

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

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Green Lane Nursery and Child Care Centre

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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

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Sarah Hamilton
David Ewart
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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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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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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 August 2025

		2025		2024
		Unrestricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	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		310,821	310,821	303,354
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
		432,408		319,494
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	74,630		45,902
Net Current Assets			357,778	273,592
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			418,183	310,821
Net Assets			418,183	310,821
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds			418,183	310,821
Total charity funds	17		418,183	310,821

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	<u>148,543</u>	<u>51,448</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(43,312)	(24,199)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(43,312)</u>	<u>(24,199)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	105,231	27,249
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>300,582</u>	<u>273,333</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>405,813</u>	<u>300,582</u>

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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)*

Year Ended 31 August 2025

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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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	<u>662,268</u>	<u>565,349</u>

9. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>20,136</u>	<u>12,410</u>

10. Independent Examination Fees

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

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	<u>9,856</u>	<u>8,015</u>
	<u>542,111</u>	<u>451,272</u>

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	2024
	No.	No.
Number of childcare staff	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>

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)

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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	98,071	116,111	214,182
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	85,794	67,983	153,777
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2025	12,277	48,128	60,405
At 31 August 2024	14,999	22,230	37,229

14. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	21,318	18,912
Prepayments and accrued income	2,591	—
Other debtors	2,686	—
	26,595	18,912

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
	74,630	45,902

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

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 August 2025

	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>