

LITTLE ACORNS PLAYGROUP (EVERSHOT)

England & Wales - Charity number 1099880

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-10-07

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN FROM AGE 2 TO 12 YEARS IN EVERSLOT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

Activities: To give all children an excellent start to their education, in a safe and caring environment. Little Acorns provides indoor and outdoor play, in all weathers, with a range of open ended resources and child led activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EVERSLOT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£88,168	£85,754	-	-
2023-08-31	£76,810	£57,436	-	-
2022-08-31	£47,269	£62,536	-	-
2021-08-31	£56,282	£39,724	-	-
2020-08-31	£37,136	£33,138	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abigail Warne	Chair	2023-03-30
Janie Diana Mounter		2019-09-03
Jeremy Piggott		2021-12-21

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Chairperson

June 2024.

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Date: 25th June 2025

Little Acorns**Profit and Loss Account
For the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

	31.08.24	31.08.23
	£	£
INCOME		
Fees	87,236.71	70,303.86
Grants	-	-
Fund Raising	557.00	6,328.50
Donations	374.39	177.27
Interest	-	-
Total Income	88,168.10	76,809.63
EXPENSES		
Wages	71,894.76	46,150.50
Rent and Electricity	8,452.29	7,151.56
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Insurance	824.89	787.42
Playgroup Materials and Equipment	870.53	844.39
Playgroup Activities	-	30.00
Garden Expenses	-	-
Work to School	-	-
Cost of Fund Raising	-	-
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone	240.20	290.34
Sundries	2,345.57	912.56
Audit and Accountancy	460.00	450.00
Depreciation	615.73	769.66
Capital Grant Expenditure	-	-
Provision for Bad Debts	-	-
Bad Debts Writte Off	-	-
Total Expenses	85,753.97	57,436.43
PROFIT/-LOSS	2,414.13	19,373.20

Little Acorns**Balance Sheet
31 August 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	2,462.90	3,078.63
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	-	551.50
Reserve Account	-	-
Current Account	39,128.85	29,459.66
Cash in Hand	29.88	122.85
	39,158.73	30,134.01
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	9,083.96	3,089.10
NET CURRENT ASSETS	30,074.77	27,044.91
TOTAL ASSETS		
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	32,537.67	30,123.54
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unrestricted Funds	32,537.67	30,123.54
Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund	-	-
Awards for All	-	-
Work to School	-	-
Enrichment	-	-
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Restricted and Unrestricted Funds
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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/08/24	Total Funds 31/08/23
Incoming resources from generated Funds				
Voluntary Income:				
Donations	374.39		374.39	177.27
Grants receivable	-		-	-
Activities for generated Funds				
Fees, and other income	87,793.71		87,793.71	76,632.36
Total Incoming resources	<u>£88,168.10</u>	-	<u>£88,168.10</u>	<u>£76,809.63</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading costs	-		-	18.75
Charitable activities	85,293.97		85,293.97	56,967.68
Governance Costs	460.00		460.00	450.00
Transfer of Funds	-		-	-
Total Payments	<u>£85,753.97</u>	-	<u>£85,753.97</u>	<u>£57,436.43</u>
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INCOME		
Fees	70,303.86	45,491.19
Grants	-	1,000.00
Fund Raising	6,328.50	516.83
Donations	177.27	260.50
Interest	-	-
Total Income	76,809.63	47,268.52
EXPENSES		
Wages	46,150.50	52,479.69
Rent and Electricity	7,151.56	5,664.65
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Insurance	787.42	764.72
Playgroup Materials and Equipment	844.39	877.20
Playgroup Activities	30.00	55.46
Garden Expenses	-	-
Work to School	-	-
Cost of Fund Raising	-	-
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone	290.34	267.20
Sundries	912.56	858.72
Audit and Accountancy	450.00	556.00
Depreciation	769.66	962.07
Capital Grant Expenditure	-	-
Provision for Bad Debts	-	-
Bad Debts Writte Off	-	-
Total Expenses	57,436.43	62,535.71
PROFIT/-LOSS	19,373.20	(15,267.19)

