



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

Day

31

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**

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

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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

Signature(s)	K Ingram	S Jarman
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Full name(s)	Kathryn Maria Ingram	Sarah Jarman
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
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Date	30/9/2021	24/10/22
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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 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1181630

Set out on pages

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.*

Signed:

Date:

27 October 2022

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
Receipts				
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	-
Total receipts:	52,492	28,066	80,559	74,675
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Payments				
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
Total payments:	47,657	28,066	75,723	57,580
 Total surplus/deficit	 4,835	 -	 4,835	 17,095
Cash Funds B/fwd 1 September 2020	50,336	-	50,336	33,241
Cash funds C/fwd 31 August 2021	55,172	-	55,172	50,336

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

Cash Assets

31/08/2021

Bank accounts - Barclays 43132269

£
55,172
55,172

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
<u>400</u>		<u>400</u>

Liabilities

Examination of accounts - 2020 & 2021

Notes to Accounts

Accounts approved by:

Chair

Print Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....