



Little Acorns Annual General Meeting 2021 Chairperson's Report

September 2020 -August 2021

September 2020 Little Acorns re-opened after a long break due to Covid 19. There were 11 children registered, which is great for September.

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.

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021
for
Little Acorns

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

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Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Little Acorns

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021, 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.

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Date: 15th June 2022

Little Acorns**Profit and Loss Account
For the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

	31.08.21	31.08.20
	£	£
INCOME		
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	56,281.57	37,136.45
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	39,723.57	33,138.30
PROFIT/-LOSS	16,558.00	3,998.15

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Balance Sheet 31 August 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	624.35	18.44
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	-	0.00
Reserve Account	-	0.00
Current Account	26,497.36	10,148.49
Cash in Hand	47.54	92.59
	<u>26,544.90</u>	<u>10,241.08</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	1,151.73	800.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>25,393.17</u>	<u>9,441.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	26,017.52	9,459.52
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unrestricted Funds	26,017.52	9,459.52
Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund	-	-
Awards for All	-	-
Work to School	-	-
Enrichment	-	-
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	26,017.52	9,459.52
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Statement of Financial Activities Restricted and Unrestricted Funds For the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	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>