

# LITTLE ACORNS, CROSSGATES

England & Wales · Charity number 1181630

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-01-18

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

## Contact

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**Address** Little Acorns  
Grounds Of Crossgates Cp School  
Crossgates  
Llandrindod Wells  
LD1 6RE

**Phone** 07756873370

**Email** [infolittleacorns@gmail.com](mailto:infolittleacorns@gmail.com)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE AIM OF LITTLE ACORNS IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CROSSGATES & THE SURROUNDING AREA, THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. THIS IS DONE BY: A) PROVIDING AND PRESENTING SAFE AND SATISFYING PLAY AND ACTIVITIES; B) ARRANGING OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO HELP PARENTS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

**Activities:** Little Acorns is housed in a purpose built building within Crossgates Primary School grounds. The setting is a 3 year old funded provider, which allows us to offer 10 hours free childcare to children in the term after they turn three for 2 hours per day. We are also a holiday club offering childcare outside of school term time for children aged 2-11 years.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN CROSSGATES & THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Powys

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£197,989	£172,441	-	-
2023-08-31	£144,373	£171,736	-	-
2022-08-31	£89,029	£94,183	-	-
2021-08-31	£80,559	£75,723	-	-
2020-08-31	£74,675	£57,580	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clare Elizabeth Haslam		2019-07-10
Jessica Tabitha Mockler		2025-08-01
Rebecca Kate Price		2023-09-13
Sarah Jarman		2019-07-10

**LITTLE ACORNS, CROSSGATES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181630

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/23 to 31/08/24

Charity name: Little Acorns, Crossgates

Charity registration number: 1181630

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Little Acorns provides education and childcare for children 3+ via government funding term time, a 2YO room and running holiday clubs for 2–11- year-olds.</p> <p>The focus is the provision of reliable, high-quality care at affordable prices for the local area. Concentrating on the individual needs of each child and family, to ensure the children reach their full potential through a variety of challenging planned activities.</p> <p>Little Acorns also occasionally hosts public fun events to promote its name in the local area, support the community and fund raise.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have	Para 1.18	Confirmed. The setting provides benefit for all the children within the setting, their

had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		families and the wider community. By offering high quality, affordable childcare the setting ensures Children in the local area have access to safe and secure childcare whilst their families are able to return to work to provide benefit in the local community. The setting also provides employment for 6 staff.
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### Additional information (optional)

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Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are welcomed at the setting but require an enhanced DBS and relevant references to ensure safeguarding of clients.  Trustees of the charity are all volunteers and provide their time without payment.
Other		Any investments or purchases made must relate to the aims of the CIO and the best interests of its users.

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Children in the setting have all received excellent childcare during the years and enjoyed learning and celebrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day</li> <li>• Mother Day</li> <li>• Fathers Day</li> <li>• St Davids Day</li> <li>• Cancer Bake Day</li> <li>• Sports day</li> <li>• Christmas</li> <li>• Children in Need</li> </ul> <p>Several trips were made during the year which the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed.</p> <p>The staff completed numerous training course and engaged with the local authority and outside agencies. Holiday club has continued to run providing care for 2-11 years.</p> <p>During the year the 2-year-old room which was new in March 2022 developed and took on more children. This new room provides additional childcare for younger children further increasing the abilities for families in the local area to access high quality and affordable childcare.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Other</p>		<p>N/A</p>



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the end of the year the Charity had funds of £48,203 this was an increase in the year of £25,549</p> <p>The increase was driven by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increased usage particularly of the new 2 year old room which increased fee income.</li> <li>• Increased rates paid by Government and parents to cover inflation the increase cost of which was largely already absorbed in the previous year leading to higher margin</li> <li>• ~£6k of fees that were outstanding from the prior year were paid within this financial year</li> </ul> <p>In addition in general cost was reduced especially on discretionary items following on from the deficit in the prior year to ensure that cash balance increased back to previous levels.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Little Acorns has made the decision to continue to hold £12,000 to ensure staff wages and bills can be paid in case of any enforced closure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funding comes from Government and local council related to the "Childcare offer for Wales" in addition grants are received from local authority for specific applications e.g. for new equipment. Parents also pay fees not covered by the childcare offer including holiday club which runs outside of the usual school term.
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	Any investments or purchases made must relate to the aims of the CIO and the best interests of its users.

