

Registered Charity No. 1174100

**NETHERTHONG PRE-SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

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1. Charity's Details and Trustees

Trustees: the trustees during the period and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Jennifer Evans	appointed October 2018	resigned October 2021
Julia Roebuck (chair)	appointed December 2018	resigned October 2021
Amy Charlesworth	appointed August 2019	
Bolouebi Solomon	appointed August 2019	
Debbie Louise Allsop	appointed August 2019	resigned October 2021
Gemma Sharp (co-chair)	appointed October 2021	
Jane Lima (co-chair)	appointed October 2021	
Abbey Hill	appointed October 2021	
Rebecca Morgan	appointed October 2021	

Charity Number: 1174100

Registered Office and Address: Netherthong Pre-School and Out of School Club
School Street
Netherthong
Holmfirth HD9 3EB

Accountants: Holme Valley Accountancy Ltd
Chartered Accountants
50 Dean Brook Road
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Bankers: HSBC UK Bank PLC
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Huddersfield HD1 2ES

2. Report of the Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2021. Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational Structure and Governance

Netherthong Pre-School and Out of School Club is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which was registered with the Charity Commission on 2nd August 2017. It is governed by the Early Years Alliance Model Constitution 2013 which was adopted on 29th September 2017.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The appointment of trustees is governed by the constitution and is based on the election by members at the AGM. Prior to appointment as trustees all candidates must pass the relevant disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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 and by:

- a) Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning and holiday clubs, together with the right 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;
- b) Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs in the local areas;
- c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aims and objects of the Early Years Alliance.

Significant activities

Prevention or relief from poverty:

By provision of low cost and accessible early years education to local residents. This also helps make employment more viable for parents of young children. The pre-school provides a local platform for parents to take advantage of government funding for early years' education. It is likely that less well-off families would be unable to use this funding if they had to travel to the nearest other early years' providers which are at some distance.

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The advancement of education:

By provision of early years' education.

The advancement of health:

By provision of information about healthy living and exercise and outdoor activity for young children.

The advancement of citizenship or community development:

The trustees of the preschool are local volunteers who gain experience in running a community organisation. Training is provided in areas such as child safeguarding. Frequent fundraising events involve the wider community.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education.

Achievements and performance

Another difficult year for the early years sector throughout ongoing changes to the rates of infection throughout the pandemic, changing guidelines and working hard to keep everyone safe.

There is no social distancing in early years and the permanent and relief staff members have worked tirelessly, and often with personal sacrifice, to ensure the continuation of provision at Pre School and Out of School Club. Staff were eligible for free COVID testing in Huddersfield and we advised them to get tested on a weekly basis. Alongside all the other safety measures at the setting, we hired a cleaner to assist the staff with extra cleaning requirements each week.

In this year we also supported Chloe to achieve her Level 3 childcare qualification.

We are so grateful for the hard work of our staff, the generosity and support of our community, the advice and skills of our volunteer trustee committee and the continued support of Malcolm Ritchie.

November 2020

Sam resigned as deputy manager and Hannah was successful at securing this role at the start of the new year

December 2020

For the first time there was no Nativity at the church for our Butterfly children. Instead, the performance was filmed at Pre-school and the digital file was shared with the parents. We were still able to run fundraising activities such as a raffle and sale of Christmas Crafts made by the community.

January 2021

Even though the primary and secondary schools were instructed to close again in January, no such instruction was given to the early years sector and we remained open throughout this time. Hannah continued to shield, with Amy, Chloe and Gillian, supported by a dedicated team of temporary staff, working incredibly hard at a difficult and worrying time.

February 2021 & March 2021

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Thanks to the money from the Co-op "Local" fundraising, Martin Construction Ltd replaced the damaged front section of the roof in February half term 2021 (returning a few weeks later to fix the back section after some very heavy rain damaged that section too!).

April 2021

We held a community consultation (on zoom!) to discuss the opportunity to create a new building to home Netherthong Pre School to secure 30 more years of the setting in our village. This is the start of the conversation but the main issues to overcome are: Difficult access to the setting (particularly for delivery of any pre-built structures), where could we use temporarily to run the setting that complies with Ofsted requirements and the needs of our children? The duration of the demolition and build (impacts on the Primary School and traffic if in term time – could it all be done in 6 week summer holiday?)

