

GREEN LANE NURSERY AND CHILD CARE CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1113518

Details

Other names GLNCCC, GREEN LANE NURSERY

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [04176113](#)

Registered 2006-03-31

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

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Activities

Objects: 3. THE OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY ARE:-(1) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE BY AIDING THE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT OF TEESDALE, COUNTY DURHAM AND IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AND CARE.

Activities: Green Lane Nursery is set up as a purpose built centre within Green Lane School for all parents/carers in the surrounding area. It provides affordable, flexible childcare allowing parents/carers to be assured that their children are safe, secure and happy, enjoying the wide range of activities in a caring, learning environment.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DISTRICT OF TEESDALE, COUNTY DURHAM.
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£769,630	£662,268	£418,183	25
2024-08-31	£572,816	£565,349	£310,821	22
2023-08-31	£531,488	£485,500	£303,354	22
2022-08-31	£461,944	£418,062	-	-
2021-08-31	£417,940	£395,349	-	-
2020-08-31	£335,736	£342,574	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Mawer		2022-06-24
DAVID HAMILTON EWART		2018-03-05
IAIN LAMONT BROWN		2017-04-28
Laura Margaret Francis		2024-03-20
Sarah Hamilton		2017-04-28

GREEN LANE NURSERY AND CHILD CARE CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1113518

Accounts

Company Registration Number: 04176113
Charity Registration Number: 1113518

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 August 2025

JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED

Chartered Accountants
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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Objects

The objects of the charity are to advance education and support family life by aiding the personal development of children and families in the district of Teesdale, County Durham and in particular by the provision of pre-school education and care.

Careful consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its guidance on advancing education and fee charging.

Aims

Our aim is to provide first class childcare to fit into parents' work patterns so that they can be assured that their children are safe, secure and happy, enjoying a wide range of activities.

Activities and Strategy

Children from the age of 6 weeks are accommodated in our all day care facility; those aged 3 to 4 years are educated in the pre-school nursery with the opportunity of joining the reception class of Green Lane Church of England Primary School in the September of the year when they will be 5 years old.

The nursery is aiming to achieve the following:

- maintain child numbers;
- be consistently sustainable;
- keep highly qualified and motivated staff, and
- have the ability to purchase quality equipment.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Achievements and Performance

This year has been a rollercoaster for the Nursery with an Ofsted inspection we knew was due and always has a level of trepidation and anxiety for all concerned, my thanks to the staff team we have at the Nursery, who do a magnificent job in looking after the children to the highest standard and showed throughout our inspection the dedication we are proud of. Similarly, the leadership team, in Mel and Jemma who carry the burden more than most in a year with an inspection, have without doubt been exemplary. My thanks for the tireless work that all our staff do above and beyond.

My fellow Directors also need my thanks for what they bring to our nursery, with the experience, knowledge and enthusiasm they bring, it makes each meeting a great experience. Decisions are never easy when on a board of Directors, however I'm proud to be part of this board in our professionalism to deliver the best Nursery setting in Barnard Castle, proven by the outcome after our inspection this year.

I also, extend my thanks to our accountant, Jane Ascroft, who has steered us through the finances of a business such as ours seamlessly. We always aim to have a thriving business for years to come, but financial challenges as in previous years are once more proving we have to be vigilant, with rising living wage costs, energy costs spiralling out of our control, and maintaining competitive fees for parents is a fine balance.

With our Business Manager, Jemma keeping an eye on finances the Nursery has managed to show improvement in this year's accounts. Income increased from 2024 due solely from funding increases, which in part perhaps tells a story alone, as fee income fell. Expenditure also increased from 2024, due mainly to the rise in our salary costs to meet Living Wage rises and maintaining being a competitive employer, which as Directors we see this as essential if we are to be the best in town.

Our aim from last financial year was to reinvest some profit in our setting and I'm pleased to say our outside play areas are looking great, as are the redecorated rooms inside. With a profit in this year's accounts we will take stock as a board, along with our leadership team to reinvest in this next financial year, if we don't reinvest we can't offer the level of excellence we strive to deliver.

With the excellent staff and committed board of Directors, we are striving to continue offering the parents and carers of Barnard Castle the great Nursery that the town is deserving of here at Green Lane.

Financial Review

Green Lane Nursery and Childcare Centre achieved income of £769,630 during the year (2024 - £572,816). Total expenditure was £662,268 (2024 - £565,349) giving a surplus OF £107,362 (2024 - £7,467).

At 31st August 2025 net assets totalled £418,183 (2024 - £310,821).

Reserves Policy

The Directors have agreed a reserves policy to cover 3 months of costs and redundancies which amounts to approximately £100,000. A fundraising account is held with any money raised earmarked for new equipment and the improvement of the fabric of the nursery.

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Year Ended 31 August 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the governing document

Green Lane Nursery & Childcare Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9th March 2001 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Management

The policy and general management of the affairs of the nursery are directed by the trustees. The day-to-day management of the nursery is carried out by the manager.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited with a view to sound experience and professional expertise. Appointment is conditional on the approval of the Trustees generally.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Charity registration number 1113518

Company registration number 04176113

Principal office and registered office Green Lane
Barnard Castle
County Durham
DL12 8LG

The Trustees

Iain Brown
Sarah Hamilton
David Ewart
Anthony Mawer
Laura Francis

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Iain Brown
Trustee

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Year Ended 31 August 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (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 accounts of the company 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 accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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 accounts to be reached.



Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 August 2025

		2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Charitable activities	5	768,445	768,445	571,705
Investment income	6	1,185	1,185	1,111
Total income		<u>769,630</u>	<u>769,630</u>	<u>572,816</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	662,268	662,268	565,349
Total expenditure		<u>662,268</u>	<u>662,268</u>	<u>565,349</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>107,362</u>	<u>107,362</u>	<u>7,467</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>310,821</u>	<u>310,821</u>	<u>303,354</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>418,183</u>	<u>418,183</u>	<u>310,821</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	13		60,405	37,229
Current Assets				
Debtors	14	26,595		18,912
Cash at bank and in hand		405,813		300,582
		<u>432,408</u>		319,494
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>74,630</u>		45,902
Net Current Assets			<u>357,778</u>	<u>273,592</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>418,183</u>	<u>310,821</u>
Net Assets			<u>418,183</u>	<u>310,821</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds			<u>418,183</u>	<u>310,821</u>
Total charity funds	17		<u>418,183</u>	<u>310,821</u>

For the year ending 31 August 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Iain Brown
Trustee

David Ewart
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income	107,362	7,467
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	20,136	12,410
Other interest receivable and similar income	(1,185)	(1,111)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(7,683)	(6,031)
Trade and other creditors	28,728	37,602
Cash generated from operations	147,358	50,337
Interest received	1,185	1,111
Net cash from operating activities	148,543	51,448
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(43,312)	(24,199)
Net cash used in investing activities	(43,312)	(24,199)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	105,231	27,249
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	300,582	273,333
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	405,813	300,582

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2025

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Green Lane, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LG.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees consider that there are no significant judgements or estimates affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from fees and local authority funding is accounted for when earned.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	25% reducing balance
Property Improvements	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Impairment of Fixed Assets *(continued)*

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st August 2025 there were 5 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fees	303,887	303,887	369,734	369,734
Local authority funding	464,558	464,558	201,187	201,187
Fundraising income	–	–	784	784
	<u>768,445</u>	<u>768,445</u>	<u>571,705</u>	<u>571,705</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,111</u>	<u>1,111</u>

7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Childcare costs	<u>662,268</u>	<u>662,268</u>	<u>565,349</u>	<u>565,349</u>

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8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Childcare costs	662,268	662,268	565,349

9. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	20,136	12,410

10. Independent Examination Fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	858	780
Other financial services	906	864
	1,764	1,644

11. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	498,319	416,730
Social security costs	33,936	26,527
Employer contributions to pension plans	9,856	8,015
	542,111	451,272

The average head count of employees during the year was 25 (2024: 22). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Number of childcare staff	25	22

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

12. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the year trustees received no remuneration or expenses (2024 - Nil).

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2025

13. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Property improvements £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2024	96,700	74,170	170,870
Additions	1,371	41,941	43,312
At 31 August 2025	<u>98,071</u>	<u>116,111</u>	<u>214,182</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2024	81,701	51,940	133,641
Charge for the year	4,093	16,043	20,136
At 31 August 2025	<u>85,794</u>	<u>67,983</u>	<u>153,777</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2025	<u>12,277</u>	<u>48,128</u>	<u>60,405</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>14,999</u>	<u>22,230</u>	<u>37,229</u>

14. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	21,318	18,912
Prepayments and accrued income	2,591	–
Other debtors	2,686	–
	<u>26,595</u>	<u>18,912</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1,060	3,926
Accruals	780	780
Social security and other taxes	8,105	7,652
Deferred income	64,656	31,739
Other creditors	29	1,805
	<u>74,630</u>	<u>45,902</u>

16. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £9,856 (2024: £8,015).

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17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2025 £
General funds	<u>310,821</u>	<u>769,630</u>	<u>(662,268)</u>	<u>418,183</u>

	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	<u>303,354</u>	<u>572,816</u>	<u>(565,349)</u>	<u>310,821</u>

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	60,405	60,405
Current assets	432,408	432,408
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(74,630)</u>	<u>(74,630)</u>
Net assets	<u>418,183</u>	<u>418,183</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	37,229	37,229
Current assets	319,494	319,494
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(45,902)</u>	<u>(45,902)</u>
Net assets	<u>310,821</u>	<u>310,821</u>

19. Analysis of Changes in Net Debt

	At 1 Sep 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Aug 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>300,582</u>	<u>105,231</u>	<u>405,813</u>

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Management Information

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

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	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Charitable activities		
Fees	303,887	369,734
Local authority funding	464,558	201,187
Fundraising income	–	784
	<u>768,445</u>	<u>571,705</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	1,185	1,111
	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,111</u>
Total income	<u>769,630</u>	<u>572,816</u>
Expenditure		
Wages/salaries	498,319	416,730
Employer's NIC	33,936	26,527
Employer's pension contributions	9,856	8,015
Rent	24,265	18,699
Repairs & maintenance	4,955	7,262
Insurance	750	3,356
Staff training	2,203	13,594
Legal and professional fees	2,544	2,037
Telephone	5,016	4,894
Stationery & postage	6,637	5,095
Depreciation	20,136	12,410
Equipment & Supplies	28,463	18,425
Food & Refreshments	24,867	26,309
Sundry costs	321	1,996
	<u>662,268</u>	<u>565,349</u>
Total expenditure	<u>662,268</u>	<u>565,349</u>
Net income	<u>107,362</u>	<u>7,467</u>

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Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Objectives and Activities

Objects

The objects of the charity are to advance education and support family life by aiding the personal development of children and families in the district of Teesdale, County Durham and in particular by the provision of pre-school education and care.

Careful consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its guidance on advancing education and fee charging.

Aims

Our aim is to provide first class childcare to fit into parents' work patterns so that they can be assured that their children are safe, secure and happy, enjoying a wide range of activities.

Activities and Strategy

Children from the age of 6 weeks are accommodated in our all day care facility; those aged 3 to 4 years are educated in the pre-school nursery with the opportunity of joining the reception class of Green Lane Church of England Primary School in the September of the year when they will be 5 years old.

The nursery is aiming to achieve the following:

- maintain child numbers;
- be consistently sustainable;
- keep highly qualified and motivated staff, and
- have the ability to purchase quality equipment.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2024

Achievements and Performance

As I rightly should, I wish to start by expressing my thanks to the staff team we have at the Nursery, with our numbers as strong as they are, we rely on our wonderful staff who do a magnificent job in looking after the children to the highest standard. The continued professionalism and care that our staff display to parents/carers, organisations and others externally is exemplary. Similarly, the leadership team, namely our Nursery Manager, Mel and Business Manager, Jemma, who have without doubt proved to be an asset to our Nursery that many other settings would be envious of, my thanks for the tireless work they do above and beyond.

I personally wish to thank my fellow Directors for what they bring to our nursery. It is a pleasure to say we have added to our small number this year with a new Director. With the experience, knowledge and enthusiasm they bring, it makes each meeting a great experience. In order to maintain focus and provide for the future, we will again look to strengthen the board to continue to be as diverse as possible with our skill set. Decisions are never easy when on a board of Directors, however I'm proud to be part of this board in our professionalism to deliver the best Nursery setting in Barnard Castle.

We have been ably assisted by our accountant, Jane Ascroft, who has steered us through the finances of a business such as ours seamlessly. Our aim is to have a thriving business for years to come, but financial challenges are coming at us from all sides, rising living wage costs, running costs, and maintaining competitive fees for parents is a fine balance which we continue to deal with on an annual basis.

Jemma as Business Manager with her watchful eye on finances has again managed to show improvement in this year's accounts. Income increased from 2023 due to fee and funding rises, at a time when government scrutiny of funding is at an all time high. Expenditure also increased from 2023, due mainly to the rise in our salary costs to meet Living Wage rises and maintaining being a competitive employer, albeit not as steeply as other businesses, however as Directors we see this as essential if we are to be the best in town. Despite the expenditure increase we did finish the year with a profit to carry forward, something that will allow us to reinvest back into the business in this next financial year, with a program of improvements across the setting, as we continue to invest in ways which keep us unique and outstanding in our delivery.

With a committed board of Directors and excellent staff, we are working to continue to offer the 'Outstanding' level of care, attention to detail and dedication needed to operate a great Nursery.

Financial Review

Green Lane Nursery and Childcare Centre achieved income of £572,816 during the year (2023 - £531,488). Total expenditure was £565,349 (2023 - £485,500) giving a surplus OF £7,467 (2023 - £45,988).

At 31st August 2024 net assets totalled £310,821 (2023 - £303,354).

Reserves Policy

The Directors have agreed a reserves policy to cover 3 months of costs and redundancies which amounts to approximately £100,000. A fundraising account is held with any money raised earmarked for new equipment and the improvement of the fabric of the nursery. At 31st August 2024 reserves totalled £310,821. Some of these reserves will be spent in the 24/25 financial year on a new outdoor play area and increases to staff National Insurance costs.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the governing document

Green Lane Nursery & Childcare Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9th March 2001 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Management

The policy and general management of the affairs of the nursery are directed by the trustees. The day-to-day management of the nursery is carried out by the manager.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited with a view to sound experience and professional expertise. Appointment is conditional on the approval of the Trustees generally.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Charity registration number 1113518

Company registration number 04176113

Principal office and registered office Green Lane
Barnard Castle
County Durham
DL12 8LG

The Trustees

Iain Brown
Sarah Hamilton
David Ewart
Anthony Mawer
Laura Francis (Appointed 20 March 2024)

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Enterprise House
Harmire Enterprise Park
Barnard Castle
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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Iain Brown
Trustee

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Year Ended 31 August 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (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 accounts of the company 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 accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

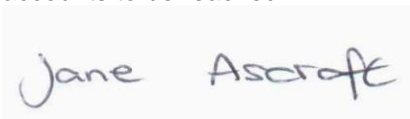
Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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 accounts to be reached.



Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 August 2024

		2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Charitable activities	5	571,705	571,705	531,202
Investment income	6	1,111	1,111	286
Total income		<u>572,816</u>	<u>572,816</u>	<u>531,488</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	565,349	565,349	485,500
Total expenditure		<u>565,349</u>	<u>565,349</u>	<u>485,500</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>7,467</u>	<u>7,467</u>	<u>45,988</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>303,354</u>	<u>303,354</u>	<u>257,366</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>310,821</u>	<u>310,821</u>	<u>303,354</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	13		37,229	25,440
Current Assets				
Debtors	14	18,912		12,881
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>300,582</u>		<u>273,333</u>
		319,494		286,214
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>45,902</u>		<u>8,300</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>273,592</u>	<u>277,914</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>310,821</u>	<u>303,354</u>
Net Assets			<u><u>310,821</u></u>	<u><u>303,354</u></u>
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds			<u>310,821</u>	<u>303,354</u>
Total charity funds	17		<u><u>310,821</u></u>	<u><u>303,354</u></u>

For the year ending 31 August 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Iain Brown
Trustee

David Ewart
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 31 August 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income	7,467	45,988
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	12,410	8,481
Other interest receivable and similar income	(1,111)	(286)
Accrued expenses	–	60
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(6,031)	1,133
Trade and other creditors	37,602	(27,209)
Cash generated from operations	<u>50,337</u>	<u>28,167</u>
Interest received	1,111	286
Net cash from operating activities	<u>51,448</u>	<u>28,453</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(24,199)	(3,804)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(24,199)</u>	<u>(3,804)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	27,249	24,649
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	273,333	248,684
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>300,582</u>	<u>273,333</u>

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2024

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Green Lane, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LG.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees consider that there are no significant judgements or estimates affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from fees and local authority funding is accounted for when earned.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	25% reducing balance
Property Improvements	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Impairment of Fixed Assets *(continued)*

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st August 2024 there were 5 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fees	369,734	369,734	367,386	367,386
Local authority funding	201,187	201,187	163,816	163,816
Fundraising income	784	784	–	–
	<u>571,705</u>	<u>571,705</u>	<u>531,202</u>	<u>531,202</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>1,111</u>	<u>1,111</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>286</u>

7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Childcare costs - see page 17	<u>565,349</u>	<u>565,349</u>	<u>485,500</u>	<u>485,500</u>

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2024

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Childcare costs - see page 17	565,349	565,349	485,500

9. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	12,410	8,481

10. Independent Examination Fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	780	756
Other financial services	864	836
	1,644	1,592

11. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	416,730	384,972
Social security costs	26,527	22,205
Employer contributions to pension plans	8,015	6,604
	451,272	413,781

The average head count of employees during the year was 22 (2023: 22). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Number of childcare staff	22	22

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

12. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the year trustees received no remuneration or expenses (2023 - Nil).

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2024

13. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Property improvements	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 September 2023	93,955	52,716	146,671
Additions	2,745	21,454	24,199
At 31 August 2024	96,700	74,170	170,870
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2023	76,701	44,530	121,231
Charge for the year	5,000	7,410	12,410
At 31 August 2024	81,701	51,940	133,641
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2024	14,999	22,230	37,229
At 31 August 2023	17,254	8,186	25,440

14. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	18,912	12,225
Prepayments and accrued income	–	656
	18,912	12,881

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,926	141
Accruals and deferred income	780	780
Social security and other taxes	7,652	5,644
Deferred income	31,739	–
Other creditors	1,805	1,735
	45,902	8,300

16. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £8,015 (2023: £6,604).

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 August 2024

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	<u>303,354</u>	<u>572,816</u>	<u>(565,349)</u>	<u>310,821</u>

	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	<u>257,366</u>	<u>531,488</u>	<u>(485,500)</u>	<u>303,354</u>

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	37,229	37,229
Current assets	319,494	319,494
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(45,902)</u>	<u>(45,902)</u>
Net assets	<u>310,821</u>	<u>310,821</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	25,440	25,440
Current assets	286,214	286,214
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(8,300)</u>	<u>(8,300)</u>
Net assets	<u>303,354</u>	<u>303,354</u>

19. Analysis of Changes in Net Debt

	At 1 Sep 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Aug 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>273,333</u>	<u>27,249</u>	<u>300,582</u>

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Management Information

Year Ended 31 August 2024

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Charitable activities		
Fees	369,734	367,386
Local authority funding	201,187	163,816
Fundraising income	784	—
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Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	1,111	286
	<u>572,816</u>	<u>531,488</u>
Total income		
	<u>572,816</u>	<u>531,488</u>
Expenditure		
Wages/salaries	416,730	384,972
Employer's NIC	26,527	22,205
Employer's pension contributions	8,015	6,604
Rent	18,699	15,675
Repairs & maintenance	7,262	1,828
Insurance	3,356	799
Staff training	13,594	1,791
Legal and professional fees	2,037	2,103
Telephone	4,894	4,018
Stationery & postage	5,095	4,065
Depreciation	12,410	8,481
Equipment & Supplies	18,425	11,949
Food & Refreshments	26,309	20,055
Sundry costs	1,996	955
	<u>565,349</u>	<u>485,500</u>
Total expenditure		
	<u>565,349</u>	<u>485,500</u>
Net income	<u>7,467</u>	<u>45,988</u>

GREEN LANE NURSERY AND CHILD CARE CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1113518

Accounts

Company Registration Number: 04176113
Charity Registration Number: 1113518

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 August 2023

JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2023

Achievements and Performance

I wish to start by expressing my thanks to the staff team we have at the Nursery, with numbers at the setting being so strong we rely on our wonderful staff who do a magnificent job in looking after the children to the highest standard. The continued professionalism and care that our staff display to parents/carers, organisations and others externally is exemplary. The leadership team of Nursery Manager and Business Manager have without doubt proved to be an asset to our Nursery that many other settings would be envious of, my thanks to Mel and Gemma for the tireless work they do above and beyond.

I personally wish to thank my fellow Directors for what they bring to our nursery. With the experience, knowledge and enthusiasm they display, it makes each meeting a great experience. With us only being a small number, we will again look to strengthen the board to continue to be as diverse as possible with our skill set. Once again, I must thank Sarah for her unwavering assistance with minute taking. Decisions are never easy when on a board of Directors, however I'm proud to be part of this board in our professionalism to deliver the best Nursery setting in Barnard Castle.

We have been ably assisted by our accountant, Jane Ascroft, who has steered us through the finances of a business such as ours seamlessly. Our aim is to have a thriving business for years to come, but financial challenges are coming at us from all sides, rising living wage costs, running costs, and maintaining competitive fees for parents is a fine balance which we continue deal with on an annual basis.

Numbers at the Nursery have remained steady throughout the year, with almost 100 children spread across the rooms, with a further 30 children attending after school clubs run by the staff.

