

Company registration number: 7818917

Charity registration number: 1144776

Hawkhurst Pre School Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Manningtons
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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	K Paton J Hacker
Charity Registration Number	1144776
Company Registration Number	7818917
Registered Office	Fowlers Park Rye Road Hawkhurst Kent TN18 4JJ
Independent Examiner	Manningtons 8 High Street Heathfield East Sussex TN22 8LS

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Structure, governance and management

The overall management of the Pre School shall vest in the individual members of its management committee who are the company directors and charity trustees of the Pre School. The trustees will appoint a setting manager who will be responsible for the day to day running of the Pre School and management of staff.

The committee shall consist of:

A Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary and not less than 2 or more than 9 elected committee members.

Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the Pre School ("the Objects") are to enhance the development and education of the children primarily under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups and by:

- 1) Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities and training courses, together with the rights of parents to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of such groups, ensuring that such groups offer opportunities for all children whatever their race, culture, religion, means or ability;
- 2) Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs;
- 3) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.

Public Benefit

Due to the locality of our pre-school and the limit on the number of places we can offer our services are aimed at families that live in and around the 'Hawkhurst' area. We provide a safe and stimulating environment to local children to start their 'Early Years' education and work closely with the local primary school to ensure that the transition for the children is as smooth as possible.

The charity holds a Memorandum and Articles of Association, adopted from the 'Preschool Learning Alliance' 2002 – 2009 issue.

The trustees are elected at the AGM from 'Family Membership', affiliate members and staff from the local primary school as per our governing document. At present the pre-school does not hold a policy for inducting or training trustees but will consider implementing this in the future.

The day to management of the preschool is carried out by a manager who is appointed by the management committee. The manager is provided with an annual budget and is able to make reasonable day to day spending decision. Any financial decisions over and above what is reasonable are presented at committee meetings and put to a majority vote. In addition all recruitment is carried out by the committees and the setting manager.

The charity does not currently hold a policy on reserves. However we do set out an annual budget and are in the process of reserving funds for future expansion. Our target has remained at approximately £50,000. As at 31 August 2024 £48,991.71 was held in a Lloyds plc deposit account. Also as at 31 August 2024 we also held £41,268.97 in a Lloyd plc current for general business purposes, general reserves and contingencies.

Financial review

The trustees continue to record and budget for the charities progress to prevent deficits and intend to use any surplus funds to improve and maintain the Pre School for the benefit of both children and staff.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Hawkhurst Pre School Ltd for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Children numbers within the preschool has risen substantially this year and we have a healthy waiting list going forward into next year.

Staffing is always on our agenda as recruitment within the sector is difficult nationwide.

Our saving account has funds for

- Redundancy payments for all staff.
- Money towards an additional classroom.
- As we own the building we operate from we keep money to cover repairs and general upkeep.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 14 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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K Paton
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Hawkhurst Pre School Ltd ('the Company')

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

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 Hawkhurst Pre School Ltd 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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A E J Staples FCA
Manningtons

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14 May 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted Tesco Groundworks £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	3	132,589	-	132,589
Investment income	4	613	-	613
Total income		133,202	-	133,202
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(124,649)	-	(124,649)
Total expenditure		(124,649)	-	(124,649)
Net income		8,553	-	8,553
Net movement in funds		8,553	-	8,553
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		88,894	2,070	90,964
Total funds carried forward	12	97,447	2,070	99,517
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	3	104,188	-	104,188
Investment income	4	245	-	245
Total income		104,433	-	104,433
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(110,869)	-	(110,869)
Total expenditure		(110,869)	-	(110,869)
Net expenditure		(6,436)	-	(6,436)
Net movement in funds		(6,436)	-	(6,436)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		95,329	2,070	97,399
Total funds carried forward	12	88,893	2,070	90,963

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 12.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	10,900	11,037
Current assets			
Debtors		-	2
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>90,261</u>	<u>80,920</u>
		90,261	80,922
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(1,644)</u>	<u>(996)</u>
Net current assets		<u>88,617</u>	<u>79,926</u>
Net assets		<u><u>99,517</u></u>	<u><u>90,963</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted			
Tesco Groundworks		2,070	2,070
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted		<u>97,447</u>	<u>88,893</u>
Total funds	12	<u><u>99,517</u></u>	<u><u>90,963</u></u>

For the financial 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 charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 12 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 14 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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K Paton
Trustee

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J Hacker
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in , and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Fowlers Park Rye Road

Hawkhurst

Kent

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2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Hawkhurst Pre School Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Charitable activities

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.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity 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 charity 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £50.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

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Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and Buildings	Market Value > cost therefore no depreciation is provided
Plant and Machinery	25% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	3 years straight line

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fees and Supplies	20,352	20,352	12,660
KCC Fees	110,182	110,182	91,528
KCC Collaboration	2,055	2,055	-
	132,589	132,589	104,188

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	613	613	245

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted		
	Note	General	Total	Total
		£	2024	2023
		£	£	£
KCC Collaboration		1,541	1,541	-
Staff costs		91,786	91,786	85,437
Allocated support costs	6	30,674	30,674	24,682
Governance costs	6	648	648	750
		<u>124,649</u>	<u>124,649</u>	<u>110,869</u>
				Total expenditure
				£

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £648 (2023 - £750) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	648	648	750
	<u>648</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>750</u>

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	<u>91,786</u>	<u>85,437</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2023	8,540	14,064	870	23,474
Additions	-	715	-	715
At 31 August 2024	8,540	14,779	870	24,189
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2023	-	11,633	804	12,437
Charge for the year	-	786	66	852
At 31 August 2024	-	12,419	870	13,289
Net book value				
At 31 August 2024	8,540	2,360	-	10,900
At 31 August 2023	8,540	2,431	66	11,037

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	90,261	80,920

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	1,644	996

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted				
General	88,894	133,202	(124,649)	97,447
Restricted - Tesco Groundworks	<u>2,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070</u>
Total funds	<u>90,964</u>	<u>133,202</u>	<u>(124,649)</u>	<u>99,517</u>
	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted				
General	95,329	104,433	(110,869)	88,893
Restricted	<u>2,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070</u>
Total funds	<u>97,399</u>	<u>104,433</u>	<u>(110,869)</u>	<u>90,963</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Tesco Groundworks - recorded as Restricted Fund as per Terms and Conditions

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted Tesco	Total funds
	General £	Groundworks £	£
Tangible fixed assets	10,900	-	10,900
Current assets	88,191	2,070	90,261
Current liabilities	<u>(1,644)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,644)</u>
Total net assets	<u>97,447</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>99,517</u>