Little Acorns**Balance Sheet
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	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	3,078.63	3,848.28
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	551.50	1,040.01
Reserve Account	-	-
Current Account	29,459.66	7,140.62
Cash in Hand	122.85	28.15
	30,134.01	8,208.78
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	3,089.10	1,306.73
NET CURRENT ASSETS	27,044.91	6,902.05
TOTAL ASSETS		
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Voluntary Income:				
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Activities for generated Funds				
Fees, and other income	76,632.36		76,632.36	46,008.02
Total Incoming resources	<u>£76,809.63</u>	-	<u>£76,809.63</u>	<u>£47,268.52</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading costs	18.75		18.75	-
Charitable activities	56,967.68		56,967.68	61,979.71
Governance Costs	450.00		450.00	556.00
Transfer of Funds	-		-	-
Total Payments	<u>£57,436.43</u>	-	<u>£57,436.43</u>	<u>£62,535.71</u>
Net expended resources	<u>19,373.20</u>	-	<u>19,373.20</u>	<u>(15,267.19)</u>
Fund balances brought forward				
At 1 st September 2022	<u>10,750.33</u>	-	<u>10,750.33</u>	<u>26,017.52</u>
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Date: 28th June 2024

Little Acorns**Profit and Loss Account
For the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	31.08.23	31.08.22
	£	£
INCOME		
Fees	70,303.86	45,491.19
Grants	-	1,000.00
Fund Raising	6,328.50	516.83
Donations	177.27	260.50
Interest	-	-
Total Income	76,809.63	47,268.52
EXPENSES		
Wages	46,150.50	52,479.69
Rent and Electricity	7,151.56	5,664.65
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Insurance	787.42	764.72
Playgroup Materials and Equipment	844.39	877.20
Playgroup Activities	30.00	55.46
Garden Expenses	-	-
Work to School	-	-
Cost of Fund Raising	-	-
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone	290.34	267.20
Sundries	912.56	858.72
Audit and Accountancy	450.00	556.00
Depreciation	769.66	962.07
Capital Grant Expenditure	-	-
Provision for Bad Debts	-	-
Bad Debts Writte Off	-	-
Total Expenses	57,436.43	62,535.71
PROFIT/-LOSS	19,373.20	(15,267.19)

Little Acorns**Balance Sheet
31 August 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	3,078.63	3,848.28
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	551.50	1,040.01
Reserve Account	-	-
Current Account	29,459.66	7,140.62
Cash in Hand	122.85	28.15
	30,134.01	8,208.78
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	3,089.10	1,306.73
NET CURRENT ASSETS	27,044.91	6,902.05
TOTAL ASSETS		
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	30,123.54	10,750.33
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unrestricted Funds	30,123.54	10,750.33
Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund	-	-
Awards for All	-	-
Work to School	-	-
Enrichment	-	-
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Little Acorns**Statement of Financial Activities
Restricted and Unrestricted Funds
For the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/08/23	Total Funds 31/08/22
Incoming resources from generated Funds				
Voluntary Income:				
Donations	177.27		177.27	260.50
Grants receivable	-		-	1,000.00
Activities for generated Funds				
Fees, and other income	76,632.36		76,632.36	46,008.02
Total Incoming resources	<u>£76,809.63</u>	-	<u>£76,809.63</u>	<u>£47,268.52</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading costs	18.75		18.75	-
Charitable activities	56,967.68		56,967.68	61,979.71
Governance Costs	450.00		450.00	556.00
Transfer of Funds	-		-	-
Total Payments	<u>£57,436.43</u>	-	<u>£57,436.43</u>	<u>£62,535.71</u>
Net expended resources	<u>19,373.20</u>	-	<u>19,373.20</u>	<u>(15,267.19)</u>
Fund balances brought forward				
At 1 st September 2022	<u>10,750.33</u>	-	<u>10,750.33</u>	<u>26,017.52</u>
Fund balances carried forward				
At 31st August 2023	<u>30,123.54</u>	-	<u>30,123.54</u>	<u>10,750.33</u>

LITTLE ACORNS PLAYGROUP (EVERSHOT)

England & Wales - Charity number 1099880

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Little Acorns Annual General Meeting 2023 Chairperson's Report

September 2021 -August 2022

September 2021 Little Acorns re-opened after the summer break with 15 children registered, which is great for September. We had inquiries over the summer and had put changes in place to be able to accept some even younger children that had been born, and had their first year during the pandemic and really needed to come and mix with some other children.

