	Jackie Taylor			
5	Gareth Virgo			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s) Hannah Taylor

Position (eg Secretary, Treasurer
Chair, etc)

Date 25/03/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Little Acorns Playgroup Pembrokeshire

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1083266

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 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

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:

15/2/25.

Name:

Kathryn Dearing

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

Address:

Flat 1, Uplands

15 Gloucester Terrace, Haverfordwest

Little Acorns Playgroup Pembrokeshire	Charity No	1083266	
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024

Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Recommended categories by activity

Income (Note 3)

Income and endowments from:

Fees

Grants

Fundraising

Donations

Separate material item of income

Other

Total

Expenditure (Notes 6)

Expenditure on:

Wages

HMRC

Rent

Equipment

Stationary

Sundries

Refreshments

Training

Pensions

Insurance

Accounts

Fees

Total

Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period

Tax payable

Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)

Net gains/(losses) on investments

Net income/(expenditure)

Extraordinary items

Transfers between funds

Other recognised gains/(losses):

Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use

Other gains/(losses)

Net movement in funds

Reconciliation of funds:

Total funds brought forward

Total funds carried forward

Guidance Note

	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
S01	20,627	-	-	20,627	16,405
S02	93,278	-	-	93,278	85,429
S03	255	-	-	255	231
S04	230	-	-	230	19
S05	-	-	-	-	828
S06	53	-	-	53	-
S07	114,442	-	-	114,442	102,912

	86,698	-	-	86,698	79,236
		-	-	-	-
	4,623	-	-	4,623	3,366
	11,574	-	-	11,574	1,318
	269	-	-	269	206
	259	-	-	259	337
	729	-	-	729	768
	160	-	-	160	405
	2,042	-	-	2,042	1,844
	35	-	-	35	386
	144	-	-	144	160
	-	-	-	-	25
	106,533	-	-	106,533	88,051

S13	7,909	-	-	7,909	14,861
S14	-	-	-	-	-
S15	7,909	-	-	7,909	14,861
S16	-	-	-	-	-
S17	7,909	-	-	7,909	14,861
S18	-	-	-	-	-
S19	-	-	-	-	-

S20	-	-	-	-	-
S21	-	-	-	-	-
S22	7,909	-	-	7,909	14,861
S23	20,101	-	-	20,101	5,240
S24	28,010	-	-	28,010	20,101

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stocks (Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	B09	36,247	-	-	36,247	28,103
Total current assets	B10	36,247	-	-	36,247	28,103
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)	B11	8,237	-	-	8,237	8,002
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	28,010	-	-	28,010	20,101
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	28,010	-	-	28,010	20,101
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	28,010	-	-	28,010	20,101
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	B19	28,010	-	-	28,010	20,101
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value reserve	B21	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B22	28,010	-	-	28,010	20,101

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/directors

Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

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