April 2021

Unfortunately, our toy shed was broken into one evening, and broken toys were found scattered across the school field. However, this upsetting act quickly turned into one of kindness and generosity as Chloe launched a Facebook Fundraiser and the Netherthong community donated over £1945 to the campaign to replace toys and many other resources we can use with the children.

May 2021

Preparing for new EYFS to begin in September 2021

June 2021

We say thank you and goodbye to three trustees who are retiring at the October AGM: Debbie Alsopp, Jenny Evans and Julia Roebuck. Thank you for your time and hard work in your volunteering roles.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the current year the net receipts amounted to £30,544. The restricted outflow of funds consisted of an outflow of £2,833 spent on t

The aim of the charity is to at least break-even and the current forecast for the year to 31st August 2020 indicates that this will be achieved. We aim to do this by constantly reviewing our outgoings and increasing fundraising. We will also review the charge for providing care on a regular basis and increasing if necessary, but doing this within the aims of providing affordable childcare.

Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year-end were £54,205.

The trustees have not adopted a formal reserves policy but aim to keep £5,000 in the deposit account to fund unforeseen expenditure in particular relating to the maintenance of the modular building.

During the year the trustees obtained a quote for the replacement of the building which is now in a poor state of repair; this quote amounted to in excess of £70,000. The trustees aim to raise this amount of money and transfer to a restricted fund for the future replacement of the building while retaining sufficient unrestricted funds for the day to day running of the setting.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

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Signed:

Name: Julia Roebuck (Chair)

Date:

3. Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Malcolm Ritchie
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Holme Valley Accountancy Ltd
Chartered Accountants

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4. Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Early Education Funding	88,549	-	88,549	44,321
Parents fees	39,211	-	39,211	22,097
Fundraising	3,186		3,186	2,415
Government grants	699		699	10,000
Bank interest		-	-	23
Total receipts	131,645	-	131,645	78,856
Payments				
Employment costs	79,793	-	79,793	51,825
Training and staff welfare	1,314	-	1,314	26
CRB checks	101		101	13
Uniforms	73	-	73	-
Rent and rates	144	-	144	1,781
Utilities, water and waste disposal	3,544	-	3,544	2,911
Insurance	1,170	-	1,170	1,040
Premises repairs and maintenance	3,407	2,833	6,239	5,683
Catering	1,945	-	1,945	2,707
Consumables	2,031	-	2,031	880
Marketing	156	-	156	-
Telephone	1,077	-	1,077	1,030
Subscriptions and licenses	738	-	738	827
Printing, stationary and photocopier	1,338	-	1,338	510
Equipment	1,369		1,369	269
Trips and activities	68		68	180
Total payments	98,268	2,833	101,101	69,682
Net receipts / (payments)	33,377	- 2,833	30,544	9,174
Balances brought forward	20,828	2,833	23,661	14,487
Balances carried forward	54,205	0	54,205	23,661

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5. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Cash Funds	2021	2021	2021	2020
HSBC current account	30,922		30,922	1,552
HSBC deposit account	23,140	0	23,140	21,860
Cash in hand	144		144	249
Total cash funds	54,205	0	54,205	23,661

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The charity holds a number of items of equipment for use within the playgroup, including the modular building which houses the charity and computer equipment.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Liabilities	2021	2021	2021	2020
Nest pension	990	-	990	489
HMRC	3,825	-	3,825	1,965
	4,815	-	4,815	2,454

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: *Julia Roebuck*

Name: Julia Roebuck (Chair)

Date: 12th October 2021

6. Notes to the Accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

All funds currently held are unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

2. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
Gross salaries	77,767	-	77,767	53,750
Pension	2,027	-	2,027	734
Coronavirus job retention scheme grant			0	(2,659)
	79,793	-	79,793	51,825

The average number of employees during the year was 1 full time and 6 part-time (2020: 1 full time and 5 part-time). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

3. TRUSTEE EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid neither for the period ended 31 August 2020 nor for the period ended 31 August 2019.

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4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions neither in the period to 31 August 2021 nor for the period to 31 August 2020 other than those detailed below.

			2021		2020
Name of Trustee	Legal Authority		£		£
Amy Charlesworth	Constitution		25,813		21,318

Remuneration and benefits

No employee, who is also a trustee, shall vote or sit in any trustee meeting at which any matters concerning or relating to the provision of their services to the Pre-school is considered by the trustees.