



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From: 01.04.24** Period start date

**To: 31.03.2025** Period end date

**Charity name: Kinnerton Little Acorns**

**Charity registration number: 1185470**

## Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Kinnerton Little Acorns are a childcare setting which provides much needed care for children who attend Ysgol Derwen as well as the local community area. We are continuing to be committed to providing a caring and stimulating environment for children to thrive and develop in. The care we provide is both inside and outside of normal school operating hours.
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.	<p>Kinnerton Little Acorns provides a key role for parents/carers who need childcare for their children during term time and into holiday periods.</p> <p>Kinnerton Little Acorns is open for 5 separate sessions throughout the year. These sessions are broken down into:</p> <p>Term Time (in line with Ysgol Derwen):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Breakfast Club 07:45 – 09:00;</li><li>(2) Playgroup 09:00 – 11:25;</li><li>(3) Wraparound Care 11:30 – 15:00; and</li><li>(4) Afterschool Club 15:00 – 17:55.</li></ul> <p>Holiday Time (up to 6 weeks a year where demand is needed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Holiday Club 08:30 – 5:30</li></ul> <p>When children attend Breakfast Club, they are dropped off by parents/carers and enjoy a healthy breakfast and some time to play with friends before being taken to their classroom in Ysgol Derwen to start their school day.</p> <p>Children in our Playgroup/Early Entitlement sessions arrive at 9am when they are dropped off by their parents/carers. Children enjoy a morning of activities and play. Children receive a snack during our session and outdoor play is encouraged where possible. Children are then either collected by parents/carers at 11:25 or they stay with us for our Wraparound Care session which is 11:30 – 15:00 (the children can stay for Wraparound Care once they have turned 3 years of age).</p>

	<p>When children attend Wraparound Care, they are collected from the Nursery classroom by our staff at 11:30 and escorted to our building where they remain for the rest of the session until 15:00 when they are either collected by a parent/carer or they stay with us for Afterschool Club.</p> <p>A typical session for Wraparound Care involves children independently removing their coats and bags when they arrive and finding their picture to add to the Little Acorns tree (which operates as our register), the children are then escorted back to the main school hall to eat their dinners. Once the children have eaten their dinner and returned to our building we allow the children to explore all areas during their session. Our Childcare Leads encourages learning and play opportunities and the children are encouraged to explore and make their own play.</p> <p>When children attend Afterschool Club, they are collected from their classrooms at the end of the school day by our staff and escorted to our building where they enjoy a healthy snack and have the opportunity to take part in any activities organised by our staff or they can free-play. Children are then collected by parents/carers anytime up until 17:55. Once all children are safely collected, the staff clean the club and leave to return home.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>The Trustees intend to continue their current strategies of maintaining the Charity's position in a competitive market by investing to provide high quality care. Achieving a high standard of care is a constant aim. Staff frequently attend training to ensure our service is always to the standard expected and this is fully supported by the Trustees.</p> <p>We hope to see Kinnerton Little Acorns as a long standing and much needed charity organisation for years to come.</p>

## Achievements and Performance

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>Our sessions are still operating at near full capacity for Breakfast, Afterschool and Wraparound. Our Playgroup session numbers naturally start low at the beginning of the school year but as the year progresses and children turn 2 years of age (the minimum age for playgroup) then the numbers gradually increase.</p> <p>It is still a delight to see our building in use from 7:45 – 17:55 each day with various sessions.</p> <p>Our staff enjoy the variety of sessions and our children enjoy coming to our sessions. Parents/carers speak so highly of our service to the community. We frequently have a waitlist for parents/carers who wish to send their child/ren to our club – this is mainly for spaces in our afterschool club.</p>

	<p>Our Playgroup/Early Entitlement allow children to become familiar with Ysgol Derwen's surrounds and allows for a smooth transition into the Nursery Class.</p> <p>Our Wraparound Care sessions allow children to experience a normal length school day and promotes their development and independence in readiness for moving to Reception Class.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<p>Following completion of our Year End Accounts to 31 March 2025, Kinnerton Little Acorns has amounted net loss of £14,265. We were faced with a high number of staff absence which led to the requirement of hiring in agency staff at a high rate. We have also faced a large increase in hourly rates for staff due to the Government raising the national living wage. We are trying to operate at break-even to allow parents the reprieve of facing high price increases for our sessions.</p> <p>Around £211,507 was received in fees for childcare sessions from FCC, parents/carers and childcare voucher schemes compared to £171,131 received in 2024.</p> <p>Kinnerton Little Acorns hasn't received any donations this year.</p> <p>£40,175 is being held in a savings account for emergencies/redundancy situations.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<p>We look to retain a minimum of £25,000 for an emergency redundancy situation if the worst case scenario should happen. We aim to protect the staff should there be any unexpected closures.</p> <p>The remaining £15,000 we will look into re-investing in the setting along with actively looking for local community projects in which to donate and support. We are aware of projects in which Ysgol Derwen would like financial support with so we will follow through with these.</p>
Amount of reserves held	£66,608 (2024 £80,873)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A.
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	N/A.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	<b>CIO</b>
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	<b>Election to post by existing trustees based on interested parties</b>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Kinnerton Little Acorns
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1185470
Charity's principal address	Ysgol Derwen Main Road Higher Kinnerton CH4 0AJ

## 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	Amy Baker-Howell	Chair	30 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 - present	
2	Christine Leonard	Treasurer		
3	Richard Jones			
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

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

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

## 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

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

## Other optional information

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Amy Baker-Howell</i>	<i>Christine Leonard</i>
Full name(s)	Amy Baker-Howell	Christine Leonard
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	

# Profit and Loss

## Kinnerton Little Acorns

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2025 % OF TURNOVER	2024	2024 % OF TURNOVER	2023	2023 % OF TURNOVER
<b>Turnover</b>						
Interest Income	579.65	0.27%	553.24	0.32%	473.62	0.33%
Sales - childcare fees	211,506.95	99.73%	171,131.25	99.68%	141,363.75	99.67%
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>212,086.60</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>171,684.49</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>141,837.37</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>						
Consumables	19,200.38	9.05%	14,783.65	8.61%	12,413.42	8.75%
Direct Wages	140,177.09	66.09%	126,249.59	73.54%	83,933.37	59.18%
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>159,377.47</b>	<b>75.15%</b>	<b>141,033.24</b>	<b>82.15%</b>	<b>96,346.79</b>	<b>67.93%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>52,709.13</b>	<b>24.85%</b>	<b>30,651.25</b>	<b>17.85%</b>	<b>45,490.58</b>	<b>32.07%</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
Audit & Accountancy fees	959.00	0.45%	731.00	0.43%	788.64	0.56%
Bank Fees	532.35	0.25%	199.15	0.12%	-	-
Depreciation Expense	10,745.24	5.07%	10,745.24	6.26%	9,992.43	7.04%
Employers National Insurance	4,614.59	2.18%	2,381.72	1.39%	-	-
General Expenses	-	-	21.00	0.01%	-	-
Insurance	961.83	0.45%	750.22	0.44%	775.88	0.55%
IT Software and Consumables	879.60	0.41%	1,519.14	0.88%	1,071.00	0.76%
Legal Expenses	2,957.50	1.39%	2,509.86	1.46%	118.00	0.08%
Pensions Costs	1,623.98	0.77%	1,018.77	0.59%	1,011.37	0.71%
Rent	10,957.50	5.17%	10,060.00	5.86%	10,926.00	7.70%
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	1,056.87	0.62%	-	-
Salaries	25,384.68	11.97%	9,361.72	5.45%	24,255.60	17.10%
Staff Training	479.00	0.23%	450.40	0.26%	(123.00)	-0.09%
Subscriptions	63.48	0.03%	63.48	0.04%	63.48	0.04%
Telephone & Internet	1,674.77	0.79%	1,059.05	0.62%	997.89	0.70%
Temporary wages	5,140.39	2.42%	2,881.92	1.68%	-	-
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>66,973.91</b>	<b>31.58%</b>	<b>44,809.54</b>	<b>26.10%</b>	<b>49,877.29</b>	<b>35.17%</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(14,264.78)</b>	<b>-6.73%</b>	<b>(14,158.29)</b>	<b>-8.25%</b>	<b>(4,386.71)</b>	<b>-3.09%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>						
Donations received	-	-	398.41	0.23%	48,178.57	33.97%
Grant income	-	-	2,939.53	1.71%	26,623.56	18.77%
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,337.94</b>	<b>1.94%</b>	<b>74,802.13</b>	<b>52.74%</b>
<b>Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation</b>	<b>(14,264.78)</b>	<b>-6.73%</b>	<b>(10,820.35)</b>	<b>-6.30%</b>	<b>70,415.42</b>	<b>49.65%</b>
<b>Profit after Taxation</b>	<b>(14,264.78)</b>	<b>-6.73%</b>	<b>(10,820.35)</b>	<b>-6.30%</b>	<b>70,415.42</b>	<b>49.65%</b>



# Balance Sheet

## Kinnerton Little Acorns As at 31 March 2025

	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
<b>Tangible Assets</b>				
Computer Equipment	1,072.20	1,072.20	429.00	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(643.35)	(375.30)	(107.25)	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(30,839.56)	(20,362.37)	(9,885.18)	-
Office Equipment	41,908.76	41,908.76	39,540.70	8,291.70
<b>Total Tangible Assets</b>	<b>11,498.05</b>	<b>22,243.29</b>	<b>29,977.27</b>	<b>8,291.70</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>11,498.05</b>	<b>22,243.29</b>	<b>29,977.27</b>	<b>8,291.70</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>				
KINNERTON LITTLE ACO	16,976.60	17,792.79	21,673.25	18,545.06
KINNERTON LITTLE ACO#001	40,175.21	41,726.86	41,173.62	-
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>57,151.81</b>	<b>59,519.65</b>	<b>62,846.87</b>	<b>18,545.06</b>
Prepayments	-	3,171.00	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>57,151.81</b>	<b>62,690.65</b>	<b>62,846.87</b>	<b>18,545.06</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Accounts Payable	300.20	455.79	118.21	3,025.00
PAYE Payable	1,637.54	3,627.25	908.68	2,429.53
Pensions Payable	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80
Rounding	98.60	98.60	98.60	99.00
Wages Payable - Payroll	-	(126.00)	-	-
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2,042.14</b>	<b>4,061.44</b>	<b>1,131.29</b>	<b>5,559.33</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>55,109.67</b>	<b>58,629.21</b>	<b>61,715.58</b>	<b>12,985.73</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>66,607.72</b>	<b>80,872.50</b>	<b>91,692.85</b>	<b>21,277.43</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>66,607.72</b>	<b>80,872.50</b>	<b>91,692.85</b>	<b>21,277.43</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
Current Year Earnings	(14,264.78)	(10,820.35)	70,415.42	17,501.85
Retained Earnings	80,872.50	91,692.85	21,277.43	3,775.58
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>66,607.72</b>	<b>80,872.50</b>	<b>91,692.85</b>	<b>21,277.43</b>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Kinnerton Little Acorns

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1185470

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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:

H. Cheetham

Date:

30/01/2026

Name:

Heather Cheetham

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

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

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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.**