

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07422642 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142850

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024
FOR
THE TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

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THE TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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 October 2024. 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

- a) To provide the necessary facilities for the daily care, recreation, development and education of children aged from six weeks old.
- b) To advance the education and training of the persons in the provision of such care, education, development and recreational facilities.

Occupancy

Throughout the year we have remained at full capacity and are operating a waiting list as there continues to be regular enquiries from parents in need of nursery spaces.

Developments at The Tree House

We continue to develop the setting both indoors and outdoors to ensure our children have the best resources to enhance and encourage their interests. Most of these resources are donated by our families and friends of the Tree House who we are extremely lucky to have.

Parent Partnership

We continue to encourage positive parent relationships and have developed really good relationships with our parents and their wider families. We are very fortunate to have some lovely parents who contribute to the wellbeing of the setting in various ways, from donating resources, sharing ideas and attending our family fundraising events. These events have been very popular and we have seen more and more families attend. With the support of staff and our committee members we have begun to hold these during weekends so this enables more of our families' to attend. This also provides opportunities for parents to see our setting in more detail and have more opportunities to speak to staff about what's been happening at nursery and our future plans encouraging more involvement from our parents to support our setting.

The Christmas nativity is always a big highlight for parents and we are lucky to have a great turnout each year. Families have been very supportive helping to provide props and we were even lucky enough to have some real animals in our nativity. Christmas is always a lovely time of year; we are lucky enough to have a parent who volunteers to be Santa every year and always helps with providing gifts too.

Parent Consultations are embedded within the Tree House and staff regularly offer these to parents throughout the year to discuss their children's progress. Learning journeys are also regularly shared throughout the year. We continue to share information and updates with our parents through a variety of ways including emails, Facebook and newsletters.

Community Links

The tree at the front of the nursery continues as community gifting tree during popular celebratory periods like Easter and Halloween and we have had some lovely feedback from the local community regarding this.

A definite highlight once again was visiting the care home to sing Christmas songs with our children and their residents. Visiting the care home has now become a regular activity throughout the year. Both the residents and children gain so much from it, enjoying songs, stories and play activities together.

The library bus has become a regular fixture at the setting the children really enjoy having the opportunity to go on the bus and help to choose books for the month which are not only used in the setting but the children are also allowed to take them home. This helps encourage not only a love of reading but also supporting quality interactions with family members at home as they share these books with the children.

The tiny people have been getting out and about in the local community for walks and are really enjoying these opportunities becoming more familiar with their local landmarks, deciding which direction to go in and even visiting the local shop to choose items for their snack time.

Kids club and leavers have once again enjoyed visits to places such as Tattershall Farm Park and East Kirkby Aviation Centre.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

We have seen another large increase in wages costs due to the minimum wage and National Insurance increases. Food costs and other overheads continue to rise due to the cost of living increases. We are always closely monitoring the ever increasing costs and have unfortunately had to implement a small fee increase from 1 May 2025. This is not something we take on lightly as we understand our families are already under the strain of increasing costs themselves, but we need to ensure our reserves are not depleted too far risking the future of the setting.

FUTURE PLANS

We are always looking for ways to develop our wonderful setting further with lots of ideas and as we juggle the cost of living crisis and funding changes we will look to implement as many of these as we can. We continue to plan our various family days throughout the year and are looking forward to some exciting trips for this years leavers and the summer Kids Club.

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. This means that it is a not-for-profit company and as such does not distribute its profits to members but retains them within the organisation.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07422642 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142850

Registered office

Gregory Croft House
Fen Road
East Kirkby
Spilsby
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Trustees

Miss C C Tait
Mrs B Bailey
Mrs A Sweetman
Mrs K E Waterson
Ms K Jacklin
Miss L Farrell (resigned 23.11.2024)
L M Casbourne (appointed 3.5.2024)
K Alexander (appointed 10.5.2025)

Independent Examiner

Tristan J Russell BA (Hons) FCCA
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The committee provide an invaluable support network to the Tree House and between all members there is a wide range of knowledge which is a great asset to the setting. The Committee and staff within the Tree House have great relationships, who all work well together to achieve the same goals. Where there are any concerns or tasks which need to be dealt with the committee can always be called upon to support and assist which ensures the Tree House continues to run as effectively as it does.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

THE TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**



Mrs K E Waterson - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Tree House Children's Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2024.

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 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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.



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24 July 2025

THE TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	1,253
Charitable activities					
Children's Centre		<u>285,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,764</u>	<u>254,579</u>
Total		<u>285,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,764</u>	<u>255,832</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Children's Centre		<u>283,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,806</u>	<u>240,467</u>
NET INCOME		1,958	-	1,958	15,365
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>63,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,357</u>	<u>47,992</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>65,315</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>65,315</u></u>	<u><u>63,357</u></u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

THE TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

**BALANCE SHEET
31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	3,497	-	3,497	4,115
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	9,118	-	9,118	21,652
Cash at bank and in hand		69,120	-	69,120	52,751
		<u>78,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,238</u>	<u>74,403</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(16,420)	-	(16,420)	(15,161)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>61,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,818</u>	<u>59,242</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>65,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,315</u>	<u>63,357</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>65,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,315</u>	<u>63,357</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				65,315	63,357
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>65,315</u>	<u>63,357</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



K E Waterson - Trustee

THE TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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

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.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Plant and machinery	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 15% 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.

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	618	628
Other operating leases	4,409	4,329
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	-	112
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

4. STAFF COSTS

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

	2024	2023
Childcare provision	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>

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

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,253	-	1,253
Charitable activities			
Children's Centre	<u>254,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,579</u>
Total	<u>255,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,832</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Children's Centre	<u>240,467</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240,467</u>
NET INCOME	15,365	-	15,365
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>47,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,992</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>63,357</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>63,357</u></u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 November 2023 and 31 October 2024	<u>15,307</u>	<u>608</u>	<u>15,915</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 November 2023	11,681	119	11,800
Charge for year	<u>544</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>618</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>12,225</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>12,418</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 October 2024	<u>3,082</u>	<u>415</u>	<u>3,497</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>3,626</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>4,115</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	2,684	5,560
Accrued Income	<u>6,434</u>	<u>16,092</u>
	<u>9,118</u>	<u>21,652</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	282	217
Social security and other taxes	4,944	4,886
Other creditors	-	661
Accrued expenses	<u>11,194</u>	<u>9,397</u>
	<u>16,420</u>	<u>15,161</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.11.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>63,357</u>	<u>1,958</u>	<u>65,315</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,357</u>	<u>1,958</u>	<u>65,315</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	285,764	(283,806)	1,958
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>285,764</u>	<u>(283,806)</u>	<u>1,958</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.11.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	47,992	15,365	63,357
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,992</u>	<u>15,365</u>	<u>63,357</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	255,832	(240,467)	15,365
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>255,832</u>	<u>(240,467)</u>	<u>15,365</u>

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

	At 1.11.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	47,992	17,323	65,315
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,992</u>	<u>17,323</u>	<u>65,315</u>

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	541,596	(524,273)	17,323
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>541,596</u>	<u>(524,273)</u>	<u>17,323</u>

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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2024.

THE TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTRE
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	-	1,253
Charitable activities		
Fees	285,464	253,759
Fundraising	300	820
	<u>285,764</u>	<u>254,579</u>
Total incoming resources	285,764	255,832
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	236,146	196,991
Pensions	3,817	2,948
Rent	4,409	4,329
Rates and water	984	1,415
Insurance	5,615	5,332
Light and heat	6,505	6,950
Telephone	870	633
Sundries	759	3,933
Repairs and office costs	4,351	1,462
Waste and cleaning	3,432	1,609
Children's resources	355	257
Food	13,583	12,588
Fees	255	255
Bank charges	90	96
Training	673	-
HMRC interest	26	31
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	617	628
Loss on sale of intangible fixed assets	-	112
	<u>282,487</u>	<u>239,569</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy, legal and professional fees	1,319	898
Total resources expended	283,806	240,467
Net income	1,958	15,365

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements