



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	26	07	2022	To	25	07	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Little Chestnuts Pre-School

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1194353

Charity's principal address Village Hall

Church Lane

Toppesfield, Halstead

Postcode

CO9 4DR

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	Andrea Chinery			
2	Victoria Wallis		Until 26/05/23	
3	Elizabeth Greenaway	Treasurer		
4	Katherine Waterhouse			
5	Hanna Pirrie		From 26/05/23	
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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)

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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 - Association

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

Nominated and elected by Committee members

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To provide a safe and affordable pre-school environment for 2-5 year olds.

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)

The setting provides ability for children to enjoy many activities, from arts and craft to outdoor play.

Termly themes are used aligned to EYFS framework, which brings to life learning and education.

The setting is connected to St Margaret's CofE Primary School.

Fundraising is reinvested in the setting; these events range from family events to nearly new sales.

The Committee has reviewed and considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission for 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.

Contributions by families and friends of Little Chestnuts at the events who raised money for replenishing pre-learning toys and new equipment.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year we have organised a number of fundraising events including a Halloween party, a Christmas event and raffle, a Cash4Clothes Drive and an Easter raffle. All required substantial input by members of the Committee and all were a success, although input from parents and carers has not been as forthcoming as previous years.

We were very pleased with our Ofsted report following their inspection in May. We obtained some very positive feedback from both the inspector and many of our parents/carers prior to the inspection and were issued with another "Good" rating.

This year's cohort has remained consistent through the year. Our projected numbers for next year are lower than we hoped for so we are making an effort to increase advertising and reopening our "Stay and Play" sessions which we have not run since Covid, to encourage new families into our setting.

We continue to rely on the local community and family to support us in our goals and fundraising and in particular relying on the village hall to allow us to have our setting in their site. We aspire to supporting the needs of families within our village as well as the surrounding areas.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We continue to hold our reserve account which would support redundancy payments should the pre-school close. The reserve account is also a back-up in case numbers of children attending the setting were to reduce which could affect us long-term, or if we were to require relocation from the current rented premises.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

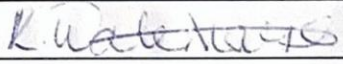
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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)		
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Greenaway	Katherine Waterhouse
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee

Date 02/05/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Little Chestnuts Pre-school

No (if any)
1194353

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
26.07.22

To

Period end date
25.07.23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees	£11,881.50	0	0	11,882	29,309
Fundraising	£ 485.00	0	0	485	5,845
Local Auth Nursery Vouchers	£71,398.50	0	0	71,399	45,333
Outings	£ 145.00	0	0	145	60
Training grants, LA grants	£3,027.70	0	0	3,028	1,500
Uniform income	£ 63.00	0	0	63	211
Wages & Training		0	0	0	100
Bank interest received	81	0	0	81	0
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	87,081	0	0	87,081	82,358

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0

Total receipts	87,081	0	0	87,081	82,358
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A3 Payments

Advertising and recruitment	£ 0.00	0	0	0	220
Fundraising	£ 0.00	0	0	0	3,254
Materials, equipment and ed materials	£ 328.29	0	0	328	2,108
Milk & Refreshments	£ 462.61	0	0	463	688
Outings	£ 383.99	0	0	384	470
Professional fees & payroll	£ 854.00	0	0	854	1,219
Rent, insurance, heating	£8,234.54	0	0	8,235	8,882
Repairs, post, stationery & sundry	£1,192.30	0	0	1,192	4,020
Replacement Equipment	£1,208.97	0	0	1,209	540
Uniform purchases	£ 285.00	0	0	285	673
Wages & Training	£54,368.62	0	0	54,369	57,741
Sub total	67,318	0	0	67,318	79,816

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0

Total payments	67,318	0	0	67,318	79,816
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Net of receipts/(payments)	19,763	0	0	19,763	2,543
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A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
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A6 Cash funds last year end	0	0	0	0	0
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Cash funds this year end	19,763	0	0	19,763	2,543
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
Santander Business Bank Account	65,921	0	0
Santander Deposit Bank Account	17,744	0	0
Petty Cash	0	0	0
Total cash funds			

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

83,665 0 0

Agreement Error

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Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

B6 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		0	
		0	
		0	
		0	
		0	
		0	
		0	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



ELIZABETH GREENAWAY

02/05/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Little Chestnuts Pre-School

On accounts for the year ended

25/07/2023

Charity no
(if any) 1194353

Set out on pages

(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 **25/07/2023**

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").

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

22/06/2024

Name:

Wendy Bowman

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

AAT

Address:

18 Peek Close Lavenham Sudbury Suffolk CO10 9FR

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.