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Key risks are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents do not pay their top up invoices resulting in loss of income.</li> <li>• Keeping and retaining high quality staff to provide provision.</li> <li>• Any changes to government policy on childcare funding as large amount of the income relates to government funded childcare.</li> </ul>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Volunteers.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All trustees must hold an enhanced DBS as registered with CIW as Registered Individuals.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Little Acorns
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1181630
Charity's principal address	Grounds of Crossgates CP School Crossgates, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6RE

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

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Sarah Jarman			
2	Clare Haslam			
3	Rebecca Price		Appointed 13/9/23	

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
None		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
None		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Rebecca Pritchard (Manager/Person in Charge)
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a
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### Other optional information

n/a
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	S. Jarman	C Haslam
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sarah Jarman	Clare Haslam
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	13/11/24	



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Little Acorns, Crossgates

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 August 2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1181630
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**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2024**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's  
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

21 November 2024

**Name:**

Susan Davies

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body (if  
any):**

MAAT

**Address:**

PAVO, Unit 30, Ddole Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6DF

## Little Acorns 1181630

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
PCC Term Funding	-	30,926	30,926	23,369
PCC / PHB other Income	9,672		9,672	16,051
LA and WAG Funding	83,585		83,585	54,134
Parent Funding	66,702		66,702	48,538
Uniforms	188		188	88
School Meals	4,822		4,822	2,193
Other Income	2,095		2,095	-
<b>TOTAL receipts</b>	<b>167,064</b>	<b>30,926</b>	<b>197,989</b>	<b>144,373</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries & oncosts	112,353	30,926	143,279	136,559
Training	-		-	516
DBS	15		15	105
Utilities	5,461		5,461	3,685
Telephone & Broadband	1,102		1,102	991
Repairs & Renewals	351		351	1,819
Insurance	529		529	486
Stationary / Consumables	1,207		1,207	2,063
Equipment	1,106		1,106	3,374
Governance	1,192		1,192	290
PCC School Meals	6,359		6,359	2,955
Snacks	3,310		3,310	4,166
Uniform Purchase	-		-	1,120
Trips / Events	3,314		3,314	5,558
Play Equipment & Craft	4,876		4,876	7,075
Outdoor Environment	340		340	972
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>141,515</b>	<b>30,926</b>	<b>172,441</b>	<b>171,736</b>
Total surplus / (deficit)	<b>25,549</b>		<b>25,549</b>	<b>(27,363)</b>
Cash Fund B/Fwd	<b>22,654</b>		<b>22,654</b>	<b>50,017</b>
Cash fund C/Fwd	<b>48,203</b>		<b>48,203</b>	<b>22,654</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

<b>Cash Assets</b>	<b>31/08/2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
Bank Accounts - Barclays 43132269	4,474
Bank Accounts - Barclays 53230228	43,729

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
<b>Debtors</b>	-	-	-

**Assets Retained for Charity's own use**

- Computer & Printer
- 3 x iPads
- Smart TV
- Desk, Filing Cabinet & Office Essentials
- Educational Resources
- Childrens Tables & Chairs and other furniture
- Games Consoles
- Outdoor Equipment inc Bikes
- Kitchen Resources
- Robot Lawnmower

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
<b>Liabilities</b>			
HMRC	5,054	-	5,054
NEST	599	-	599
PAVO IE	200		200

Accounts approved by:

**Chair**

Print Name:

Signature

Date

**LITTLE ACORNS, CROSSGATES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181630

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# Accounts

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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the end of the year the Charity had funds of £22,654 this was a reduction in the year of £27,363.</p> <p>The reduction was driven by 2 key factors outline below alongside a general increase in costs such as utilities and staff wages. Government income increased partially in the year to offset the inflation but will not be fully offset until the current year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~£6k of fees related to provision during the year had not been paid at the year end</li> <li>• the newly opened 2YO room required 2 new members of staff. The uptake of Children using the room increased during the year but didn't cover the additional costs across the period.</li> </ul> <p>The outstanding fees were subsequently paid during the current financial year</p> <p>The income from the 2YO room has continued to increase as more children access the provision. In addition, government funding for part of the 2YO childcare has now been secured to start in September 2024.</p> <p>The accounts for the current year to end of June 2024 show a surplus generated of £18,665, based on current forecast for July and August the full year should drive a surplus.</p>
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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Sarah Jarman			
2	Clare Haslam			
3	Stacey Powell		1/9/22 to 17/2/23	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
None		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
None		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Rebecca Pritchard (Manager/Person in Charge)
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a
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### Other optional information

n/a
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	S. Jarman	C Haslam
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sarah Jarman	Clare Haslam
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	12/7/2024	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Little Acorns, Crossgates