The relationship with the village hall was still good, with Janie as treasurer the bills were paid on time. Sadly for the hall, many of the other events booked had to be cancelled either due to covid anxiety or restrictions, but the committee remained upbeat, and still in full support of the pre school.

Fundraising was still almost non-existent as there was very little we could do face to face with the families. Jenny organised another bag2 school charity collection, and along with the ebay sales, over **£200** was raised. We were relieved to be eligible for another sustainability grant which has meant the pre school can continue.

Staffing remained the same, but Jeannie unable to commit to many shifts due to other restrictions. Shelley Emm agreed to return and support us on a busy Wednesday and reintroduced cooking. Forest school was agreed with school, so that restarted in Autumn.

A new fence was erected around the whole garden in October, and a new shed in December, paid for with our sustainability grant, enabling us to play safely outdoors as much as possible.

In February Astrid Walden joined us on a busy Tuesday as our numbers reached 24 children registered.

Jenny, Laura and Nicky undertook a long training programme from January to June 2022, to improve their skills in Maths, literacy and PSED, particularly in light of the pandemic. Bobbi and Jenny both came to the end of their level 3 training.

Nicky updated her first aid training, and Shelley, Nicky, Astrid and Laura all updated safeguarding training.

Our situation has changed slightly, our reputation and website meaning we have attracted children from further afield, so we have been able to accommodate younger children, while they have awaited a place at a nursery or pre school closer to their home. This has meant that numbers have fluctuated a little, with some children leaving mid term as their places have become available. Not falling below 20 children though, and actually having children on a waiting list.

Forest school has proved to be popular, and a parent volunteer (Thanks Julia) has helped with this for the Spring and summer term, all of the children destined for Stickland's were able to attend, providing fantastic transition opportunities.

By July there were **22** children registered.

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Date: 28th May 2023

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For the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

	31.08.22	31.08.21
	£	£
INCOME		
Fees	45,491.19	43,367.36
Grants	1,000.00	12,373.79
Fund Raising	516.83	490.42
Donations	260.50	50.00
Interest	-	-
Total Income	47,268.52	56,281.57
EXPENSES		
Wages	52,479.69	31,081.17
Rent and Electricity	5,664.65	5,051.72
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Insurance	764.72	750.45
Playgroup Materials and Equipment	877.20	941.64
Playgroup Activities	55.46	36.28
Garden Expenses	-	5.78
Work to School	-	-
Cost of Fund Raising	-	193.04
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone	267.20	96.34
Sundries	858.72	847.06
Audit and Accountancy	556.00	514.00
Depreciation	962.07	156.09
Capital Grant Expenditure	-	-
Provision for Bad Debts	-	-
Bad Debts Writte Off	-	-
Total Expenses	62,535.71	39,723.57
PROFIT/-LOSS	(15,267.19)	16,558.00

Little Acorns**Balance Sheet
31 August 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	3,848.28	624.35
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	1,040.01	-
Reserve Account	-	-
Current Account	7,140.62	26,497.36
Cash in Hand	28.15	47.54
	8,208.78	26,544.90
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	1,306.73	1,151.73
NET CURRENT ASSETS	6,902.05	25,393.17
TOTAL ASSETS		
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	10,750.33	26,017.52
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unrestricted Funds	10,750.33	26,017.52
Restricted Funds:		
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Enrichment	-	-
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For the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