Jemma as Business Manager with her ever tightening purse strings has managed to show improvement in this year's accounts. Income increased from 2023 mainly due to fee rises, at a time when funding is reducing. Expenditure also increased from 2023, due mainly to the rise in our salary costs to meet Living Wage rises and maintaining being a competitive employer, albeit not as steeply as other businesses. Despite the expenditure increase we did finish the year with a profit to carry forward, something that will allow us to reinvest back into the business in this next financial year, as we continue to invest in ways which keep us unique and outstanding in our delivery.

With the positive outlook of the leadership team, we feel that we are addressing any concerns for the future of the business. With a committed board of Directors and excellent staff, we are working to continue to offer the 'Outstanding' level of care, attention to detail and dedication needed to operate a great Nursery.

Financial Review

Green Lane Nursery and Childcare Centre achieved income of £531,488 during the year(2022 - £461,944). Total expenditure was £485,500 (2022 - £418,062) giving a surplus of £45,988 (2022 - £43,882).

At 31st August 2023 net assets totalled £303,354 (2022 - £257,366).

Reserves Policy

The Directors have agreed a reserves policy to cover 3 months of costs and redundancies which amounts to approximately £100,000. A fundraising account is held with any money raised earmarked for new equipment and the improvement of the fabric of the nursery

The Directors have also agreed that at least half of the surplus money for the 2022/23 financial year is used to development the Pre-School outdoor area.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the governing document

Green Lane Nursery & Childcare Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9th March 2001 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Management

The policy and general management of the affairs of the nursery are directed by the trustees. The day-to-day management of the nursery is carried out by the manager.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited with a view to sound experience and professional expertise. Appointment is conditional on the approval of the Trustees generally.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Charity registration number 1113518

Company registration number 04176113

Principal office and registered office Green Lane
Barnard Castle
County Durham
DL12 8LG

The Trustees

Iain Brown
Sarah Hamilton
David Ewart
Anthony Mawer

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Enterprise House
Harmire Enterprise Park
Barnard Castle
County Durham
DL12 8XP

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2023

The trustees' annual report was approved on 25/04/24..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Iain Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Iain Brown
Trustee

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Year Ended 31 August 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (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 accounts of the company 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 accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

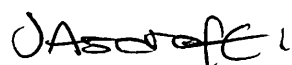
Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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 accounts to be reached.



Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

Enterprise House
Harmire Enterprise Park
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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 August 2023

		2023		2022
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Charitable activities	5	531,202	531,202	461,030
Investment income	6	286	286	8
Other income	7	—	—	906
Total income		<u>531,488</u>	<u>531,488</u>	<u>461,944</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	485,500	485,500	418,062
Total expenditure		<u>485,500</u>	<u>485,500</u>	<u>418,062</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>45,988</u>	<u>45,988</u>	<u>43,882</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		257,366	257,366	213,484
Total funds carried forward		<u>303,354</u>	<u>303,354</u>	<u>257,366</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	14		25,440	30,117
Current Assets				
Debtors	15	12,881		14,014
Cash at bank and in hand		273,333		248,684
		<u>286,214</u>		<u>262,698</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>8,300</u>		<u>35,449</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>277,914</u>	<u>227,249</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>303,354</u>	<u>257,366</u>
Net Assets			<u>303,354</u>	<u>257,366</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds			<u>303,354</u>	<u>257,366</u>
Total charity funds	18		<u>303,354</u>	<u>257,366</u>

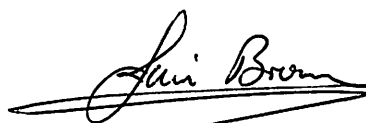
For the year ending 31 August 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21 March 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Iain Brown
Trustee



David Ewart
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 31 August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income	45,988	43,882
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	8,481	11,160
Other interest receivable and similar income	(286)	(8)
Accrued expenses	60	-
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	1,133	5,135
Trade and other creditors	(27,209)	15,883
Cash generated from operations	28,167	76,052
Interest received	286	8
Net cash from operating activities	<u>28,453</u>	<u>76,060</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(3,804)	(26,063)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(3,804)</u>	<u>(26,063)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	24,649	49,997
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	248,684	198,687
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>273,333</u>	<u>248,684</u>

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Green Lane, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LG.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees consider that there are no significant judgements or estimates affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2023

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from fees and local authority funding is accounted for when earned.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	25% reducing balance
Property Improvements	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2023

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Impairment of Fixed Assets *(continued)*

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2023

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st August 2023 there were 4 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fees	367,386	367,386	290,480	290,480
Local authority funding	163,816	163,816	170,550	170,550
	<u>531,202</u>	<u>531,202</u>	<u>461,030</u>	<u>461,030</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	286	286	8	8
	<u>286</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Covid 19 Support - SSP	-	-	906	906
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>906</u>

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2023

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Childcare costs - see page 17	485,500	<u>485,500</u>	418,062	<u>418,062</u>

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Childcare costs - see page 17	485,500	<u>485,500</u>	<u>418,062</u>

10. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>8,481</u>	<u>11,160</u>

11. Independent Examination Fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	756	720
Other financial services	<u>836</u>	<u>778</u>
	<u>1,592</u>	<u>1,498</u>

12. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	384,972	323,619
Social security costs	22,205	17,316
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>6,604</u>	<u>5,211</u>
	<u>413,781</u>	<u>346,146</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 22 (2022: 21). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Number of childcare staff	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 August 2023

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the year trustees received no remuneration or expenses (2022 - Nil).

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Property improvements £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2022	92,551	50,316	142,867
Additions	1,404	2,400	3,804
At 31 August 2023	<u>93,955</u>	<u>52,716</u>	<u>146,671</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2022	70,949	41,801	112,750
Charge for the year	5,752	2,729	8,481
At 31 August 2023	<u>76,701</u>	<u>44,530</u>	<u>121,231</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2023	<u>17,254</u>	<u>8,186</u>	<u>25,440</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>21,602</u>	<u>8,515</u>	<u>30,117</u>

15. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	12,225	13,404
Prepayments and accrued income	656	610
	<u>12,881</u>	<u>14,014</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	141	11,405
Accruals and deferred income	780	720
Social security and other taxes	5,644	12,290
Deferred income	–	10,878
Other creditors	1,735	156
	<u>8,300</u>	<u>35,449</u>

17. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £6,604 (2022: £5,211).

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2023

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	257,366	531,488	(485,500)	303,354

	At 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2022 £
General funds	213,484	461,944	(418,062)	257,366

19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	25,440	25,440
Current assets	286,214	286,214
Creditors less than 1 year	(8,300)	(8,300)
Net assets	303,354	303,354

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	30,117	30,117
Current assets	262,698	262,698
Creditors less than 1 year	(35,449)	(35,449)
Net assets	257,366	257,366

20. Analysis of Changes in Net Debt

	At 1 Sep 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Aug 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	248,684	24,649	273,333

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Management Information

Year Ended 31 August 2023

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Charitable activities		
Fees	367,386	290,480
Local authority funding	163,816	170,550
	<u>531,202</u>	<u>461,030</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	286	8
Other income		
Covid 19 Support - SSP	—	906
	<u>—</u>	<u>906</u>
Total income	<u>531,488</u>	<u>461,944</u>
Expenditure		
Wages/salaries	384,972	323,619
Employer's NIC	22,205	17,316
Employer's pension contributions	6,604	5,211
Rent	15,675	12,237
Repairs & maintenance	1,828	5,824
Insurance	799	773
Legal and professional fees	3,894	3,319
Telephone	4,018	2,733
Stationery & postage	4,065	4,048
Depreciation	8,481	11,160
Equipment & Supplies	11,949	10,030
Food & Refreshments	20,055	20,250
Sundry costs	955	1,542
	<u>485,500</u>	<u>418,062</u>
Total expenditure	<u>485,500</u>	<u>418,062</u>
Net income	<u>45,988</u>	<u>43,882</u>

GREEN LANE NURSERY AND CHILD CARE CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1113518

Accounts

Company Registration Number: 04176113
Charity Registration Number: 1113518

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 August 2022

JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Objectives and Activities

Objects

The objects of the charity are to advance education and support family life by aiding the personal development of children and families in the district of Teesdale, County Durham and in particular by the provision of pre-school education and care.

