

Charity registration number 1100785

Company registration number 04737220 (England and Wales)

KITTENS PRESCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

KITTENS PRESCHOOL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	James Kirkby Shirley Speakman Sharon Watts Julie Bolton
Treasurer	James Kirkby
Chair	Shirley Speakman
Charity number	1100785
Company number	04737220
Principal address	Veronica Street Blackburn Road Darwen Lancashire BB3 0AA
Registered office	Veronica Street Blackburn Road Darwen Lancashire BB3 0AA
Independent examiner	David Wood Wilson BA FCA Hindle Jepson & Jennings Ltd 10 Borough Road Darwen Lancashire BB3 1PL
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)"

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by :

- 1) offering appropriate play facilities and training courses, together with the right of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children regardless of race, culture, religion or means
- 2) encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas
- 3) instigating and adhering to and furthering the aim of the preschool learning alliance.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The charity's income has increased during the year but even though the costs decreased this has still resulted in the funds of the charity decreasing by £14,267. As at the balance sheet date the charity had total funds of £80,262 (2022 : £94,529).

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated as Kittens PreSchool. The company is registered as a charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

James Kirkby
Shirley Speakman
Sharon Watts
Julie Bolton

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023*

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



James Kirkby
Trustee

27 February 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KITTENS PRESCHOOL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Kittens Preschool (the charity) for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



David Wood Wilson BA FCA

Hindle Jepson & Jennings Ltd
10 Borough Road
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Dated: 27 February 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	123,390	-	123,390	136,236	-	136,236
Other trading activities	4	1,157	-	1,157	2,363	-	2,363
Total income		<u>124,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,547</u>	<u>138,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,599</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	132,318	6,496	138,814	141,088	6,496	147,584
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(7,771)	(6,496)	(14,267)	(2,489)	(6,496)	(8,985)
Fund balances at 1 August 2022		<u>55,660</u>	<u>38,869</u>	<u>94,529</u>	<u>58,149</u>	<u>45,365</u>	<u>103,514</u>
Fund balances at 31 July 2023		<u><u>47,889</u></u>	<u><u>32,373</u></u>	<u><u>80,262</u></u>	<u><u>55,660</u></u>	<u><u>38,869</u></u>	<u><u>94,529</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		45,025		52,704
Current assets					
Debtors	11	1,827		2,565	
Cash at bank and in hand		35,104		40,797	
		36,931		43,362	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,694)		(1,537)	
Net current assets			35,237		41,825
Total assets less current liabilities			80,262		94,529
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		32,373		38,869
Unrestricted funds			47,889		55,660
			80,262		94,529

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 July 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 February 2024

Shirley Speakman
Trustee

 SHIRLEY SPEAKMAN.

Company registration number 04737220

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Kittens Preschool is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Veronica Street, Blackburn Road, Darwen, Lancashire, BB3 0AA.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from trading activities is recognised on receipt.

Income from fund raising activities is recognised on receipt.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity (in accordance with the SORP). Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resource.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold land and buildings	Straight line over 25 years
Fixtures and play equipment	Straight Line over 4 years
Computers and office equipment	Straight line over 3 years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

1 Accounting policies

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1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2023 £	Charitable activities 2022 £
Preschool fees	122,816	135,630
Other sundry income	574	606
	<u>123,390</u>	<u>136,236</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Fundraising events	<u>1,157</u>	<u>2,363</u>

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5 Charitable activities

	Cost of Generating Funds 2023 £	Cost of Generating Funds 2022 £
Staff costs	107,439	115,651
Depreciation and impairment	8,779	8,533
Other costs	169	671
Food and consumables	449	747
Toys, art and activity materials	2,921	2,755
Cleaning and waste disposal	1,601	1,435
Repairs and maintenance	2,647	812
Printing, postage and stationery	578	794
Advertising	-	317
Telephone and internet charges	1,079	879
Leasing of office equipment	689	749
General expenses	1,114	806
Rent payable	2,000	2,000
Rates and water	1,842	1,235
Computer expenses	1,204	1,349
Light and heat	2,594	3,355
	<u>135,105</u>	<u>142,088</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	3,709	5,496
	<u>138,814</u>	<u>147,584</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	132,318	141,088
Restricted funds	6,496	6,496
	<u>138,814</u>	<u>147,584</u>
For the year ended 31 July 2022		
Unrestricted funds - general	141,088	
Restricted funds	6,496	
	<u>147,584</u>	

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6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Accountancy	-	1,393	1,393	1,393
Insurance	-	2,040	2,040	1,799
Bank charges	-	103	103	112
Subscriptions	-	173	173	316
Courses and staff training	-	-	-	1,876
	-	3,709	3,709	5,496
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	3,709	3,709	5,496

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	6	8
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	103,072	111,273
Other pension costs	4,367	4,378
	107,439	115,651

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and play equipment £	Computers and office equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 August 2022	199,951	59,804	11,788	271,543
Additions	-	1,100	-	1,100
At 31 July 2023	199,951	60,904	11,788	272,643
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 August 2022	147,507	59,780	11,552	218,839
Depreciation charged in the year	7,997	550	232	8,779
At 31 July 2023	155,504	60,330	11,784	227,618
Carrying amount				
At 31 July 2023	44,447	574	4	45,025
At 31 July 2022	52,444	24	236	52,704

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	1,827	2,565

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	244	26
Trade creditors	46	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,404	1,511
	1,694	1,537

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 August 2021 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 August 2022 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 July 2023 £
Restricted fund	45,365	(6,496)	38,869	(6,496)	32,373

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 July 2023 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	12,652	32,373	45,025	13,835	52,704
Current assets/(liabilities)	35,237	-	35,237	41,825	41,825
	<u>47,889</u>	<u>32,373</u>	<u>80,262</u>	<u>55,660</u>	<u>94,529</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

15 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	2,000	2,000
Between two and five years	7,500	8,000
In over five years	-	1,500
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	9,500	11,500
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16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).