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Incoming resources from generated Funds				
Voluntary Income:				
Donations	260.50		260.50	50.00
Grants receivable	1,000.00		1,000.00	12,373.79
Activities for generated Funds				
Fees, and other income	46,008.02		46,008.02	43,857.78
Total Incoming resources	<u>£47,268.52</u>	-	<u>£47,268.52</u>	<u>£56,281.57</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading costs	-		-	193.04
Charitable activities	61,979.71		61,979.71	39,016.53
Governance Costs	556.00		556.00	514.00
Transfer of Funds	-		-	-
Total Payments	<u>£62,535.71</u>	-	<u>£62,535.71</u>	<u>£39,723.57</u>
Net expended resources	<u>(15,267.19)</u>	-	<u>(15,267.19)</u>	<u>16,558.00</u>
Fund balances brought forward				
At 1 st September 2021	<u>26,017.52</u>	-	<u>26,017.52</u>	<u>9,459.52</u>
Fund balances carried forward				
At 31st August 2022	<u>10,750.33</u>	-	<u>10,750.33</u>	<u>26,017.52</u>

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Incoming resources from generated Funds				
Voluntary Income:				
Donations	260.50		260.50	50.00
Grants receivable	1,000.00		1,000.00	12,373.79
Activities for generated Funds				
Fees, and other income	46,008.02		46,008.02	43,857.78
Total Incoming resources	<u>£47,268.52</u>	-	<u>£47,268.52</u>	<u>£56,281.57</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading costs	-		-	193.04
Charitable activities	61,979.71		61,979.71	39,016.53
Governance Costs	556.00		556.00	514.00
Transfer of Funds	-		-	-
Total Payments	<u>£62,535.71</u>	-	<u>£62,535.71</u>	<u>£39,723.57</u>
Net expended resources	<u>(15,267.19)</u>	-	<u>(15,267.19)</u>	<u>16,558.00</u>
Fund balances brought forward				
At 1 st September 2021	<u>26,017.52</u>	-	<u>26,017.52</u>	<u>9,459.52</u>
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The relationship with the village hall was good, with Janie as treasurer the bills were paid on time, and the fees coming in steadily. The village hall committee had worked hard to help us with our reopening, ensuring we were not sharing the building, and keeping infection risks to a minimum.

Fundraising was almost non-existent as there was very little we could do face to face with the families. Jenny organised a bag2 school charity collection, and along with the ebay sales, over £600 was raised. We were relieved to be eligible for a sustainability grant which has meant the pre school can continue.

In September 2020, we advertised for a level 3 apprentice and employed Bobbi Miller, in partnership with Side by Side training in Dorchester. In November 2020, Fiona McCarthy was offered a new position at a local school and left Little Acorns.

December 2020 a new outdoor shelter was built, to enable the staff and children to play outdoors in all weathers.

In January 2021 Early years settings were instructed to remain open for the families of key workers for the duration of another lockdown. Little Acorns remained open for 3 days a week, offering childcare to 5 families.

We reopened fully in March, welcoming back our other friends. Numbers continued to rise and we were able to continue without raising the fees to parents. In July we said goodbye to 5 children, all of them destined for Stickland's school next door.

Staff continued with essential training only, but kept up to date with online input and articles. Lots of new training was booked for the following year.

By July there were 15 children registered. Feedback from the parents and families was extremely positive, and the school was also very happy with the children, and how well they were prepared for reception class, bearing in mind the unusual year they had experienced.

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Fees	43,367.36	29,445.90
Grants	12,373.79	7,459.55
Fund Raising	490.42	72.00
Donations	50.00	159.00
Interest	-	0.00
Total Income	<u>56,281.57</u>	<u>37,136.45</u>
EXPENSES		
Wages	31,081.17	26,032.42
Rent and Electricity	5,051.72	4,203.91
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Insurance	750.45	743.56
Playgroup Materials and Equipment	941.64	767.99
Playgroup Activities	36.28	30.88
Garden Expenses	5.78	19.99
Work to School	-	-
Cost of Fund Raising	193.04	0.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone	96.34	10.99
Sundries	847.06	657.95
Audit and Accountancy	514.00	616.00
Depreciation	156.09	4.61
Capital Grant Expenditure	-	-
Provision for Bad Debts	-	-
Bad Debts Writte Off	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>39,723.57</u>	<u>33,138.30</u>
PROFIT/-LOSS	<u>16,558.00</u>	<u>3,998.15</u>