Careful consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its guidance on advancing education and fee charging.

Aims

Our aim is to provide first class childcare to fit into parents' work patterns so that they can be assured that their children are safe, secure and happy, enjoying a wide range of activities.

Activities and Strategy

Children from the age of 6 weeks are accommodated in our all day care facility; those aged 3 to 4 years are educated in the pre-school nursery with the opportunity of joining the reception class of Green Lane Church of England Primary School in the September of the year when they will be 5 years old.

The nursery is aiming to achieve the following:

- maintain child numbers;
- be consistently sustainable;
- keep highly qualified and motivated staff, and
- have the ability to purchase quality equipment.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2022

Achievements and Performance

This year has seen an exciting time as we emerged out of the Covid pandemic and were encouraged to return to some form of normality. The staff have shown enormous resilience, courage and empathy to bring the business forward, all credit must go to Mel and Jemma for mentoring the staff and steering the business onwards.

I wish to express my thanks to the staff team we have at the Nursery, they are the testament to the outstanding setting we have. They strive to show care and compassion set alongside professionalism that pours out of every corner of the setting. This is shown by again being in the strong position of having a waiting list to enter the nursery.

Whilst the day to day running of the Nursery is taken care of by our great staff, overseeing such a business as ours must have people with the foresight, vision and enthusiasm to make it succeed along with making difficult and sometimes unwanted decisions, thankfully I am proud to say I am part of a small team that has the diversity to challenge and the empathy to understand the wider plan. I personally thank all Directors for their own contributions to the Nursery. Due to not having a clerk still, my thanks must go to Sarah who has multi tasked through the meetings to produce the minutes in a professional manner. Having had some Directors make the decision to leave us, notably a long-standing director from our board, we will look this coming year to strengthen our board.

We have been ably assisted by our accountant, Jane Ascroft, who has steered us through the finances of a business such as ours seamlessly. Our aim is to have a thriving business for years to come, but financial challenges are coming at us from all sides, rising living wage costs, running costs, and maintaining competitive fees for parents is a fine balance which we continue deal with on an annual basis.

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With the positive outlook of the leadership team, we feel that we are addressing any concerns for the future of the business. With a strong board of Directors and excellent staff, we are working to continue to offer the 'Outstanding' level of care, attention to detail and dedication needed to operate a great Nursery.

Financial Review

Green Lane Nursery and Childcare Centre achieved income of £461,944 during the year (2021 - £417,940). Total expenditure was £418,062 (2021 - £395,349) giving a surplus OF £43,882 (2021 - surplus of £22,591).

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Reserves Policy

The Directors have agreed a reserves policy to cover 3 months of costs and redundancies which amounts to approximately £100,000. A fundraising account is held with any money raised earmarked for new equipment and the improvement of the fabric of the nursery

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

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Management

The policy and general management of the affairs of the nursery are directed by the trustees. The day-to-day management of the nursery is carried out by the manager.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited with a view to sound experience and professional expertise. Appointment is conditional on the approval of the Trustees generally.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Charity registration number 1113518

Company registration number 04176113

Principal office and registered office Green Lane
Barnard Castle
County Durham
DL12 8LG

The Trustees

Nicola Linsley	(Retired 24 January 2022)
Fiona Lovatt	(Retired 24 January 2022)
Iain Brown	
Sarah Hamilton	
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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees' annual report was approved on 21 March 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Iain Brown
Trustee

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Year Ended 31 August 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (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 accounts of the company 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 accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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21 March 2023

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 August 2022

		2022		2021
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Charitable activities	5	461,030	461,030	403,889
Investment income	6	8	8	29
Other income	7	906	906	14,022
Total income		<u>461,944</u>	<u>461,944</u>	<u>417,940</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	<u>418,062</u>	<u>418,062</u>	<u>395,349</u>
Total expenditure		<u>418,062</u>	<u>418,062</u>	<u>395,349</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>43,882</u>	<u>43,882</u>	<u>22,591</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>213,484</u>	<u>213,484</u>	<u>190,893</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>257,366</u>	<u>257,366</u>	<u>213,484</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	14		30,117	15,214
Current Assets				
Debtors	15	14,014		19,149
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>248,684</u>		<u>198,687</u>
		262,698		217,836
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>35,449</u>		<u>19,566</u>
Net Current Assets			227,249	<u>198,270</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			257,366	<u>213,484</u>
Net Assets			<u>257,366</u>	<u>213,484</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds			257,366	<u>213,484</u>
Total charity funds	18		<u>257,366</u>	<u>213,484</u>

For the year ending 31 August 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21 March 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Iain Brown
Trustee

David Ewart
Trustee

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Green Lane, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LG.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees consider that there are no significant judgements or estimates affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from fees and local authority funding is accounted for when earned.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	25% reducing balance
Property Improvements	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Impairment of Fixed Assets *(continued)*

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st August 2022 there were 4 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fees	290,480	290,480	237,577	237,577
Local authority funding	170,550	170,550	166,312	166,312
	<u>461,030</u>	<u>461,030</u>	<u>403,889</u>	<u>403,889</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	8	8	29	29
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Covid19 support - Job Retention Scheme	–	–	14,022	14,022
Covid 19 Support - SSP	906	906	–	–
	<u>906</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>14,022</u>	<u>14,022</u>

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 August 2022

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Childcare costs - see page 16	418,062	<u>418,062</u>	395,349	<u>395,349</u>

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Childcare costs - see page 16	418,062	<u>418,062</u>	<u>395,349</u>

10. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>11,160</u>	<u>6,192</u>

11. Independent Examination Fees

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	720	720
Other financial services	<u>778</u>	<u>778</u>
	<u>1,498</u>	<u>1,498</u>

12. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	323,619	310,298
Social security costs	17,316	17,241
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>5,211</u>	<u>5,185</u>
	<u>340,935</u>	<u>332,724</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 21 (2021: 20). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Number of childcare staff	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the year trustees received no remuneration or expenses (2021 - Nil).

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 August 2022

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Property improvements £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2021	66,488	50,316	116,804
Additions	26,063	–	26,063
At 31 August 2022	<u>92,551</u>	<u>50,316</u>	<u>142,867</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2021	62,628	38,962	101,590
Charge for the year	8,321	2,839	11,160
At 31 August 2022	<u>70,949</u>	<u>41,801</u>	<u>112,750</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2022	<u>21,602</u>	<u>8,515</u>	<u>30,117</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>3,860</u>	<u>11,354</u>	<u>15,214</u>

15. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	13,404	18,553
Prepayments and accrued income	610	596
	<u>14,014</u>	<u>19,149</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	11,405	167
Accruals	720	720
Social security and other taxes	12,290	5,249
Deferred income	10,878	12,307
Other creditors	156	1,123
	<u>35,449</u>	<u>19,566</u>

17. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £5,211 (2021: £5,185).

