

WOODPECKERS PRESCHOOL CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1182859

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-04-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT HAVING AS ITS OBJECTS THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BY: (1) PROMOTING THEIR CARE AND SAFETY; (2) PROMOTING THEIR EDUCATION AND PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT; (3) PROMOTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING; (4) PROVIDING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS; (5) PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIO; AND (6) FURTHERING THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE

Activities: PROVISION OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AND CARE FOR 2 TO 5 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£167,525	£174,849	-	-
2024-07-31	£172,677	£157,124	-	-
2023-07-31	£143,957	£144,332	-	-
2022-07-31	£138,686	£130,507	-	-
2021-07-31	£132,679	£122,656	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Steven White	Chair	2025-07-01
Chelsea Groome		2024-09-01
James Ashby King		2024-09-01
Stephanie Simpson		2024-09-01
Victoria Hunter		2024-09-01

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Woodpeckers Preschool CIO
Trustees' Annual Report

12 months ended 31 July 2025

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The trustees are Stephanie Simpson, Chelsea Groome, Victoria Hunter and James Ashby King who were all appointed on 1 September 2024. Steven White was appointed as a trustee on 1 July 2025,

Hazel Leah, Laura Cheesman-Haynes and Emma Flint resigned as trustees on 1 July 2025.

The pre-school is administered by an elected committee of parents.

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PROPERTY

Regular maintenance has been carried out.

OFSTED

We were last inspected by OFSTED in June 2022 and were judged 'Good'.

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

FINANCE

Full details of the results are shown in the financial statements. The Trustees are satisfied with the financial status of the charity and confirm that the charity can meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The land and building from which the pre-school operates are leased from Kent County Council. These are for a period of ten years from 1 April 2019. Following a rent review, the annual rent for the building from 1 April 2024 is £8,732.

RESERVES/RESOURCES POLICY

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The Committee have approved that the designated funds for Woodpeckers preschool CIO should be for the future purchase of a property that the preschool operate out of. This would offer the preschool much greater financial stability in the future.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have examined the operational risks, which the charity faces, and are satisfied that the systems currently in place are sufficient to enable such risks to be minimised.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mr Steven White

Approved by the Trustees on 19.01.26

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Accounts for the period ended 31st July 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year ended 31 July 2025	Year ended 31 July 2024
Income receipts		
Fees		
From Parents	23,059	26,530
From voucher agency	139,852	139,995
Fundraising activities	2,601	2,550
Donations	581	1,922
Bank interest	515	896
Grant	-	-
Other	917	783
	<u>167,525</u>	<u>172,677</u>
Expenditure		
Professional fees	(6,227)	(2,962)
Equipment (inc. toys)	(187)	(306)
Fundraising resources	(599)	(565)
Property maintenance	(16,867)	(8,168)
Miscellaneous small items	(758)	(527)
Wages	(126,447)	(122,795)
Insurance	(2,531)	(1,848)
Premises (rent and utilities)	(13,044)	(11,817)
Clothing	(1,263)	(680)
Art supplies	(710)	(744)
Food and drink	(1,221)	(2,058)
Admin expenses	(2,366)	(2,227)
Daily cleaning and first aid	(1,280)	(1,200)
Training	(1,048)	(745)
Bank charges	(302)	(482)
	<u>(174,849)</u>	<u>(157,124)</u>
Net receipts for year	(7,323)	15,553
Cash and bank balances at start of period	<u>129,886</u>	<u>114,333</u>
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Cash and bank balances at year end :		
Current account	58,390	66,423
GMP Client account	1,097	1,187
Committee Account	18	18
Reserve account	63,058	62,258
	<u>122,563</u>	<u>129,886</u>

Payments of £1,415 were made during the year to staff and trustees in reimbursement for consumables purchased on behalf of the preschool. This is due to some consumables and fundraising resources being purchased on personal credit cards.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Woodpeckers Preschool CIO

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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- The accounts do not accord with those records; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 23.01.26

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Approved by the Trustees on 11/11/24.....

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	Year ended 31 July 2024	Year ended 31 July 2023
Income receipts		
Fees		
From Parents	26,530	39,574
From voucher agency	139,995	102,191
Fundraising activities	2,550	1,694
Donations	1,922	-
Bank interest	896	482
Other	783	16
	<u>172,677</u>	<u>143,957</u>
Expenditure		
Professional fees	(2,962)	(5,604)
Equipment (inc. toys)	(306)	(100)
Fundraising resources	(565)	(760)
Property maintenance	(8,168)	(2,445)
Miscellaneous small items	(527)	(517)
Wages	(122,795)	(111,084)
Insurance	(1,848)	(1,850)
Premises (rent and utilities)	(11,817)	(10,929)
Clothing	(680)	(624)
Art supplies	(744)	(779)
Food and drink	(2,058)	(1,522)
Admin expenses	(2,227)	(5,184)
Daily cleaning and first aid	(1,200)	(960)
Training	(745)	(1,823)
Bank charges	(482)	(149)
	<u>(157,124)</u>	<u>(144,332)</u>
Net receipts for year	15,553	- 374
Cash and bank balances at start of period	<u>114,333</u>	<u>114,707</u>
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Cash and bank balances at year end :		
Current Account	66,423	50,817
GMP Client Account	1,187	2,153
Committee Account	18	-
Reserve Account	62,258	61,363
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Payments of £597 (£987 - 2023) were made during the year to staff and trustees in reimbursement for consumables purchased on behalf of the preschool. This is due to some consumables being purchased with personal credit cards.