Little Acorns**Statement of Financial Activities
Restricted and Unrestricted Funds
For the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/08/21	Total Funds 31/08/20
Incoming resources from generated Funds				
Voluntary Income:				
Donations	50.00		50.00	159.00
Grants receivable	12,373.79		12,373.79	7,459.55
Activities for generated Funds				
Fees, and other income	43,857.78		43,857.78	29,517.90
Total Incoming resources	<u>£56,281.57</u>	-	<u>£56,281.57</u>	<u>£37,136.45</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading costs	193.04		193.04	0.00
Charitable activities	39,016.53		39,016.53	32,522.30
Governance Costs	514.00		514.00	616.00
Transfer of Funds	-		-	-
Total Payments	<u>£39,723.57</u>	-	<u>£39,723.57</u>	<u>£33,138.30</u>
Net expended resources	<u>16,558.00</u>	-	<u>16,558.00</u>	<u>3,998.15</u>
Fund balances brought forward				
At 1 st September 2020	<u>9,459.52</u>	-	<u>9,459.52</u>	<u>5,461.37</u>
Fund balances carried forward				
At 31st August 2021	<u>26,017.52</u>	-	<u>26,017.52</u>	<u>9,459.52</u>

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AGM 2019-2020 and missed AGM 2018-2019

Little Acorns Meeting 09/02/2021 (Via ZOOM due to COVID restrictions)

Present:

Sophie Jones (Chair)

Nicky Bower (Supervisor)

Laura Button (Deputy Supervisor and SENCO)

Jenny George (Early Years Practitioner and parent liaison officer, Health and safety and Fire officer)

Bobbi Miller (Apprentice)

Apologies:

Janie Mounter (Treasurer)

Jeanette Creed (Early Years Practitioner)

Hannah Crawford (Committee member)

Agenda and minutes

1. Outstanding actions from previous meeting

Action - Sophie to cc Janie when sending timesheets to Roz - **Resolved**

Action SJ - to look at options for statements (constitutions) - **Outstanding**

Action BJ - to felt by end of next week - **Resolved by NB**

Action all - To consider new secretary - **Rachel Rowe has offered**

Action BJ - Put up Sail in garden - Resolved - **Now lovely solid structure shelter - Village Hall committee happy**

Action NB - Nicky to apply for another grant to cover disposable items - **Resolved we received that - well done Nicky!**

Action NB/JM - Purchase tablet/smart phone - Janie has a Sony Experian which she can donate - **Resolved**

Action BJ - Fix fencing, sort shed - **Still outstanding - fencing could be a working party group at Easter**



Action all – Please have a think about ideas for virtual and COVID safe fundraising

2. Treasurers report



Financial Statement
Aug 20 - Feb 21.xlsx

Summary

We have made a profit thanks to DCC honouring the fees during lockdown and can weather this until restrictions lift at the moment.

Meeting attendees discussed (and agreed) in the current climate (COVID) we would revert to billing half termly in arrears

3. Supervisors report



Summary

Change to opening hours due to restrictions – M-W for 5 children of keyworker families

Sharing training

Deliver forest school as soon as can

Staff not keen to increase opening hours until schools open

Shelley is putting heating on

Keeping in touch with parents and completing learning journals using photos and comments sent in via parents

Wish list – Fencing – to set a date for Easter

No one is using the Village hall

New EYFS from September – Training from Maureen at DCC (copy of mandates)



4. Staff/Committee

Laura - Going well

Nicky - Thank you to staff

Hannah Crawford (by message) - Facebook posts are always positive and informative. It's lovely to be able to share ideas on Facebook and showcase LA makes learning fun whilst the children are cared for to such a high degree too. I'm so please for LA staff involved that despite all of the difficulties 2020/2021 has brought, LA has been flourishing.