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2022

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2022 £
General funds	<u>213,484</u>	<u>461,944</u>	<u>(418,062)</u>	<u>257,366</u>

	At 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2021 £
General funds	<u>190,893</u>	<u>417,940</u>	<u>(395,349)</u>	<u>213,484</u>

19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	30,117	30,117
Current assets	262,698	262,698
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(35,449)</u>	<u>(35,449)</u>
Net assets	<u>257,366</u>	<u>257,366</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	15,214	15,214
Current assets	217,836	217,836
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(19,566)</u>	<u>(19,566)</u>
Net assets	<u>213,484</u>	<u>213,484</u>

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Management Information

Year Ended 31 August 2022

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 August 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments		
Charitable activities		
Fees	290,480	237,577
Local authority funding	170,550	166,312
	<u>461,030</u>	<u>403,889</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	8	29
Other income		
Covid19 support - Job Retention Scheme	–	14,022
Covid 19 Support - SSP	906	–
	<u>906</u>	<u>14,022</u>
Total income	<u>461,944</u>	<u>417,940</u>
Expenditure		
Wages/salaries	323,619	310,298
Employer's NIC	17,316	17,241
Employer's pension contributions	5,211	5,185
Rent	12,237	10,187
Repairs & maintenance	5,824	5,944
Insurance	773	768
Legal and professional fees	3,319	2,418
Telephone	2,733	2,192
Stationery & postage	4,048	2,647
Depreciation	11,160	6,192
Equipment & Supplies	10,030	15,461
Food & Refreshments	20,250	15,774
Sundry costs	1,542	1,042
Total expenditure	<u>418,062</u>	<u>395,349</u>
Net income	<u>43,882</u>	<u>22,591</u>

GREEN LANE NURSERY AND CHILD CARE CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1113518

Accounts

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 August 2021

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Financial Statements

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year Ended 31 August 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Objectives and Activities

Objects

The objects of the charity are to advance education and support family life by aiding the personal development of children and families in the district of Teesdale, County Durham and in particular by the provision of pre-school education and care.

Careful consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its guidance on advancing education and fee charging.

Aims

Our aim is to provide first class childcare to fit into parents' work patterns so that they can be assured that their children are safe, secure and happy, enjoying a wide range of activities.

Activities and Strategy

Children from the age of 6 weeks are accommodated in our all day care facility; those aged 3 to 4 years are educated in the pre-school nursery with the opportunity of joining the reception class of Green Lane Church of England Primary School in the September of the year when they will be 5 years old.

The nursery is aiming to achieve the following:

- maintain child numbers;
- be consistently sustainable;
- keep highly qualified and motivated staff, and
- have the ability to purchase quality equipment.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2021

Achievements and Performance

No one thought that the COVID pandemic would last for so long, this now seems a part of normal life! This in turn, proved to test the Nursery for another year of our resilience as a business, all credit must go to Mel and Jemma for steering the business through such a tough time for all.

Throughout the pandemic our staff have shown their commitment and energy for which I wish to express my thanks to them. The Nursery cannot offer the outstanding service without them. They strive to show care and compassion set alongside professionalism that pours out of every corner of the setting. This is shown by again being in the strong position of running to capacity in each room. While the day to day running of the Nursery is taken care of by our great staff, overseeing such a business as ours must have people with the foresight, vision and enthusiasm to make it succeed, thankfully we have this with our Directors. This year, like the last, certainly proved to test our wits, I personally thank all Directors for their own contributions to the Nursery.

Our board, while offering a wide expanse of knowledge and experience, always has room for expansion and we will look to this coming year to strengthen our board. We have been ably assisted by our accountant, Jane Ascroft, who has steered us through the finances of a business such as ours seamlessly. Our aim is to have a thriving business for years to come, but financial challenges are coming at us from all sides, rising living wage costs, running costs, and maintaining competitive fees for parents is a fine balance which we continue deal with on an annual basis. Due to not having a clerk still! My thanks go to David and Sarah who have multi tasked through the meetings to produce the minutes in a professional manner.

Numbers at the Nursery have remained steady throughout the year, with almost 100 children spread across the rooms, with a further 50 children attending either before or after school clubs run by the staff.

Jemma having carried out our 3 and 5-year plans, has allowed for a deep dive of our finances, while we have a great reliance on funding, Jemma has managed to show improvement in this year's accounts. Income increased from 2020 mainly due to fee rises. Expenditure also increased from 2020, due mainly to the rise in our salary costs to meet Living Wage rises and maintaining being a competitive employer. Despite the expenditure increase we did finish the year with a profit to carry forward, a cushion for a short time I have no doubt!

With the positive outlook of the leadership team, we feel that we are addressing any concerns for the future of the business. With a strong board of Directors and excellent staff, we are working to continue to offer the 'Outstanding' level of care, attention to detail and dedication needed to operate a great Nursery.

Financial Review

Green Lane Nursery and Childcare Centre achieved income of £417,940 during the year (2020 - £335,736). Total expenditure was £395,349 (2020 - £342,574) giving a SURPLUS OF £22,591 (2020 - deficit of £6,838).

At 31st August 2021 net assets totalled £213,484 (2020 - £190,893).

Reserves Policy

The Directors have agreed a reserves policy to cover 3 months of costs and redundancies which amounts to approximately £100,000. A fundraising account is held with any money raised earmarked for new equipment and the improvement of the fabric of the nursery

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

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Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the governing document

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Year Ended 31 August 2021

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Iain Brown
Trustee

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 August 2021

		2021		2020
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Charitable activities	5	403,889	403,889	292,735
Investment income	6	29	29	333
Other income	7	14,022	14,022	42,668
Total income		<u>417,940</u>	<u>417,940</u>	<u>335,736</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	<u>395,349</u>	<u>395,349</u>	<u>342,574</u>
Total expenditure		<u>395,349</u>	<u>395,349</u>	<u>342,574</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>22,591</u>	<u>22,591</u>	<u>(6,838)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>190,893</u>	<u>190,893</u>	<u>197,731</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>213,484</u>	<u>213,484</u>	<u>190,893</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	14		15,214	12,910
Current Assets				
Debtors	15	19,149		13,028
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>198,687</u>		<u>186,083</u>
		217,836		199,111
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>19,566</u>		<u>21,128</u>
Net Current Assets			198,270	<u>177,983</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			213,484	<u>190,893</u>
Net Assets			<u>213,484</u>	<u>190,893</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds			<u>213,484</u>	<u>190,893</u>
Total charity funds	18		<u>213,484</u>	<u>190,893</u>

For the year ending 31 August 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Iain Brown
Trustee

Sarah Hamilton
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2021

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Green Lane, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LG.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees consider that there are no significant judgements or estimates affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from fees and local authority funding is accounted for when earned.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	25% reducing balance
Property Improvements	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Impairment of Fixed Assets *(continued)*

