

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL CHICKERELL

England & Wales · Charity number 1104638

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2004-06-29

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

Contact

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North Square
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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN UNDER THE STATUTORY AGE IN A PARENT-INVOLVING COMMUNITY BASED GROUP.A) ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN;B) PROVIDING SAFE, HIGH QUALITY GROUP PLAY IN WHICH PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART; ANDC) ENCOURAGING OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN.

Activities: A preschool for the children of Chickerell and surrounding areas.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, IN PRACTICE CHICKERLL, DORSET
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£122,000	£100,000	-	-
2023-08-31	£99,603	£86,632	-	-
2022-08-31	£80,263	£82,863	-	-
2021-08-31	£78,876	£82,702	-	-
2020-08-31	£73,263	£69,203	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Chris Newman	Chair	2019-11-12
EMMA RANDALL		2021-10-31
Michelle Warne		2019-11-12
Nicola Bell-Starr		2024-10-31

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Accounts

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

31st August 2024

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiners

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 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act)

follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examine's statement

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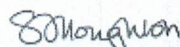
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S Houghton
Houghton Rose Ltd
FCCA

56 Peppard Road
Emmer Green
Reading
Berkshire
RG4 8NG

Date 5th June 2025

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31st August 2024


for the year ended 31st August 2024
All Unrestricted

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Pre-School Fees	12,623	33,921
Dorset CC Funding	106,792	62,307
Other Grants	500	
Activities for generating funds	530	2,317
Miscellaneous	1,206	987
Interest	332	71
Total Receipts	<u>121,983</u>	<u>99,603</u>
Payments		
Salaries and pensions	77,814	68,863
Rent	7,384	6,842
Equipment	4,534	3,681
Admin, maintenance and supplies	7,854	4,039
Telephone	586	778
Staff Training	307	386
Trips, parties and presents	1,708	2,043
Total Payments	<u>100,187</u>	<u>86,632</u>
Net movements in funds	<u>21,796</u>	<u>12,971</u>

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
Statements of Assets & Liabilities
for the year ended 31st August 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Opening Bank Balances	30,931	17,960
Net Movements in Funds	21,796	12,971
Closing Bank/Cash Balances	<u>52,727</u>	<u>30,931</u>

Approved by the trustees

Signed  Chris Newman

Date 17/06/2025

The Ducklings PRE-SCHOOL



Chairmans' Report

AGM 04/10/2023

Good Evening!

I'd like to welcome all the parents & children back to Ducklings, for what looks set to be, another challenging and rewarding year for all.

This has been my 5th full year as volunteer Chairman of the setting.

I'd like to again open by passing praise to the staff of Ducklings over the last 12 months.

It's been another eventful and positive 12 months.

The end of the last teaching year we all said goodbye to Sharon, who was a remarkable member of the team and a great support to Michelle.

Whilst Chickerell continues to see it's boom in population, occupancy levels at the setting are very high, which is also very positive to see, especially as it's in a position that's often more challenging for parents to get to!

Again, all credit to the team. Word of mouth and a strong reputation is being heard around the village.

Thanks also to the extended committee, who always offer up their time and energy to support the setting. Without the help of the parents, the setting can't function. So thank you!

Support from parents, fundraisers and the local community will be increasingly important to Ducklings in the coming years, as settings up and down the country are feeling the strain of increased running costs. We need as much support as we can get!

Onwards and Upwards!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Newman'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Chris Newman - Chairman

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL CHICKERELL

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Accounts

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
for the year ended 31st August 2023

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examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(e) of the Act)

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DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

31st August 2023

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Mr J. Weston
Fusion Accountancy Services
CHAMPS

Wynilla Cottage
Upper Old Park Lane
Farnham
Surrey GU9 0AS

Date

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
for the year ended 31st August 2023

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Mr L Preston
Preston Accountancy Services
FMAAT

Magnolia Cottage
Upper Old Park Lane
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Surrey GU9 0AS

Date _____

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31st August 2023

for the year ended 31st August 2023
All Unrestricted

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Pre-School Fees	33,921	11,237
Dorset CC Fees	62,307	66,327
Activities for generating funds	2,317	909
Miscellaneous	987	1,790
Interest	71	0
Total Receipts	<u>99,603</u>	<u>80,263</u>
Payments		
Salaries and Pensions	68,863	65,738
Rent	6,842	6,480
Equipment	3,681	3,981
Admin & Supplies	4,039	4,453
Telephone	778	746
Staff Training	386	300
Trips, parties and presents	2,043	1,165
Total Payments	<u>86,632</u>	<u>82,863</u>
Net movements in funds	<u>12,971</u>	<u>-2,600</u>

