



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2023 Period start date To 31/08/2024 Period end date

Charity name: Acorns Community Preschool

Charity registration number: 1121673

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Preschool childcare for children 2 years to school age, focusing on children achieving early years learning goals.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Continue to develop and extend our resources to provide the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision. Maintaining standards and continuous training to offer good provision in line with our Ofsted inspection. Offer Early Years Entitlement Funding, Two Year Old Additional Funding, Extended Working Families early years funding and Early Years Pupil Premium funding. Continue to develop and enhance the provision supported by up to date training and knowledge.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	To enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age in a parent involving community based group.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Fully inclusive, supporting children and families from diverse backgrounds and ensuring all children regardless of their gender, ethnicity or ability are accepted, appreciated and included.</p> <p>Continuing to provide safe, engaging and nurturing environment for children to learn through play. To meet the standards for interactive learning, development and care of children from two years to five to be ready for school and for their future development.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Reserves are kept to cover any exceptional costs that may incur and should government funding change.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	To ensure good financial stability we aim to hold reserves that will cover basic costs for a three month period. Basic costs include: rent, wages, basic resources Any excess monies are spent improving facilities and equipment as finances allow.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£55K
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Na
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Na
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	na

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

		Government Early Years funding
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum and Articles of Association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Incorporated Limited by Guarantee
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Acorns Community Preschool Ltd
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1121673
Charity's principal address	Hanover Hall, Jennings Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3BA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jennifer Lampard	Chair		
2	Jane Blake	Secretary		
3	Tina Hayter	Director		
4	Liz Gaida	Director		
5	Kelly-Ann Donnelly	Director		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Jennifer Lampard		
Jane Blake		
Tina Hayter		
Liz Gaida		
Kelly-Ann Donnelly		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	na
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	na
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	na

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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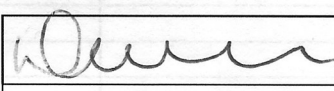
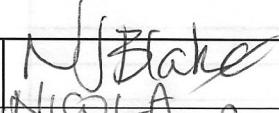
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LR GAIDA	NICOLA JANE BLAKE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	DIRECTOR	SECRETARY
Date	20-4-2025	

ACORNS COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL LTD

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

COMPANY NO

6221090

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1121673

ADDRESS

Hanover Hall
Jennings Road
Totton
Hampshire
SO40 3BA

BANKERS

Lloyds TSB Bank Plc
30 Commercial Road
Totton
Southampton
Hampshire

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



E Gaida
Director

ACORNS COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL LTD

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

NOTES

CURRENT ASSETS

Current Bank Balance
Deposit account
SEN Deposit account
Cash in Hand

1524.22
51005.19
3047.53
6.82

CURRENT ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES

55583.76

FUNDS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD
Adjustment

minus

55575.13
8.63

CAPITAL AND RESERVES

55583.76

For the year ended 31 August 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for: i) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.



E Gaida
Director

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ACORNS COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

Trial Balance			Statement of Financial Activities	
	CR	DR	£	£
	£	£		
FEES RECVD	10017.97			
HCC FUNDING	136426.85			
FUND RAISING				
DEPOSITS / snack	40.00			
refund	75.89			
PHOTO COMMISSION				
Bank Interest	589.71			
Total Incoming Resources	147150.42			147150.42
MATERIALS		1655.05		
EQUIPMENT		1500.02		
Stationery		514.82		
RENT		7000.00		
INSURANCE		790.02		
WAGES		104439.23		
INLAND REVENUE		3928.74		
EVENTS & PARTIES		1154.73		
TELEPHONE		866.85		
ADVERTG		876.98		
HEALTH & SAFETY		2121.40		
TRAINING COSTS		2292.20		
PHOTO COPIER CONTRT		642.79		
MAINTENANCE		60		
SNACK/milk		803.93		
SUBSCRIPTIONS		1394.20		
Staff Welfare		1102.44		
HCC Vouchers		480		
Total Resources Expended		131623.40		131623.40
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED				147150.42
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS / OPERATING SURPLUS				131623.40
UNRESTRICTED FUND B/F 2022-2023				40048.11
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD				55575.13



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Acorns Community Preschool Ltd

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1121673

Set out on pages

Pages 1 - 3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

17-04-2025

Name:

DAVID G. LINDSAY




Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

10 THE COTTAGE, MARAZINS LANE,
MARCHWOOD, SOUTHAMPTON,
SO40 4UX

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Report to the trustees members of	
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2024
Set out on pages	
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31-08-2024.	
As the only trustee of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (CA 2011).	
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts ended on 31-08-2024 in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 (CA 2011) and in carrying out my examination, I have not found the applicable Disclosure Guidance given by the Charity Commission under section 130(2)(a) of the Act.	
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have arisen in my opinion (other than those stated below) in connection with the accounts which give rise to a concern that the accounts are not correct.	
a. I am not satisfied that the accounts are correct in accordance with section 130 of the Act.	
b. I am not satisfied that the accounts are correct in accordance with section 130 of the Act.	
I have not completed my examination and have done so on a no opinion basis in connection with the examination in which the accounts should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.	
Please state the reasons for the concerns raised in the above.	
Signed: 	
Name: 	
Position: 	
Address: 