Bobbi - Settled and part of the team

Jenny - Frustrated that level 3 has ground to a halt in terms of supervision from assessing body - Jenny will contact the assessor to ask for a plan so she can complete by END of Summer term

Jeannie (By message) - Hoping to return back when open full time, has been accessing training online

Committee changes -

Stepping down - Ben Jones as Chair

Nicky nominated Sophie Jones to position of chair, seconded by Jenny

5. Fundraising

(previous fundraising) -

Bags to school - [Jenny hoping to organise for 1/3/2021 if running this year](#)

April - Easter egg

Summer

Sports Day

November - Rampisham toy fair

December - Scavenger hunt

Fill a Smartie tube with coins

Make a papier mache piggy bank with the children to fill in playgroup



6. AOB_

Sophie - Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication team- massive WELL DONE! 😊

Also a huge thank you to Roz, who without, I think we would be very lost.

Next meeting - 30/03/2021 (AGM) via zoom for staff, committee, and parents

Meeting ID: TBC

Passcode: TBC

Future meetings - ½ termly - future dates TBC

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020
for
Little Acorns

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Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Little Acorns

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020, which are set out on Pages 2 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Roz Barrett BSc, FCCA
Accountancy Services
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Date: 30th March 2022

Little Acorns**Profit and Loss Account
For the Year Ended 31 August 2020**

	31.08.20	31.08.19
	£	£
INCOME		
Fees	29,445.90	24,479.41
Grants	7,459.55	7,000.00
Fund Raising	72.00	1,238.86
Donations	159.00	500.00
Interest	-	0.00
Total Income	<u>37,136.45</u>	<u>33,218.27</u>
EXPENSES		
Wages	26,032.42	26,546.92
Rent and Electricity	4,203.91	3,886.33
Ofsted	50.00	50.00
Insurance	743.56	662.60
Playgroup Materials and Equipment	767.99	708.08
Playgroup Activities	30.88	144.66
Garden Expenses	19.99	83.62
Work to School	-	-
Cost of Fund Raising	-	18.85
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone	10.99	104.77
Sundries	657.95	1,271.51
Audit and Accountancy	616.00	400.00
Depreciation	4.61	5.76
Capital Grant Expenditure	-	-
Provision for Bad Debts	-	-
Bad Debts Writte Off	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>33,138.30</u>	<u>33,883.10</u>
PROFIT/-LOSS	<u><u>3,998.15</u></u>	<u><u>(664.83)</u></u>

Little Acorns**Balance Sheet
31 August 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	18.44	23.05
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	-	743.56
Reserve Account	-	0.00
Current Account	10,148.49	5,008.81
Cash in Hand	92.59	85.95
	10,241.08	5,838.32
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	800.00	400.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	9,441.08	5,438.32
TOTAL ASSETS		
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,459.52	5,461.37
	9,459.52	5,461.37
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unrestricted Funds	9,459.52	5,461.37
Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund	-	-
Awards for All	-	-
Work to School	-	-
Enrichment	-	-
	9,459.52	5,461.37

Little Acorns**Statement of Financial Activities
Restricted and Unrestricted Funds
For the Year Ended 31 August 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/08/20	Total Funds 31/08/19
Incoming resources from generated Funds				
Voluntary Income:				
Donations	159.00		159.00	500.00
Grants receivable	7,459.55		7,459.55	7,000.00
Activities for generated Funds				
Fees, and other income	29,517.90		29,517.90	25,718.27
Total Incoming resources	<u>£37,136.45</u>	-	<u>£37,136.45</u>	<u>£33,218.27</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading costs	-		-	18.85
Charitable activities	32,522.30		32,522.30	33,464.25
Governance Costs	616.00		616.00	400.00
Transfer of Funds	-		-	-
Total Payments	<u>£33,138.30</u>	-	<u>£33,138.30</u>	<u>£25,836.28</u>
Net expended resources	<u>3,998.15</u>	-	<u>3,998.15</u>	<u>(664.83)</u>
Fund balances brought forward				
At 1 st September 2019	<u>5,461.37</u>	-	<u>5,461.37</u>	<u>5,461.37</u>
Fund balances carried forward				
At 31st August 2020	<u>9,459.52</u>	-	<u>9,459.52</u>	<u>4,796.54</u>