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
Statements of Assets & Liabilities
for the year ended 31st August 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Opening Bank Balances	17,960	20,560
Net Movements in Funds	12,971	-2,600
Closing Bank/Cash Balances	<u>30,931</u>	<u>17,960</u>

Approved by the trustees

Signed  C Newman (Chairman)

Date 02.06.2024



Chairmans' Report

ZOOM AGM 12/10/2022

I'd like to welcome all the parents & children back to Ducklings, for what looks set to be, another challenging and rewarding year for all.

This has been my third full year as Chairman of the setting.

I'd like to open by passing praise to the staff of Ducklings over the last 12 months.

The Covid-19 pandemic now feels it's nearing/at the end and Ducklings have continued to prosper despite of this huge challenge.

Michelle is still relatively new to her role in comparison to other settings, but it feels like she's been running Ducklings for years! The setting has definitely come on leaps and bounds under her direction, with fantastic support also from Sharon and the rest of the team.

Whilst Chickerell continues to see it's boom in population, occupancy levels at the setting are very high, which is also very positive to see, especially as it's in a position that's often more challenging for parents to get to!

Again, all credit to the team. Word of mouth and a strong reputation is being heard around the village.

The team's tireless hard work has also resulted in what was a very positive Ofsted report! There was lots of stress in the build up to this inspection – I'm relieved to see it's over, for now! Well done again.

Thanks also to the extended committee, who always offer up their time and energy to support the setting. Without the help of the parents, the setting can't function. So, thank you!

Onwards and Upwards!

Chris Newman - Chairman

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL CHICKERELL

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Accounts

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31st August 2022

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

for the year ended 31st August 2022

for the year ended 31st August 2022

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31st August 2022

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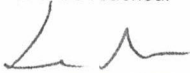
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DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31st August 2022


for the year ended 31st August 2022
All Unrestricted

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
Pre-School Fees	11,237	13,500
Dorset CC Fees	66,327	62,593
Activities for generating funds	909	910
Miscellaneous (including furlough claims)	1,790	1,873
Total Receipts	<u>80,263</u>	<u>78,876</u>
31st August 2020		
Salaries and Pensions	65,738	65,389
Rent	6,480	6,948
Equipment	3,981	4,191
Admin & Supplies	4,453	3,931
Telephone	746	508
Staff Training	300	551
Trips, partys and presents	1,165	1,184
Total Payments	<u>82,863</u>	<u>82,702</u>
Net movements in funds	<u>-2,600</u>	<u>-3,826</u>

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
Statements of Assets & Liabilities
for the year ended 31st August 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Opening Bank Balances	20,560	24,386
Net Movements in Funds	-2,600	-3,826
Closing Bank/Cash Balances	<u>17,960</u>	<u>20,560</u>

Approved by the trustees

Signed  C. Newman - Chairman

Date 11.05.23



Chairmans' Report

ZOOM AGM Wednesday 6th October 2021

I'd like to welcome all the parents & children back to Ducklings, for what looks set to be, another challenging and rewarding year for all.

This has been my second full year as Chairman of the setting.

I'd like to open by passing praise to the staff of Ducklings over the last 12 months. The pre-school has undergone, again, a wealth of changes, all to the benefit of the setting & the children serviced.

This hard work has resulted in, what looks to be, a record breaking year for Ducklings in terms of new intake at the setting. The setting has a very healthy waiting list and I see no reason for the positive word of mouth for the setting to continue.

The Covid-19 pandemic has continued into 2021, and undoubtedly thrown it's hurdles, but the staff, parents and students have dealt remarkably in the face of adversity.

Ducklings, as a setting, is beginning to reap the rewards of a re-vitalised team. Michelle's vision for the setting is gathering pace and the staff are very motivated to provide the best possible care for children.

2022 also looks set to be an important year for the setting given the upcoming Ofsted inspection. Michelle and the team are also working towards achieving the best possible scoring from Ofsted.

Laura Board has joined as fundraiser and has already made great progression with new activities and methods to spread the word of Ducklings and raise some well needed funds in the meantime. Our finances are looking reasonably healthy, given the circumstances.

