



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

**From**

Period end date

**To**

Day  
18  
Month  
May  
Year  
2018

Day  
13  
Month  
February  
Year  
2019

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Little Treasures

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1178397

**Charity's principal address**

39 Derwent Road

Ferryhill

County Durham

**Postcode**

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

Trustee name  
Office (if any)  
Dates acted if not for whole year

**Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)**

Michelle Abbs 1

Laura Younger 2

Jean Forster 3

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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

**Name**  
**Dates acted if not for whole year**



**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

**Type of adviser**

**Name**

**Address**

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

	Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)
Constitution	
	How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)
Charitable Incorporated Organisation	
	Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)
Appointed by existing trustees	

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Our trustees all have a relation to Autism. We have also studied and completed a Level 2 in Understanding Autism.

We are a parent led charity. The majority of our volunteers have a child with autism or are autistic themselves. All volunteers have completed a Level 2 Understanding Autism course too. Little Treasures are working in partnership with Learning Curve to offer Government funded, Level 2 accredited courses to our members as well as the wider public.

We also have good working relationships with Relax Kids, One Point, CAMHS, Durham County Council, iapps, Springboard, Local PCSO's and the local fire departments, schools, Family Fund, paediatricians, local councillors, local MP's and mayors and a lot of local community organisations and stores.

Trustees have regular meetings and we use feedback forms and our Facebook page to ensure our sessions run accordingly and connect with families about what they would benefit from and would like to see in groups.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit

- 1) To relieve the needs of children and young people with autism and their parents, carers and siblings by providing facilities for play and recreation in the interests of social welfare in a safe and secure environment.
- 2) The promotion of social inclusion among parents and carers of children with autism who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of their child's condition by providing advice, guidance and general support and recreational facilities.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Little Treasures offer sensory play sessions for children with autism and their siblings. There are information tables for signposting families to organisations, parents/carers being socially included within these sessions meeting others who can relate. We also have Lego/social groups to promote communication and turn taking skills. We also offer parent support sessions. We offer activities such as relax kids, which help promote positive self esteem, confidence and mental health. We also have pet therapy into our sessions, which helps communication and a calm environment. We also use Sand Art regularly which promotes creativity and great for sensory seekers. We have had a slime workshop, pool party and pony rides too for our members. Within our parent support groups we have had a reiki and massage in our sessions too. We hold annual Christmas parties, which are fully inclusive to the whole family. These include personalised invites, a party, a sensory Santa visit and a present from him. In December 2018 170 children were able to access an inclusive Christmas party.

To educate and raise awareness of autism we offer level 2 courses to members as well as the public in understanding autism, challenging behaviour and young people's mental health. We have had hairdressers, nurseries, community centre employers and teachers attend.

From all these activities we have included children with autism, their siblings and their families into a safe, non judgmental environment, socially including families, therefore promoting positive mental health.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Little Treasures is made up of 18 volunteers. We currently have 13 groups across the North East. All money raised goes back into our charity to support and reach more families.

Looking ahead we would like to expand into more areas, offer more workshops to our members as well as working with other organisations and schools.

We have plans this summer for an inclusion activities summer workshop, where we will have younger autistic children, older autistic children/young people and siblings and holding activities for them all throughout the summer holidays. Activities include horse riding, rock climbing, camping and a silent disco. We are keen to bring the whole family together and allow children and young people to access activities throughout their summer holidays.

Our long term goal is to have a building with a multi sensory room and offer sessions and employment from our building.

## Section D

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our main achievements since becoming a charity in May 2018 are the expansions of 8 groups. These consist of 2 new Lego groups and 6 sensory play sessions in which we have connected with 110 new families.

We have connected with 1,500 parents via our private Facebook page, 3,000 people on our open page, used to advertise and promote our charity and we have also created a Professional Facebook page and a Home Education Facebook page in preparation for future plans.

We also have a new webpage.

We also received our trademark since becoming a charity.

We have been in a position to offer workshops in anxiety, Makaton and sensory difficulties across this coming year. We are aware of the costs the majority of these workshops cost to families so we are ensuring we are giving families the opportunity to access these via Little Treasures that they may not necessarily be able to afford or access otherwise. We are currently planning autism awareness week for April and have some exciting things planned and since becoming a charity we have had the opportunity to work closely with schools.

Within the local schools we have held coffee mornings for the parents/carers who have children in the school with autism. We explain what we do as a charity and signpost them to other organisations that may be able to help them. These have been very beneficial and the feedback has been excellent.

Since becoming a charity we have had the opportunity to hold regular activities within our groups too, allowing families to experience activities they may not have been able to access or afford to access outside of the group.

We are Ferryhill's mayor chosen charity this year too and have received a lot of support from local councillors in the areas we hold our groups.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We do not have a reserves policy.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

We have no funds in deficit.

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our funding has come from grants for activities, core costs for the running of our groups and for workshops.  
We have also been in 3 local Asda stores for their green token community fund and in 2 local Tesco stores for their blue token community funds.  
Since becoming a charity we have continued to fundraise and the public have continued to support us in this.  
We hold family fun days, where local businesses have stalls and we have face painting, magicians and bouncy castles. These are very popular with our younger members. We hold raffles and tombola's and have various children's games, such as hook the duck. Our local fire departments come along in their fire engines and allow the children to have a look in and get a photograph. Our local PCSO's also attend and a number of families have signed up to their Herbert Protocol system via our fun days upon speaking with PCSO's.  
We have a quiet hour so autistic members of our communities can enjoy the fun days too.  
We hold charity nights also for adults where there is bingo, live entertainment and raffles.  
All of our fundraising events are held in the heart of local communities, bringing communities together and raising awareness.