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 August 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1181630

**Set out on pages**

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*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

6 August 2024

**Name:**

Susan Davies

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

MAAT

**Address:**

PAVO, Unit 30, Ddole Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6DF



**Little Acorns 1181630**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023**

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
PCC Term Funding	-	23,369	23,369	21,568
PCC / PHB other Income	16,051		16,051	12,758
LA and WAG Funding	54,134		54,134	54,181
Parent Funding	48,538		48,538	31,138
Uniforms	88		88	128
School Meals	2,193		2,193	2,251
Other Income	-		-	10
<b>TOTAL receipts</b>	<b>121,004</b>	<b>23,369</b>	<b>144,373</b>	<b>122,033</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries & oncosts	113,190	23,369	136,559	95,855
Training	516		516	210
DBS	105		105	220
Utilities	3,685		3,685	3,224
Telephone & Broadband	991		991	885
Repairs & Renewals	1,819		1,819	300
Insurance	486		486	437
Stationary / Consumables	2,063		2,063	1,432
Equipment	3,374		3,374	3,008
Governance	290		290	670
PCC School Meals	2,955		2,955	3,838
Snacks	4,166		4,166	2,523
Uniform Purchase	1,120		1,120	1,953
Trips / Events	5,558		5,558	2,767
Play Equipment & Craft	7,075		7,075	9,803
Outdoor Environment	972		972	63
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>148,366</b>	<b>23,369</b>	<b>171,736</b>	<b>127,188</b>
Total surplus / (deficit)	-	27,363	-	-
Cash Fund B/Fwd 1 September 2022	50,017	-	50,017	55,172
Cash fund C/Fwd 31 August 2023	<b>22,654</b>	-	<b>22,654</b>	<b>50,017</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

<b>Cash Assets</b>	<b>31/08/2023</b>
	<b>£</b>
Bank accounts - Barclays 43132269	22,654

	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
<b>Debtors</b>	-	-	-

**Assets Retained for Charity's own use**

Computer & Printer  
3 x iPads  
Smart TV  
Desk, Filing Cabinet & Office Essentials  
Educational Resources  
Childrens Tables & Chairs and other furniture  
Games Consoles  
Outdoor Equipment inc Bikes  
Kitchen Resources  
Robot Lawnmower

	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-	-

Accounts approved by:

**Chair**

Print Name:

Signature

Date

**LITTLE ACORNS, CROSSGATES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181630

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date	
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month
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**Section A Reference and administration details**

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**   
  
  
**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)
1 Stacey Powell			
2 Sarah Jarman			
3 Claire Watkins			
4 Kathryn Ingram			
5 Clare Haslam			
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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)

Becky Pritchard (Manager/Person in Charge) Amanda Bayliss (Deputy Manager/Person in Charge)

## 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)

CIO

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by 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.

All trustees must hold an enhanced DBS as registered with CIW as Registered Individuals.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

Constitution: The aim of Little Acorns is to advance the education of pre-school children in Crossgates & the surrounding areas, through the medium of the English language.

This is done by:

- a) providing and presenting safe and satisfying play and activities;
- b) arranging other charitable activities in order to help parents support their children's education.

c) providing provision for a 3+ setting as defined by Powys County Council.

Little Acorns provides education and childcare for children 3+ offering government funding term time, as well as running holiday clubs for 2-11 year olds, a provision of reliability, high quality and affordable prices. We will offer your child a safe, fun and stimulating environment. We focus on the individual needs of each child, to ensure they reach their full potential through a variety of challenging planned activities.

Little Acorns also occasionally hosts public fun events to promote its name in the local area, support the community and fund raise.

**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)**

**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.

No grant making is made by Little Acorns at this time.

All policy with regard to the running of the setting or handling of its finances are in accordance and supported by the local authority and Care Inspectorate Wales.

Volunteers are welcomed at the setting but require an enhanced DBS and relevant references to ensure safe guarding of clients.

Any investments or purchases made must relate to the aims of the CIO and the best interests of its users.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

Little Acorns continued running with minimal interruptions during the covid 19 lockdowns and further restrictions.

The local authority has now completed the purpose-build cabin for the setting using Welsh Government funding. Little Acorns has been operating from a cabin on the school site for over the summer.

In March the children took part in a “sponsored story read” to promote the importance of early reading and story sharing.

During the year children enjoyed learning and celebrating:

- Chinese new year
- St Valentines
- World Book Day
- St Davids Day
- Christmas
- Children in Need

There have been very little additional public or family activities or fundraisers due to Covid restrictions.