I'd like to say a big thank you to the Committee, some of whom may continue with their roles moving forward.

Laura, Sade, Abi and Kirsty have all been fantastic committee members, all of which we hope continue their roles into 2022. If not, we welcome the new members!

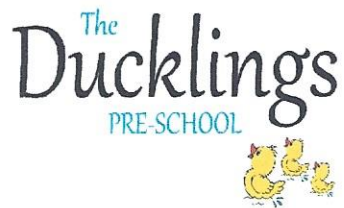
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Chris Newman - Chairman

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Accounts



7 October 2019

Chairman's Report

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I am sure that with Michelle as Manager, Sharon as Deputy Manager and Chris as Chairman, Ducklings will continue to thrive.

We have a nucleus of a good and innovative committee and hopefully with new parents joining they will take on organising events and raising funds.

The year has been good with fundraising at Easter and a Story night which the children and parents enjoyed.

My thanks again to Sue who always kept me informed and for the dedicated staff who have always made Ducklings a happy and safe environment.

Derek Stanton
Chairman

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

31st August 2021

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

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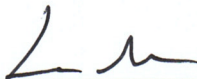
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Surrey
GU9 7GJ

Date 9/6/22

DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL
Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31st August 2021

for the year ended 31st August 2021
 All Unrestricted

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Receipts		
Pre-School Fees	13,500	6,604
Dorset CC Fees	62,593	59,855
Activities for generating funds	910	302
Miscellaneous (including furlough claims)	1,873	6,502
Total Receipts	<u>78,876</u>	<u>73,263</u>
31st August 2020		
Salaries and Pensions	65,389	56,282
Rent	6,948	4,788
Equipment	4,191	3,295
Admin & Supplies	3,931	3,922
Telephone	508	545
Staff Training	551	371
Trips, partys and presents	1,184	
Total Payments	<u>82,702</u>	<u>69,203</u>
Net movements in funds	<u>-3,826</u>	<u>4,060</u>

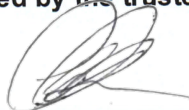
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Statements of Assets & Liabilities
for the year ended 31st August 2021

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
for the year ended 31st August 2021		
Opening Bank Balances	24,386	20,326
Net Movements in Funds	-3,826	4,060
Closing Bank/Cash Balances	<u>20,560</u>	<u>24,386</u>

31st August 2021

Approved by the trustees

Signed



C Newman (Chairman)

Date 15/06/22

Managers' Report AGM Monday 7th October 2019

We currently have 27 children on role with more children joining us over the coming months which is three more than this time last year, we currently have fifteen 3 & 4 year olds and twelve 2 year olds. We have had to adjust our staffing levels since our return from the summer break to stay within the legal requirements ensuring children's safety and to allow the staff to have time out of the room to complete their observations due to session changes requested by parents.

We have more 2 year olds joining us over the coming months rather than the older age bracket so ratios will be closely monitored which makes our waiting list look healthy for next year.

It was previously agreed by the committee that we would no longer have a specific session for two year olds on a Wednesday morning. These children are currently being allocated sessions over our quieter days.

All staff has kept their skill and knowledge up to date by attending various training courses over the past year such as: - Safeguarding Children levels 2 and 3, DBS updates, Managers Briefings, Pediatric First Aid, SenCo (special educational needs training) FGM training and Autism training.

We continue to spend our fundraising on updating toys, equipment and end of term parties. This year we have spent some of the money raised on a promotional video which will be uploaded on to our Facebook page. The next project for the setting is to hopefully have a new kitchen fitted.

Our bank balance is healthy at the moment with fees and funding we receive, Sue and Annie watch this closely reporting to committee on a regular basis. The treasurer audits the accounts termly and are now waiting to be collected by our accountant.

We currently have 9 members of staff including myself but as you all now know I will be leaving in the near future. The staff are well established with many years of experience and training behind them which will bode well for when the new manager takes over in the coming weeks. I'd like to wish the staff and the committee all the very best for their future journey at Ducklings Pre-school.

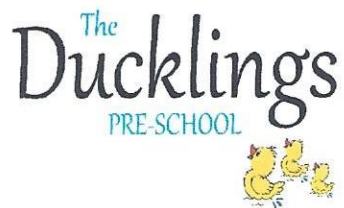
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Sue Miller - Pre-school Manager.

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