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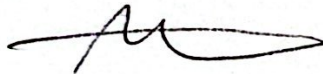
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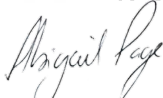
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Date: ..12..Jan..2024.....

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Income receipts		
Fees		
From Parents	39,574	33,536
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Donations	-	-
Bank interest	482	23
Grant	-	2,929
Other	16	522
	<u>143,957</u>	<u>138,686</u>
Expenditure		
Professional fees	(5,604)	(4,674)
Equipment (inc. toys)	(100)	(440)
Fundraising resources	(760)	(107)
Property maintenance	(2,445)	(5,703)
Miscellaneous small items	(517)	(562)
Wages	(111,084)	(98,591)
Insurance	(1,850)	(1,166)
Premises (rent and utilities)	(10,929)	(11,219)
Clothing	(624)	(122)
Art supplies	(779)	(836)
Food and drink	(1,522)	(1,267)
Admin expenses	(5,184)	(3,189)
Daily cleaning and first aid	(960)	(987)
Training	(1,823)	(1,552)
Bank charges	(149)	(92)
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Net receipts for year	(374)	8,179
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Woodpeckers Preschool CIO
Trustees' Annual Report (contd.)

12 months ended 31 July 2022

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The Trustees have examined the operational risks, which the charity faces, and are satisfied that the systems currently in place are sufficient to enable such risks to be minimised.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on 

14/11/22

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Woodpeckers Preschool CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022, which are set out on pages five to seven.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

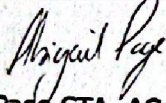
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Independent examiner's statement

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A. Page CTA, ACA

Date: 28 November 2022

Gibbons, Mannington & Phipps LLP
Chartered Accountants
82 High Street
Tenterden
Kent TN30 6JG

Woodpeckers preschool CIO
Charity number : 1182859

Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year ended 31 July 2022 £	Year ended 31 July 2021 £
Income receipts		
Fees		
From Parents	33,536	28,844
From voucher agency	100,594	97,233
Fundraising activities	1,082	937
Donations	-	102
Bank Interest	23	5
Grant	2,929	4,000
Other	522	1,559
	<u>138,686</u>	<u>132,679</u>
Expenditure		
Professional fees	(4,674)	(1,698)
Equipment (inc. toys)	(440)	(305)
Fundraising resources	(107)	(220)
Property maintenance	(5,703)	(3,320)
Miscellaneous small items	(562)	(625)
Wages	(98,591)	(84,461)
Insurance	(1,166)	(1,043)
Premises (rent and utilities)	(11,219)	(21,031)
Clothing	(122)	(550)
Art supplies	(836)	(485)
Food and drink	(1,267)	(1,474)
Admin expenses	(3,189)	(3,783)
Daily cleaning and first aid	(987)	(864)
Training	(1,552)	(2,798)
Bank charges	(92)	-
	<u>(130,507)</u>	<u>(122,656)</u>
Net receipts for year	8,179	10,023
Cash and bank balances at start of period	106,528	96,505
	<u>114,707</u>	<u>106,528</u>
Cash and bank balances at year end :		
Current account	52,407	44,928
GMP Client account	1,420	716
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WOODPECKERS PRESCHOOL CIO

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**Report of the Trustees and
Accounts for the year ended
31 July 2021
for
Woodpeckers Preschool CIO**

Woodpeckers Preschool CIO
Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 July 2021

Charity Number: 1182859

Registered Address: Quaker Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 2HF.

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the twelve months ended 31 July 2021.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are Hazel Leah, Hazel Broadley, Laura Cheesman-Haynes, Louise Hatcher, Emma Flint and Alexis Wilson, who were all appointed on 8th April 2019.

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	£	£
Income receipts		
Fees		
From Parents	28,844	7,301
From voucher agency	97,233	48,850
Fundraising activities	937	212
Donations	102	-
Bank interest	5	38
Grant	4,000	-
Other	1,559	2,135
Transfer of balances of Woodpeckers Preschool and Cranbrook Baby and Toddler group		85,537
	<u>132,679</u>	<u>144,073</u>
Expenditure		
Professional fees	(1,698)	(1,734)
Equipment (inc. toys)	(305)	(88)
Fundraising resources	(220)	0
Property maintenance	(3,320)	(260)
Miscellaneous small items	(625)	(344)
Wages	(84,461)	(40,749)
Insurance	(1,043)	(525)
Premises (rent and utilities)	(21,031)	(1,958)
Clothing	(550)	0
Art supplies	(485)	(116)
Food and drink	(1,474)	(472)
Admin expenses	(3,783)	(790)
Daily cleaning and first aid	(864)	(238)
Training	(2,798)	(294)
	<u>(122,656)</u>	<u>(47,568)</u>
Net receipts for year	10,023	96,505
Cash and bank balances at start of period	96,505	-
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Cash and bank balances at year end :		
Current account	44,928	36,614
GMP Client account	716	3,012
Reserve account	60,884	56,879
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