The staff completed numerous training course and engaged with the local authority and outside agencies.

Holiday club has continued to run providing care for 2-11 years.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

Little Acorns has made the decision to continue to hold £12,000 to ensure staff wages and bills can be paid in case of any enforced closure.

Powys County Council have supplied a new purpose build cabin using Welsh Gov 3+ funding. The outdoor area has yet to be finalised and funding for this is yet to be confirmed. The new building has been furnished using setting funds. However, in part due to unexpected government incoming grants, there remains a large reserve at the end of this financial period – this will be used to develop the outdoor area of the setting once building works have been completed and to furnish the new purpose built cabin with new education furniture.

Staff wages have been increased and will be reviewed again before a 12 month period. Setting Manager is receiving increased management hours to support her work/life balance and her leadership, being covered by additional staffing - over time this will help reduce the surplus monies.

### Details of any funds materially 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.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	K Ingram	S Jarman
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<b>Full name(s)</b>	Kathryn Maria Ingram	Sarah Jarman
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<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	Trustee
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<b>Date</b>	30/9/2021
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Charity Name Little Acorns, Crossgates		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 August 2021	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1181630
<b>Set out on pages</b>	9 and 10		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2020**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	27 October 2022
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**Name:** Susan Davies

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** MAAT

**Address:** PAVO, Unit 30, Ddole Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6DF

Little Acorns 1181630

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1 September 2020 - 31 August 2021

	General Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	2020
<b>Receipts</b>				
PCC	-	28,066	28,066	18,003
Ceredigion Funding	32,252		32,252	31,280
Childcare Funding	19,587		19,587	18,756
Fundraising	-		-	1,955
Uniforms	89		89	48
HMRC Refund	-		-	4,635
PHB	250		250	-
Other Income	316		316	-
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>52,492</b>	<b>28,066</b>	<b>80,559</b>	<b>74,675</b>
			-	
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries & oncosts	23,408	28,066	51,475	49,376
Training	249		249	-
PCC School Meals	2,580		2,580	1,978
Premises	2,227		2,227	1,934
Craft & Equipment	322		322	1,520
DBS	52		52	48
Other Expenditure	3,811		3,811	999
Governance	605		605	385
Uniform Purchases	560		560	346
New Equipment	12,000		12,000	-
Stationery & Postage	75		75	275
Telephone	502		502	-
Payroll	620		620	560
Milk	15		15	
Snacks	485		485	-
Health & Safety	145		145	159
<b>Total payments:</b>	<b>47,657</b>	<b>28,066</b>	<b>75,723</b>	<b>57,580</b>
Total surplus/deficit	<b>4,835</b>	-	<b>4,835</b>	<b>17,095</b>
Cash Funds B/fwd 1 September 2020	<b>50,336</b>	-	<b>50,336</b>	<b>33,241</b>
Cash funds C/fwd 31 August 2021	<b>55,172</b>	-	<b>55,172</b>	<b>50,336</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**1 September 2020 - 31 August 2021**

**Cash Assets**

**31/08/2021**

Bank accounts - Barclays 43132269

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**Debtors**

General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	
£	£	£	£
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**Assets Retained for Charity's own use**

- Computer & Printer
- 3 x ipads
- Smart TV
- Desk, Filing Cabinet & Office Essentials
- Educational Resources
- Childrens Tables & Chairs and other furniture
- Game Consoles
- Outdoor Equipment inc Bikes
- Kitchen Resources

General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	
£	£	£	£
400	-	400	400
<b>400</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>400</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>

**Liabilities**

Examination of accounts - 2020 & 2021

**Notes to Accounts**

Accounts approved by:

**Chair**

**Print Name**.....

**Signature**.....

**Date**.....

**LITTLE ACORNS, CROSSGATES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181630

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	19		31	08	20

**Section A Reference and administration details**

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

Little Acorns – grounds of Crossgates CP School	
Crossgates, Llandrindod Wells, Powys	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>LD1 3RE</b>

**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)
1 Stacey Powell			
2 Sarah Jarman			
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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)**

Becky Pritchard (Manager/Person in Charge) Amanda Bayliss (Deputy Manager/Person in Charge)

**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)

CIO

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by Trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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

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- relationship with any related parties;
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

Constitution: The aim of Little Acorns is to advance the education of pre-school children in Crossgates & the surrounding areas, through the medium of the English language.

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Little Acorns also occasionally hosts public fun events to promote its name in the local area, support the community and fund raise.

