



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day

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Month

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Year

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To

Period end date

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Month

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Year

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Little Acorns, Crossgates

Other names charity is known by**Registered charity number (if any)**

1181630

Charity's principal address

Little Acorns – grounds of Crossgates CP School

Crossgates, Llandrindod Wells, Powys

Postcode

LD1 3RE

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**

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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)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>All trustees must hold an enhanced DBS as registered with CIW as Registered Individuals.</p>
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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.

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.

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 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.

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

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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

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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 **31/08/2020**.

**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
Receipts				
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	
Total receipts:	56,672	18,003	74,675	48,082
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Payments				
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	-
Total payments:	39,577	18,003	57,580	43,962
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	50,336	-	50,336	33,241

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

Cash Assets

31/08/2020

	£
Bank accounts - Barclays 43132269	50,336
	<u>50,336</u>

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Debtors		-	-

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
	£	£	£
Liabilities			
Examination of accounts	200	-	200
	<u>200</u>		<u>200</u>

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.....