



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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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2022, 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
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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: 28th May 2023

Little Acorns**Profit and Loss Account
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

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**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
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unrestricted Funds	10,750.33	26,017.52
Restricted Funds:		
Building Fund	-	-
Awards for All	-	-
Work to School	-	-
Enrichment	-	-
	10,750.33	26,017.52

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Statement of Financial Activities Restricted and Unrestricted Funds For the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31/08/22	Total Funds 31/08/21
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				
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