**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)**

**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.

No grant making is made by Little Acorns at this time.

All policy with regard to the running of the setting or handling of its finances are in accordance and supported by the local authority and Care Inspectorate Wales.

Volunteers are welcomed at the setting but require an enhanced DBS and relevant references to ensure safe guarding of clients.

Any investments or purchases made must relate to the aims of the CIO and the best interests of its users.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

Little Acorns continued running with minimal interruptions during the pandemic. A short closure due to extremely low numbers attending.

The local authority has confirmed that Welsh Government will fund a new purpose built cabin to replace current building and have engaged in meetings with Little Acorns to plan for this.

There have been very little additional activities or fundraisers due to the pandemic. To continue running in a safe manner, providing childcare for key workers children as long as possible and reopening for education at the first possible opportunity are achievements in themselves. Staff continued to work from home during the closure, making regular contact with families, planning for future of Little Acorns and providing home learning resources.

Whilst working from home staff created and posted packs out to all 3+ children and their families. These received excellent feedback.

The staff completed numerous training course and engaged with the local authority via email and video calls.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

Little Acorns has made the decision to continue to hold £12,000 to ensure staff wages and bills can be paid in case of any enforced closure.

It had been confirmed that Powys County Council will supply a new purpose build cabin using Welsh Gov 3+ funding. This was expected sooner, but due to the pandemic, works were postponed by PCC. For this purpose there remains a large reserve at the end of this financial period – this will be used to develop the outdoor area of the setting once building works have been completed and to furnish the new purpose built cabin with new education furniture.

Since joining to deliver the CCO Wales we have noted that our finance situation is far more secure and positive. Staff wages have been increased and will be reviewed again before a 12 month period.

### Details of any funds materially 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.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature(s)** Sarah Jarman

**Full name(s)** Sarah Jarman

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)** R I and trustee

**Date** 12/10/21



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Little Acorns, Crossgates

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 August 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1181630

**Set out on pages**

10 and 11

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2020**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

21 October 2021

**Name:**

Susan Davies

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

MAAT

**Address:**

PAVO, Unit 30, Ddole Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6DF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

Little Acorns 1181630

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020

	General Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	2019
<b>Receipts</b>				
PCC		18,003	18,003	16,397
Ceredigion Funding	31,280		31,280	11,489
Childcare Funding	18,756		18,756	19,962
Fundraising	1,955		1,955	235
Uniforms	48		48	
HMRC Refund	4,635		4,635	
<b>Total receipts:</b>	<b>56,672</b>	<b>18,003</b>	<b>74,675</b>	<b>48,082</b>
			-	
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries & oncosts	31,373	18,003	49,376	36,330
PCC School Meals	1,978		1,978	898
Premises	1,934		1,934	2,663
Craft & Equipment	1,520		1,520	1,090
Trips	-		-	444
Tesco Grant Goods	-		-	1,555
DBS	48		48	374
Fundraising Expenditure	-		-	509
Other Expenditure	999		999	98
Governance	385		385	-
Uniform Purchases	346		346	-
Stationery & Postage	275		275	-
Payroll	560		560	-
Health & Safety	159		159	-
<b>Total payments:</b>	<b>39,577</b>	<b>18,003</b>	<b>57,580</b>	<b>43,962</b>
Total surplus/deficit	17,095	-	17,095	4,120
Cash Funds B/fwd 1 September 2019	33,241	-	33,241	29,121
Cash funds C/fwd 31 August 2020	<b>50,336</b>	-	<b>50,336</b>	<b>33,241</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020**

<b>Cash Assets</b>	<b>31/08/2020</b>
	£
Bank accounts - Barclays 43132269	50,336
	<b>50,336</b>
	<b>50,336</b>

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020
<b>Debtors</b>	£	£	£
		-	-

**Assets Retained for Charity's own use**  
 Computer & Printer  
 3 x ipads  
 Smart TV  
 Desk, Filing Cabinet & Office Essentials  
 Educational Resources  
 Childrens Tables & Chairs and other furniture  
 Game Consoles  
 Outdoor Equipment inc Bikes  
 Kitchen Resources

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020
<b>Liabilities</b>	£	£	£
Examination of accounts	200	-	200
	<b>200</b>		<b>200</b>
	<b>200</b>		<b>200</b>

**Notes to Accounts**

Prior year covers a part year period for January - August 2019 for the newly register CIO

Accounts approved by:

**Chair**

**Print Name**.....

**Signature**.....

**Date**.....