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st August 2021 there were 7 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fees	237,577	237,577	159,055	159,055
Local authority funding	166,312	166,312	132,674	132,674
Fundraising income	–	–	1,006	1,006
	<u>403,889</u>	<u>403,889</u>	<u>292,735</u>	<u>292,735</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>333</u>

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Covid19 support - Job Retention Scheme	<u>14,022</u>	<u>14,022</u>	<u>42,668</u>	<u>42,668</u>

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 August 2021

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Childcare costs - see page 16	395,349	<u>395,349</u>	342,574	<u>342,574</u>

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Total funds 2021	Total fund 2020
	£	£	£
Childcare costs - see page 16	395,349	<u>395,349</u>	<u>342,574</u>

10. Net Income/(Expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>6,192</u>	<u>5,423</u>

11. Independent Examination Fees

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	720	720
Other financial services	<u>778</u>	<u>778</u>
	<u>1,498</u>	<u>1,498</u>

12. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	310,298	275,695
Social security costs	17,241	11,916
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>5,185</u>	<u>4,287</u>
	<u>332,724</u>	<u>291,898</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 20 (2020: 19). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Number of childcare staff	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2021

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the year trustees received no remuneration or expenses (2020 - Nil).

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Property Improvements £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2020	65,027	43,281	108,308
Additions	1,461	7,035	8,496
At 31 August 2021	<u>66,488</u>	<u>50,316</u>	<u>116,804</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2020	60,221	35,177	95,398
Charge for the year	2,407	3,785	6,192
At 31 August 2021	<u>62,628</u>	<u>38,962</u>	<u>101,590</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2021	<u>3,860</u>	<u>11,354</u>	<u>15,214</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>4,806</u>	<u>8,104</u>	<u>12,910</u>

15. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	18,553	12,433
Prepayments and accrued income	596	595
	<u>19,149</u>	<u>13,028</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	167	3,384
Accruals and deferred income	720	720
Social security and other taxes	5,249	3,940
Deferred income	12,307	12,231
Other creditors	1,123	853
	<u>19,566</u>	<u>21,128</u>

17. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £5,185 (2020: £4,287).

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2021

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2021 £
General funds	<u>190,893</u>	<u>417,940</u>	<u>(395,349)</u>	<u>213,484</u>

	At 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2020 £
General funds	<u>197,731</u>	<u>335,736</u>	<u>(342,574)</u>	<u>190,893</u>

19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	15,214	15,214
Current assets	217,836	217,836
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(19,566)</u>	<u>(19,566)</u>
Net assets	<u>213,484</u>	<u>213,484</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	12,910	12,910
Current assets	199,111	199,111
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(21,128)</u>	<u>(21,128)</u>
Net assets	<u>190,893</u>	<u>190,893</u>

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Management Information

Year Ended 31 August 2021

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 August 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments		
Charitable activities		
Fees	237,577	159,055
Local authority funding	166,312	132,674
Fundraising income	–	1,006
	<u>403,889</u>	<u>292,735</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>29</u>	<u>333</u>
Other income		
Covid19 support - Job Retention Scheme	<u>14,022</u>	<u>42,668</u>
Total income	<u>417,940</u>	<u>335,736</u>
Expenditure		
Wages/salaries	310,298	275,695
Employer's NIC	17,241	11,916
Employer's pension contributions	5,185	4,287
Rent	10,187	12,490
Repairs & maintenance	5,944	1,322
Insurance	768	763
Legal and professional fees	2,418	2,650
Telephone	2,192	3,226
Stationery & postage	2,647	2,753
Depreciation	6,192	5,423
Equipment & Supplies	15,461	9,618
Food & Refreshments	15,774	9,662
Trips & Activities	–	723
Sundry costs	1,042	2,046
Total expenditure	<u>395,349</u>	<u>342,574</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>22,591</u>	<u>(6,838)</u>

GREEN LANE NURSERY AND CHILD CARE CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1113518

Accounts

Company Registration Number: 04176113
Charity Registration Number: 1113518

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 August 2020

JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED

Chartered Accountants
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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year Ended 31 August 2020

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Objectives and Activities

Objects

The objects of the charity are to advance education and support family life by aiding the personal development of children and families in the district of Teesdale, County Durham and in particular by the provision of pre-school education and care.

Careful consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its guidance on advancing education and fee charging.

Aims

Our aim is to provide first class childcare to fit into parents' work patterns so that they can be assured that their children are safe, secure and happy, enjoying a wide range of activities.

Activities and Strategy

Children from the age of 6 weeks are accommodated in our all day care facility; those aged 3 to 4 years are educated in the pre-school nursery with the opportunity of joining the reception class of Green Lane Church of England Primary School in the September of the year when they will be 5 years old.

The nursery is aiming to achieve the following:

- maintain child numbers;
- be consistently sustainable;
- keep highly qualified and motivated staff, and
- have the ability to purchase quality equipment.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2020

Achievements and Performance

Writing my report for this financial year, which has finished with such uncertain times due to COVID, has been strange. We have had to adapt to different ways of meeting and our staff went through a challenging last 5 months of the financial year. My take home thought from this pandemic, which is far from over, is the community spirit our Nursery setting as displayed.

I wish to express my thanks to all the staff at GLNCC, a nursery needs children and children need good role models which is what our staff offer in abundance every day. They strive to show care and compassion set alongside professionalism that pours out of every corner of the setting. This is shown by again being in the strong position of running to capacity in each room. The devotion and care you show to the children is second to none and I thank you for your efforts, which has shown through in the excellent 'Ofsted' rating we were awarded recently. To have achieved a second outstanding rating is something we cannot sit back on and must continue to push the boundaries with the offering provided by GLNCC.

Secondly, my thanks to all the Directors on the board, without the time and effort you offer, the Nursery would not be where it is today. As a voluntary role which can sometimes challenge your commitment and involvement, especially in recent months, the enthusiasm and effort you offer for the Nursery are a credit to you all. This past year has had its ups and downs, however, the strong team we have proven to be, has allowed us to take the downs in our stride but has taught us that we always need to be on our toes! The new Leadership Team are showing competence and strength in their positions, but willing to seek advice and learn in areas they have felt challenged.

We have a strong board of Directors, with 9 at the moment, offering a wide knowledge of education, finance, business and childcare experience. We have shown resilience in our discussions in meetings ensuring that all have a voice, with the common aim of future proofing the business for the coming years. We have been ably assisted by our accountant, Jane Ascroft, who has steered us through the finances of a business such as ours seamlessly. We must act consciously to future proof the setting for years to come, rising living wage costs, running costs and maintaining competitive fees for parents is a fine balance which we continue deal with on an annual basis. However, looking to 3 and 5 year business plans will help mitigate some of the short term business decisions we have to make, so will aim for these to be complete for this coming year. Again this year, we have been unsuccessful in recruiting a clerk for the board despite numerous attempts, but my thanks go to David and Fiqna who have multi tasked through the meetings to produce the minutes in a professional manner.

I offer my sincere thanks to Gordon who stepped down earlier in the year, his experience in education and willingness to offer his time so readily will be sadly missed. Gordons' time although relatively short, just 18 months, was invaluable to the Nursery. Simon, after a short number of years has decided to move on to pastures greener, concentrating on his farm. As a director, his financial knowledge along with his Christian faith gave so much. I wish both Gordon and Simon the very best for the future and ask that they don't become strangers.

Numbers at the Nursery have remained steady throughout the year, with almost 100 children spread across the rooms, with a further 50 children attending either before or after school clubs run by the staff.

Financially, our reliance on funding is showing with each monthly report from Jemma, a business of our scale needs to show commitment to sustainability, hence why Jemma has looked at great depth our main expenses and will continue to scrutinise as we go forward. Income decreased from 2019 mainly due to funding changes, this news is never good, although due in part to the pandemic our expenditure also decreased. We have aligned our fees to counter some of the losses while trying to remain competitive in the town, we have a very low staff turnover and are fortunate that we keep staff, which is one of our USP's for GLNCC, however, ultimately we are a business which needs to be solvent to remain in business.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 August 2020

With the positive outlook of the leadership team, we feel that we are addressing any concerns for the future of the business. With a strong board of Directors and excellent staff, we are working to continue to offer the 'Outstanding' level of care, attention to detail and dedication needed to operate a great Nursery.

Financial Review

Green Lane Nursery and Childcare Centre achieved income of £335,736 during the year (2019 - £369,445). Total expenditure was £342,574 (2019 - £388,785) giving a deficit of £6,838 (2019 - £19,340).

At 31st August 2020 net assets totalled £190,893 (2019 - £197,731).

Reserves Policy

The Directors have agreed a reserves policy to cover 3 months of costs and redundancies which amounts to approximately £100,000. A fundraising account is held with any money raised earmarked for new equipment and the improvement of the fabric of the nursery

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the governing document

Green Lane Nursery & Childcare Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9th March 2001 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Management

The policy and general management of the affairs of the nursery are directed by the trustees. The day-to-day management of the nursery is carried out by the manager.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited with a view to sound experience and professional expertise. Appointment is conditional on the approval of the Trustees generally.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

Year Ended 31 August 2020

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre
Charity registration number 1113518
Company registration number 04176113
Principal office and registered office Green Lane
Barnard Castle
County Durham
DL12 8LG

The Trustees

Nicola Linsley
Fiona Lovatt
Iain Brown
Sarah Hamilton
Abigail Cone
David Ewart
Simon Gill (Retired 25 May 2020)
Gordon Jones (Retired 3 December 2019)
Rachel Watson

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on ~~19/January/20~~ and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

24/02/21

Iain Brown
Trustee



Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Year Ended 31 August 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (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 accounts of the company 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 accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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 accounts to be reached.



Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Activities (Including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Note	2020		2019
		Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Charitable activities	5	292,735	292,735	369,039
Investment income	6	333	333	406
Other income	7	42,668	42,668	-
Total income		<u>335,736</u>	<u>335,736</u>	<u>369,445</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	342,574	342,574	388,785
Total expenditure		<u>342,574</u>	<u>342,574</u>	<u>388,785</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(6,838)</u>	<u>(6,838)</u>	<u>(19,340)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		197,731	197,731	217,071
Total funds carried forward		<u>190,893</u>	<u>190,893</u>	<u>197,731</u>

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	12,910	17,525
Current Assets			
Debtors	15	13,028	17,153
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>186,083</u>	<u>180,031</u>
		199,111	197,184
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>21,128</u>	<u>16,978</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>177,983</u>	<u>180,206</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>190,893</u>	<u>197,731</u>
Net Assets		<u>190,893</u>	<u>197,731</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		<u>190,893</u>	<u>197,731</u>
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- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ~~19/11/2020~~ and are signed on behalf of the board by:

24/02/21

Iain Brown
Trustee



Rachel Watson
Trustee



The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2020

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Green Lane, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LG.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees consider that there are no significant judgements or estimates affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from fees and local authority funding is accounted for when earned.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	25% reducing balance
Property Improvements	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Impairment of Fixed Assets *(continued)*

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st August 2020 there were 7 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up.

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Fees	159,055	159,055	218,414	218,414
Local authority funding	132,674	132,674	150,579	150,579
Fundraising income	1,006	1,006	46	46
	<u>292,735</u>	<u>292,735</u>	<u>369,039</u>	<u>369,039</u>

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Bank interest receivable	333	333	406	406

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Covid19 support - Job Retention Scheme	42,668	42,668	-	-

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Year Ended 31 August 2020

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Childcare costs - see page 16	<u>342,574</u>	<u>342,574</u>	<u>388,785</u>	<u>388,785</u>

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2020 £	Total fund 2019 £
Childcare costs - see page 16	<u>342,574</u>	<u>342,574</u>	<u>388,785</u>

10. Net Expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>5,423</u>	<u>6,962</u>

11. Independent Examination Fees

	2020 £	2019 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	720	720
Other financial services	778	826
	<u>1,498</u>	<u>1,546</u>

12. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	275,695	301,357
Social security costs	11,916	13,464
Employer contributions to pension plans	4,287	3,713
	<u>291,898</u>	<u>318,534</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 19 (2019: 22). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Number of childcare staff	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2019: Nil).

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13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the year trustees received no remuneration or expenses (2019 - Nil).

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Property improvements	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 September 2019	64,219	43,281	107,500
Additions	808	–	808
At 31 August 2020	65,027	43,281	108,308
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2019	57,499	32,476	89,975
Charge for the year	2,722	2,701	5,423
At 31 August 2020	60,221	35,177	95,398
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2020	4,806	8,104	12,910
At 31 August 2019	6,720	10,805	17,525

15. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	12,433	16,564
Prepayments and accrued income	595	589
	13,028	17,153

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,384	105
Accruals and deferred income	720	720
Social security and other taxes	3,940	4,156
Deferred income	12,231	11,007
Other creditors	853	990
	21,128	16,978

17. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £4,287 (2019: £3,713).

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18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2020 £
General funds	<u>197,731</u>	<u>335,736</u>	<u>(342,574)</u>	<u>190,893</u>

	At 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2019 £
General funds	<u>217,071</u>	<u>369,445</u>	<u>(388,785)</u>	<u>197,731</u>

19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	12,910	12,910
Current assets	199,111	199,111
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(21,128)</u>	<u>(21,128)</u>
Net assets	<u>190,893</u>	<u>190,893</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	17,525	17,525
Current assets	197,184	197,184
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(16,978)</u>	<u>(16,978)</u>
Net assets	<u>197,731</u>	<u>197,731</u>

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Management Information

Year Ended 31 August 2020

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 August 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Income and endowments		
Charitable activities		
Fees	159,055	218,414
Local authority funding	132,674	150,579
Fundraising income	1,006	46
	<u>292,735</u>	<u>369,039</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	333	406
	<u>333</u>	<u>406</u>
Other income		
Covid19 support - Job Retention Scheme	42,668	—
	<u>42,668</u>	<u>—</u>
Total income	<u>335,736</u>	<u>369,445</u>
Expenditure		
Wages/salaries	275,695	301,357
Employer's NIC	11,916	13,464
Employer's pension contributions	4,287	3,713
Rent	12,490	15,254
Repairs & maintenance	1,322	3,242
Insurance	763	756
Legal and professional fees	2,650	5,706
Telephone	3,226	2,713
Stationery & postage	2,753	3,530
Depreciation	5,423	6,962
Equipment & Supplies	9,618	13,534
Food & Refreshments	9,662	15,193
Trips & Activities	723	2,333
Sundry costs	2,046	1,028
	<u>342,574</u>	<u>388,785</u>
Total expenditure	<u>342,574</u>	<u>388,785</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(6,838)</u>	<u>(19,340)</u>