## Section G

## Declaration

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

**Full name(s)**

Laura  
Younger

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Secretary

**Date**

13/02/2019

cash		name of cash	name of grants
£	258.00		

cash		name of cash	restricted grants
£	182.16	paypal donation	
£	195.00	bank donation	

£	377.16		
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unrestricted grants	restricted grants	outgoings	name of outgoings
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unrestricted grants	name of grants	outgoings	name of outgoings
		£ 483.09	equipment
		£ 561.99	expenses
		£ 130.00	advertising
		£ 620.00	activities
		£ 4.00	refund
		£ 1,000.00	CASH*****
		£ 2,079.88	



total

total

-£ 2,421.92

cash		name of cash
£	271.61	paypal donations
£	244.79	bank donations
£	197.88	amazon
£	34.53	easy funding

£	748.81	
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name of grants

unrestricted grants

restricted grants

outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	548.94	advertising	
£	30.00	webpage	
£	298.50	equipment	
£	357.49	expenses	
£	342.00	room hire	
£	1,391.20	activities	
£	30.00	CASH*****	
£	2,970.13		-£ 2,221.32

cash		name of cash
£	308.63	paypal donations
£	1,620.94	just giving
£	130.00	facebook donations
£	271.00	bank donation

£ 2,330.57

name of grants	unrestricted grants	restricted grants
asda	£ 200.00	

	£ 200.00	
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outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	30.00	webpage	
£	22.46	equipment	
£	466.36	expenses	
£	179.00	activities	
£	1,215.50	room hires	
£	1,913.32		£ 617.25

cash	name of cash
£ 258.00	bank donations
£ 29.03	just giving
£ 361.26	paypal donations

£ 648.29



name of grants	unrestricted grants	restricted grants
	£ 750.00	supportive
	£ 200.00	asda

£	950.00
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outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	30.00	webpage	
£	541.00	tweddle farm	
£	278.51	expenses	
£	1,000.00	CASH*****	
£	1,849.51		-£ 251.22

cash	name of cash
£ 145.16	paypal donations
£ 195.00	facebook
£ 136.36	amazon
£ 260.00	bank donation

£ 736.52

name of grants  
angel trust

unrestricted grants

restricted grants  
£ 1,000.00

outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	251.57	expenses	
£	30.00	webpage	
£	52.48	equipment	
£	578.00	room hire	
£	912.05		-£ 175.53

cash		name of cash
£	107.26	paypal donations
£	163.70	bank donation
£	260.00	facebook
£	18.88	easy funding

£	549.84
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name of grants	unrestricted grants	restricted grants
mayior	£ 873.00	

£ 873.00
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outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	80.00	refund	
£	417.00	room hire	
£	30.00	webpage	
£	285.00	expenses	
£	1,000.00	CASH.....	
£	1,812.00		-£ 389.16



cash	name of cash
£ 1,007.50	paypal donations
£ 2,694.99	bank donation
£ 390.00	facebppk donation

£ 4,092.49

name of grants	unrestricted grants	restricted grants
greggs	£ 500.00	
barnett charity	£ 1,000.00	
youth	£ 1,000.00	

£ 2,500.00
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outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	30.00	website	
£	46.99	refunds	
£	275.00	room hire	
£	3,872.50	activities	
£	363.60	equipment	
£	90.00	expenses	
£	500.00	CASH	
£	5,178.09		£ 1,414.40

cash	name of cash
£ 523.30	paypal donation
£ 1,483.50	bank donations
£ 131.39	amazon

£ 2,137.89

name of grants	unrestricted grants	restricted grants
durham countyb coun	£ 4,214.91	
sports		£ 5,000.00
darlington council	£ 4,482.55	
	£ 8,697.46	£ 5,000.00

outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	653.00	room hire	
£	7,842.10	activities	
£	30.00	wix	
£	138.05	equipment	
£	508.79	expenses	
£	2,000.00	CASH*****	
£	11,171.94		£ 4,663.41

cash		name of cash
£	229.11	paypal donations
£	698.50	bank donations
£	135.00	facebook donations

£ 1,062.61

name of grants

unrestricted grants

restricted grants



outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	378.00	room hire	
£	2,039.00	activities	
£	254.38	equipment	
£	30.00	wix	
£	84.00	refund	
£	213.46	expenses	
£	2,998.84		-1936.23

cash	name of cash
£ 50.00	bank donations
£ 213.20	just giving
£ 1,006.00	donation
£ 152.93	paypal donations

£ 1,422.13

name of grants

unrestricted grants

restricted grants

outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	204.00	room hire	
£	254.93	expenses	
£	30.00	wix	
£	117.00	advertising	
£	61.85	equipment	
£	1,144.43	food packages	
£	60.00	pizza night	
£	1,172.21		368.08

cash		name of cash
£	23.00	paypal donation
£	175.18	just giving
£	143.97	amazon smile
£	513.42	bank donation

£ 855.57

name of grants

unrestricted grants

restricted grants

outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	55.00	refund	
£	334.72	expenses	
£	778.00	room	
£	3,456.50	activities	
£	30.00	wix	
£	406.67	equipment	
£	120.00	expenses	
£	5,180.89		-£ 4,325.32

cash	name of cash
£ 28.60	paypal donations
£ 68.27	just giving
£ 610.00	bank donations

£ 706.87



name of grants	unrestricted grants	restricted grants
ferryhill council	£ 150.00	
	£ 150.00	

outgoings		name of outgoings	total
£	184.25	activities	
£	87.60	wix	
£	207.57	expenses	
£	600.00	equipment	
£	1,079.42		-£ 222.55

I Clair Black have reviewed the charity little treasures accounts for the year 2021-2022 I can verify that the accounts are correct.

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