

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023
for
The Hollies Pre-School Limited

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The Hollies Pre-School Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Hollies Pre-School is established to enhance the development and education of children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups.

Public benefit

When planning activities for the year the Pre-School has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The pre-school holds an Outstanding Ofsted accreditation from 2020 demonstrating its continued commitment to provide a safe and happy environment where children can grow and learn under the guidance and supervision of dedicated and caring staff. The high quality and consistency of teaching benefits predominantly preschool age children from the local area and the pre-school also provides after school care for local children up to the age of 11.

The pre-school encourages children to learn about other cultures through its special link with a primary school in Uganda.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Due to a period of levelling out post pandemic, there was no commitment for any extra spend in 22-23.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level to meet the unrestricted expenditure for the following twelve months. This would then provide sufficient funds to cover the management, administration, and support costs. At the balance sheet date, the charity had unrestricted reserves carried forward of £290,522 (2022: £273,011). The reserves not invested in tangible fixed assets are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the pre-school. As well as operational income, the charity also has an active fund-raising committee which helps to boost the funds available to the charity to invest in its facilities and equipment.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years. The board of trustees continue to review and facilitate the necessary improvements and repairs required to the existing buildings and will plan future budgets accordingly.

Due to the current economic climate, we need to be aware of rising labour staff costs/running costs and staff retention to ensure the setting continues to thrive.

We continue to explore the possibility of securing a grant(s) for the setting and have developed a fund-raising events calendar throughout the year to help contribute and pay for new equipment.

In the shorter-term (next 1-2 years) funds will be required to deliver a further new building(s) to replace the older facilities on the site, unfortunately the units are deteriorating, we need to develop a robust strategy to plan ahead our future finances and co-ordinate this significant spend.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The appointment of trustees is by the board and the requirement is for a minimum of 3 trustees.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees have responsibility for all the major decisions of the charity. Beneath the board are three supervisors who take responsibility for the day to day running of the pre-school, two of which cover the pre-education side and one who covers the administrative duties. The staff are made up of both qualified and unqualified pre-school workers.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06256239 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1128799

Registered office

Hazel Badge Road
Poynton
Stockport
Cheshire
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Trustees

D A Felton Hr Consultant (resigned 27.9.22)

M Morrison Solicitor (resigned 5.10.23)

K Wyart Healthcare Manager (resigned 5.10.23)

M G Deignan Finance Director

K Scotchford Support Worker (resigned 4.5.23)

K Thornewill Teacher

P A Marler Diversity, Equality And Inclusion Manage (appointed 5.12.22) (resigned 11.12.23)

H E Brislane (appointed 15.10.23)

Independent Examiner

Karen L Hunter FCCA

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

M G Deignan - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Hollies Pre-School Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Hollies Pre-School Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 your 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 your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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.

Karen L Hunter FCCA

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14 March 2024

The Hollies Pre-School Limited

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

		31.8.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		6,684	4,534
Charitable activities			
Pre-school care & education		319,856	275,374
Other trading activities	2	5,523	886
Investment income	3	1,782	20
Total		<u>333,845</u>	<u>280,814</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		1,754	361
Charitable activities			
Pre-school care & education		305,297	265,530
Other		9,283	14,492
Total		<u>316,334</u>	<u>280,383</u>
NET INCOME		17,511	431
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		273,011	272,580
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>290,522</u>	<u>273,011</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Hollies Pre-School Limited (Registered number: 06256239)

Balance Sheet
31 August 2023

	Notes	31.8.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.8.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	39,466	46,211
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	2,793	2,019
Cash at bank		<u>310,858</u>	<u>274,789</u>
		313,651	276,808
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(62,595)	(50,008)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>251,056</u>	<u>226,800</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		290,522	273,011
NET ASSETS		<u>290,522</u>	<u>273,011</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u>290,522</u>	<u>273,011</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>290,522</u>	<u>273,011</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

Balance Sheet - continued

31 August 2023

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

M G Deignan - Trustee

The Hollies Pre-School Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

Governance costs include the costs of governance arrangements, which relate to the general running of the charity as opposed to the direct management functions. These activities provide the governance infrastructure, which allows the charity to operate, and to generate the information required for public accountability. Expenditure includes direct costs such as audit and legal advice and related support costs.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Short leasehold	- 10% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Government grants

Grants received under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to reimburse a proportion of wages costs for certain employees who have been asked to temporarily stop work are recognised within other income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>5,523</u>	<u>886</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,782</u>	<u>20</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	9,283	14,492
Other operating leases	<u>8,626</u>	<u>8,000</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.23	31.8.22
Childcare	26	28
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>27</u>	<u>29</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	4,534
Charitable activities	
Pre-school care & education	275,374
Other trading activities	886
Investment income	20
Total	<u>280,814</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	361
Charitable activities	
Pre-school care & education	265,530
Other	14,492
Total	<u>280,383</u>
NET INCOME	431
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	272,580
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>273,011</u>

8. DEFERRED INCOME

Grants received from Cheshire East Council for Free Early Years Entitlement (FEEE) which relate to the following financial year are deferred and included within Accrued expenses.

The total income deferred in the current year was £28,264 (2022:£24,140).

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 September 2022	107,393	17,827	29,154	1,314	155,688
Additions	-	1,027	-	1,511	2,538
At 31 August 2023	<u>107,393</u>	<u>18,854</u>	<u>29,154</u>	<u>2,825</u>	<u>158,226</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2022	71,276	14,017	23,856	328	109,477
Charge for year	5,576	1,758	1,324	625	9,283
At 31 August 2023	<u>76,852</u>	<u>15,775</u>	<u>25,180</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>118,760</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2023	<u>30,541</u>	<u>3,079</u>	<u>3,974</u>	<u>1,872</u>	<u>39,466</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>36,117</u>	<u>3,810</u>	<u>5,298</u>	<u>986</u>	<u>46,211</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>2,793</u>	<u>2,019</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	334	-
Other creditors	603	411
Accrued expenses	<u>61,658</u>	<u>49,597</u>
	<u>62,595</u>	<u>50,008</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	273,011	17,511	290,522
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>273,011</u>	<u>17,511</u>	<u>290,522</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	333,845	(316,334)	17,511
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>333,845</u>	<u>(316,334)</u>	<u>17,511</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	272,580	431	273,011
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>272,580</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>273,011</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	280,814	(280,383)	431
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>280,814</u>	<u>(280,383)</u>	<u>431</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	272,580	17,942	290,522
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>272,580</u>	<u>17,942</u>	<u>290,522</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	614,659	(596,717)	17,942
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>614,659</u>	<u>(596,717)</u>	<u>17,942</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

14. AMOUNTS PAID TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

During the period payments were made to the independent examiner of £2,447 (2022: £2,220) for the independent examination of accounts and £4,187 (2022 : £3,639) for payroll.

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