

Blackberry Lane Pre-School
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05224550 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1107155

Registered office

Blackberry Lane Pre-School
Edinburgh Close
Cowes
Isle of Wight
PO31 8HF

Trustees

D Gibson
C Gillam
A Hay
J Danyluk
C Lawrence
J Morgan
G Gerrard
E Henson
A Barnes
R Givens
H Brewer
R Strange
J Marshall

Resigned 16 October 2023
Resigned 31 August 2024
Resigned 31 August 2024
Appointed 16 October 2023
Appointed 16 October 2023
Appointed 20 October 2023

Independent Examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Organisational structure

The Pre-school is run by a Board of Directors made up of volunteer parents and members of the local community. Directors are elected onto the Management Committee each year at the Annual General Meeting held in the Autumn Term.

The Committee meets every 6-8 weeks to discuss plans for fund raising, future development, areas of concern, the financial status and the general day-to-day running of the Pre-school.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The principal activity of the company is the provision of early years education.

The main activities undertaken to achieve these objectives are the operation of the Pre-school and Nursery. To provide a secure, safe and welcoming environment for children from 0 - 4 years old. To enhance the development and education of the children in a "Learning through Play" environment. To encourage parents/guardians to understand the needs of their children and provide an opportunity for them to be involved in the running of the settings.

The directors are satisfied with the performance during the year under review.

Fundraising activities

Fund-raising activities include but are not limited to: Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre, T Shirts, Sponsorship, Donation Concert.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity's reserves policy is determined by the directors, who are currently endeavouring to ensure the charity has a reasonable reserve for future operations.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

C Gillam

9 April 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BLACKBERRY LANE PRE-SCHOOL**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Blackberry Lane Pre-School for the year ended 31 August 2024. As set out on pages 4-10 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Blackberry Lane Pre-School, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Blackberry Lane Pre-School and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them, as a body, in this report. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or presume responsibility to anyone other than Blackberry Lane Pre-School and its Board of Directors, as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Blackberry Lane Pre-School has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and the profit of Blackberry Lane Pre-School. You consider that Blackberry Lane Pre-School is exempt from the statutory audit requirement from the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Blackberry Lane Pre-School. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

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9 April 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Total
		Funds	Funds
	Notes	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	154,006	145,079
Activities for generating funds	3	182,335	162,554
Investment income	4	<u>559</u>	<u>212</u>
Total incoming resources		336,900	307,845
 RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Pre-school		<u>329,096</u>	<u>337,079</u>
Total resources expended		329,096	337,079
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		7,804	(29,334)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		73,786	103,020
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>81,590</u></u>	<u><u>73,786</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Total
		Funds	Funds
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	519	692
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	11,844	9,771
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>81,323</u>	<u>65,086</u>
		93,167	74,857
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(12,096)	(1,763)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>81,071</u>	<u>73,094</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		81,590	73,786
NET ASSETS		<u>81,590</u>	<u>73,786</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u>81,590</u>	<u>73,786</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>81,590</u>	<u>73,786</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – Small Entities

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 9 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Gillam

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery etc - 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants	<u>154,006</u>	<u>145,079</u>
	<u>154,006</u>	<u>145,079</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
School fees	180,222	162,056
Events sales	<u>2,113</u>	<u>498</u>
	<u>182,335</u>	<u>162,554</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>559</u>	<u>212</u>

5. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/ (crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>173</u>	<u>231</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024, nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>283,243</u>	<u>287,024</u>

8. GENERAL FUND

The purpose of this fund is to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age. Encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups. Offering appropriate play, education, care 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 whatever their race, culture, religion, financial means or ability. Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs. Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of their pre-school learning alliance.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

**Plant and
machinery
etc
£**

COST

At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024

14,785

DEPRECIATION

At 1 September 2023

14,093

Charge for year

173

At 31 August 2024

14,266

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 August 2024

519

At 31 August 2023

692

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2024

2023

£

£

Debtors and prepayments

11,844

9,771

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2024

2023

£

£

Other creditors

12,096

1,763

12,096

1,763

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	73,786	7,804	81,590
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,786</u>	<u>7,804</u>	<u>81,590</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	336,900	(329,096)	7,804
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>336,900</u></u>	<u><u>(329,096)</u></u>	<u><u>7,804</u></u>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Grants	<u>154,006</u>	<u>145,079</u>
	154,006	145,079
Activities for generating funds		
School fees	180,222	162,056
Events sales	<u>2,113</u>	<u>498</u>
	336,341	307,633
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>559</u>	<u>212</u>
Total incoming resources	336,900	307,845
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Purchases	6,792	8,760
Wages	264,135	272,193
Employers NI	12,938	8,950
Staff pension	6,170	5,881
Rent	7,585	7,813
Rates	1,008	1,397
Heating & lighting	3,782	3,068
Insurance	1,618	1,923
Telephone	2,812	1,809
Stationery	908	995
Advertising	284	407
Website	358	210
Sundries	1,276	896
Subscriptions	2,277	2,136
Repairs and renewals	1,154	1,591
Staff welfare	989	940
Cleaning & waste disposal	9,597	11,721
Bookkeeping	638	578
Accountancy	550	650
Professional	267	167
Legal	115	-
School equipment	1,003	1,229
Licences	21	1,354
Provisions	1,900	1,828
Training	615	187
Plant and machinery	173	231
Bank charges	<u>131</u>	<u>165</u>
	329,096	337,079
	<u>7,804</u>	<u>(29,234)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements