

HIGHMORE HEDGEHOGS NURSERY LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1148296

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07956544](#)

Registered 2012-07-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: RUNNING A NURSERY SCHOOL TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 8, LIVING IN HEREFORDSHIRE. PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.B) ADVANCING EDUCATION.

Activities: Nursery Provision of Care and Education for children between the ages of two and five years old

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Herefordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£210,167	£215,755	-	-
2024-08-31	£208,830	£202,438	-	-
2023-08-31	£165,125	£164,443	-	-
2022-08-31	£169,853	£152,271	-	-
2021-08-31	£142,208	£136,563	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAWN SHARON MERRIMAN		2012-06-19
Elaine Mary Green		2023-05-23
JO PRICE		2012-06-19
Michael Joseph Williams		2023-05-23
PAMELA MARY STRANGE		2012-06-19
TERENCE LEONARD JOHN CHIDLOW		2012-06-19

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Ofsted Registration No: EY 464526

Accounts 1/09/2024 – 31/08/2025

Opening Balance £45,626.57

Income:

Fees	39,585.54
Nursery Education Funding	168,928.29
Inclusion Funding (SEN)	1,653.50

	£ 210,167.33

Expenditure:

Wages	195,894.46
Rent	10,976.00
Equipment	3,229.57
Cleaning / Snack food	571.00
Clinical Waste Disposal	298.40
Telephone/Broadband	1,143.29
Training	1,033.00
Insurance	640.66
DBS Checks	124.56
Website	589.64
Subscriptions	819.20
Music Sessions/Roaming Reptiles	435.00

	£215,754.78

Closing balance £40,039.12



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The Nursery has had a very busy year again this year. We ended the year with 46 children on the register, 18 of whom were leaving to move on to five different primary schools. As in previous years the nursery has a long waiting list, and currently has spaces reserved for children who have not been born yet.

Now that the Government has introduced 30 hours funding for children (of working parents) from the age of 9 months old, 80% of the nursery income is from the Extended Early Years funding.

As always, the main expenditure is staff wages. This year our rent was increased by £1.00 per hour, and this was the first increase for many years. Other expenditure has been through insurance, subscriptions (Ofsted, NDNA, Tapestry, Twinkl, Companies House, Information Commissioner, PPL Music Licence), Telephone/Broadband, Website, staff training & DBS, clinical waste disposal, visitors (Roaming Reptiles & Pedro the Music Man) and equipment/PPE & cleaning.

This year we have again seen changes in the staff team. Our deputy manager, Molly went on Maternity leave at the end of October 2024 and will return in January 2026. Her maternity cover, Lauren herself went on maternity leave in April 2025. We also took on another part time member of staff in October 2024.

The closing balance on 31/8/2025 was £40,039.12

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Opening Balance £39,234.84

Income:

Fees	56,484.07
Nursery Education Funding	152,345.51

	£ 208,829.58

Expenditure:

Wages	182,226.35
Rent	9,280.00
Equipment	6,198.43
Cleaning / Snack foods	817.69
Clinical Waste Disposal	287.94
Telephone/Broadband	661.38
Training	522.00
Insurance	602.12
DBS Checks	56.08
Website	411.66
Subscriptions	774.20
Music Sessions/Roaming Reptiles	475.00
Donations (MacMillan/Circus Star)	125.00

	£202,437.85

Closing balance £45,626.57



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Highmore Hedgehogs Nursery has once again had an extremely busy year with 48 children on the register by the end of the academic year. At the end of August, twenty-one of these children left us to move on to seven different primary schools. The Nursery continues to thrive, with sessions already being booked for September 2025 and September 2026. Most of the income is now through Extended Early Years Funding as the Government continues to roll out funding for working parents.

Once again, the main expenditure was on Nursery Staff Wages and rent of the premises, along with cleaning equipment & PPE, training, DBS checks, insurance, Ofsted, telephone/Broadband and subscriptions to our online Learning Journal system and membership of NDNA.

This year has seen some staff changes and two members of staff have left us for a change of career, and two new staff members have joined us.

The closing balance as of 31/08/2023 was £45,626.57.

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		Opening
balance	38.553.02	
Income:		
Fees	46,768.60	
Nursery Education Funding	116,951.79	
Inclusion Funding	904.50	
Apprenticeship Payment	500.00	
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	£165,124.89	
Expenditure:		
Wages	145,623.48	
Rent	9,280.00	
Equipment	4,837.50	
Expendables/Cleaning/PPE	1015.22	
Subscriptions	704.73	
Clinical Waste Disposal	271.40	
Telephone/Broadband	716.54	
Training	645.00	
Insurance	567.84	
DBS Checks	277.34	
Music Sessions	65.00	
MacMillan Donation	85.00	
Website	354.02	
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	£164,443.07	
		Closing balance
£39,234.84		



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As always this has been an extremely busy year for Highmore Hedgehogs Nursery with 52 children on the register. At the end of August 2023, twenty of our children left to join three different primary schools within Herefordshire. From September 2023 we will have 46 children on the register with more to join us in January 2024 and April 2024.

Approximately half of these children will be in receipt of Nursery Education Funding, many of them taking the thirty hours extended funding.

This year the main income was made up from Nursery Education Funding from the local Authority (£4.24 per hour), and Nursery fees of 4.20 per hours for 3- and 4-year-olds and £4.50 for younger children. We also received inclusion funding of £904.50 and £500 from the Apprenticeship Service.

The main expenditure was on Nursery Staff Wages and rent of the premises, along with cleaning equipment & PPE, training, DBS checks, insurance, Ofsted, telephone/Broadband and subscriptions to our online Learning Journal system and membership of NDNA.

This year has seen changes for the Nursery as Mrs Louise Merriman resigned as a Trustee, and we have appointed two new Trustees - Mr Michael Williams and Mrs Elaine Green.

We have also been inspected by Ofsted on June 9th 2023, and were pleased to receive a grading of 'Good'. We were, however, disappointed to find that Ofsted published our report online before we were able to read it and we queried this with Ofsted. Apparently, after many emails back and forwards they apologised and admitted that they mistakenly sent the report to a previous address of Mrs Louise Merriman (who was no longer a trustee and therefore not on the Charity Commission list of trustees), instead of sending to Dawn Merriman.

The closing balance on the bank account at 31.8.23 was £39,234.84.

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Opening Balance £20,970.78

Income:

Fees	57,703.65
Nursery Education Funding	111,335.27
Photographer Commission	314.00
Apprenticeship Payment	500.00

£169,852.92

Expenditure:

Wages	134,633.86
Rent	9,400.00
Equipment	3,377.82
Expendables/Cleaning/PPE	1,388.27
Subscriptions	847.58
Clinical Waste Disposal	258.12
Telephone/Broadband	706.91
Training	622.26
Advertising	208.00
Insurance	525.21
Website	235.04
Petty Cash Float	67.61

£152,270.68

Closing balance £38553.02



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Once again this has been an extremely busy year for Highmore Hedgehogs Nursery with high numbers of children attending. At the end of August 2022, twenty-one of our children left to join seven different Primary Schools within Herefordshire. In September 2022 we will have 35 children on the register with more due to join us in January and April 2023. The majority of the children will be in receipt of Nursery Education Funding, many of them accessing the 30 hours per week (term time) funding for working parents.

This year the Nursery income was made up from Nursery Education Funding from the Local Authority (£4.08 from September 2021 rising to £4.24 from April 2022) and Nursery fees which rose to £4.20 per hour for three and four year olds, and £4.50 per hour for younger children. Some additional funding was also received from the Apprenticeship Service. In September 2021 we took on a sixteen year old apprentice through Riverside Training in Hereford, and she will remain with us until she finishes her apprenticeship in December 2022.

The main expenditure was on Nursery Staff Wages and rent of the premises, along with cleaning equipment & PPE, training, advertising, insurance, Ofsted, telephone/Broadband and subscriptions to our online Learning Journal system and membership of NDNA.

The closing balance at 31.8.22 was £38,553.02. This is almost double the previous year's closing balance, and this is due to the retirement of one of two Managers and the workload being taken up by the remaining Manager.

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	Opening balance	£15,325.56
<u>Income</u>		
Fees	36,814.70	
Nursery Education Funding	99,686.91	
Inclusion Funding	2,139.00	
Co Op Community Fund	3,090.82	
Photography Commission	443.75	
Charities Aid	33.00	
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	£ 142,208.18	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Wages	118,379.37	
Rent	9,400.00	
Expendables/PPE	2,205.70	
Equipment	4,218.83	
Clinical Waste Disposal	250.92	
Broadband/Telephone	663.67	
Subscriptions	579.60	
Insurance	471.83	
Children In Need donation	50.00	
Advertising/Website	343.04	
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	£ 136,562.96	
	Closing balance	£ 20,970.78



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Despite the ongoing pandemic, this has been an extremely busy year for Highmore Hedgehogs Nursery with high numbers of children attending. During this academic year only one member of staff has tested positive for COVID19 (in January) 2020, and two children (siblings) tested positive in August 2020. The Nursery has stayed open throughout the pandemic with a total of 57 children on the register. At the end of August 2021, fifteen of our children left to join five different Primary Schools within Herefordshire. In September 2021 we will have 44 children on the register with more due to join us in January and April 2022.

This year the Nursery income was made up from Nursery Education Funding from the Local Authority and Nursery fees which remained at £4.00 per hour. Some additional funding (Inclusion Funding) was received to give 1:1 support to a child with ASD. This year we have also received a further (and final payment) of £3090.82 from the Co-op Community fund which has enabled us to buy more room dividers and some outdoor equipment which includes a mud kitchen and some new tricycles.

The main expenditure was on Nursery Staff Wages and rent of the premises, along with cleaning equipment & PPE, training, advertising, insurance, Ofsted, telephone/Broadband and subscriptions to our online Learning Journal system and membership of NDNA.

The closing balance at 31.8.21 was £20,970.78.