

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

**LITTLE DISCIPLES
CHILDCARE**

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1194380

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1194380
PREVIOUS NAME	Little Disciples Out of School Club
DATE OF REGISTRATION	7th May 2021
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st September 2023
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st August 2024
TRUSTEES AT 31ST AUGUST 2024	Mrs Anna Stephens Mr David Dalrymple Mrs Janet Davies Dr Angela Latham (Appointed 15th November 2023)
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO - Foundation Registered 7th May 2021

OBJECTS

To provide the necessary facilities for daily care, recreation and education of Children out of School hours and to advance the education and training of the persons in the provision of such care, education and recreational facilities.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	St. John The Baptist V.A School Chester Road Penymynydd Chester CH4 0EN
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PRIMARY BANKERS	HSBC Bank Plc 37 Chester Road West Shotton Flintshire Chester CH5 1DE
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of Little Disciples Childcare is to provide high-quality, affordable out-of-school care and wrap around care and activities for children who attend St. John the Baptist School.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Club's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The settings activities are designed to promote the social and play development of children, thus providing significant public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

From September 2023, Little Disciples Childcare (Previously Little Disciples Out of School Club) expanded their services to offer Nursery Plus and Wrap around care to parents and children. This increased our income and we were able to claim the 'Childcare Offer' from the Welsh Government.

Activities

During the year, Little Disciples Childcare operated five days a week during term time and extended from 3 days to 5 days per week during school holidays except Christmas, providing care and activities for children aged 3 to 11. The activities included:

- Arts and crafts workshops.
- Outdoor and Forest School Sessions.
- Wellbeing Sessions.
- Sports and outdoor games.
- Holiday clubs during school breaks.

Impact

- Provided care for an average of 50 children per week.
- Increased the social and development skills of the children through structured activities and support.
- Supported working parents by offering reliable and flexible childcare.
- Provided wellbeing sessions for children who wouldn't usually attend our club through funded places.

Feedback

Parents and guardians provided positive feedback, with 95% expressing satisfaction with the quality of care and range of activities provided.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

Our business development officer has advised us that we should hold reserves and we are currently reviewing this as a priority for our business and will be discussed.

Principal Funding Sources

Little Disciples Childcare's main sources of income are fees charged for childcare services, grants from local authorities, and fundraising activities. We also apply for the Welsh Government's Childcare Offer.

Plans for the Future

The trustees plan to:

- Seek additional funding to improve the facilities.
- Look into possibilities for Little Disciples Childcare to fund their own building.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Law and the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus or deficit of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Governing Document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 18/06/25

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Mrs A Deephene

Printed Name: MRS ANNA STEPHENS

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	53,326	-	53,326	31,432
Charitable Activities	3b	67,030	-	67,030	44,220
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		120,356	-	120,356	75,652
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	116,313	-	116,313	75,997
Governance Costs	4b	1,253	-	1,253	1,140
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		117,566	-	117,566	77,137
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		2,791	-	2,791	(1,485)
Funds Brought Forward		2,270	-	2,270	3,755
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		5,061	-	5,061	2,270

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Aug-24 £	TOTAL 31-Aug-23 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	6,921	-	6,921	3,920
Total Current Assets		6,921	-	6,921	3,920
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	1,860	-	1,860	1,650
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,061	-	5,061	2,270
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		5,061	-	5,061	2,270
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		5,061	-	5,061	2,270
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		5,061	-	5,061	2,270
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		5,061	-	5,061	2,270

Approved by the Trustees on 18/06/25

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Mrs X Stephens

Printed Name: MRS ANNA STEPHENS

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1st January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable. Perishable and non perishable food items donated to the Charity for onward distribution to beneficiaries are not valued in the Statement of Financial Activity.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment

25% - Reducing Balance Basis

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial year.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st August 2024 : None

31st August 2023 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies					
Grants Received		53,326	-	53,326	31,432
		53,326	-	53,326	31,432
b) Charitable Activities					
Childcare Fees		67,030	-	67,030	44,220
		67,030	-	67,030	44,220

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities					
Advertising & Publicity		190	-	190	116
Bank Charges		60	-	60	60
Catering Costs		4,292	-	4,292	2,669
Cleaning Costs		165	-	165	-
Equipment Costs		873	-	873	1,822
Gifts & Donations		-	-	-	312
Health & Safety Costs		216	-	216	50
Insurance Costs		597	-	597	517
Licenses & Subscriptions		331	-	331	887
Printing, Postage & Stationery		984	-	984	527
Rent & Rates		5,500	-	5,500	-
Repairs & Maintenance		52	-	52	3,223
Shelter Costs		-	-	-	7,183
Staff Costs	12	89,398	-	89,398	50,247
Sundry Expenses		497	-	497	383
Telephone Costs		1,285	-	1,285	105
Toys & Resources		11,435	-	11,435	7,185
Training Costs		436	-	436	711
		116,313	-	116,313	75,997
b) Governance Costs					
Independent Examiners Fees	9	960	-	960	900
Legal & Professional Fees		293	-	293	240
		1,253	-	1,253	1,140

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The CIO held no Restricted Funds during this or the previous financial year.

6. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Aug-24 £	TOTAL 31-Aug-23 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	6,921	-	6,921	3,920
	6,921	-	6,921	3,920

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Aug-24 £	TOTAL 31-Aug-23 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Aug-24 £	TOTAL 31-Aug-23 £
Independent Examiners Fees	960	-	960	900
Sundry Creditors	900	-	900	750
	1,860	-	1,860	1,650

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Aug-24 £	TOTAL 31-Aug-23 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	5,061	-	5,061	2,270
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	5,061	-	5,061	2,270

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12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	84,863	49,034
Employer's National Insurance Costs	2,018	100
Pension Contributions	2,517	1,113
	<u>89,398</u>	<u>50,247</u>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2023/24	TOTAL 2022/23
Charitable Activities	8	4

All employed members of staff are paid through the PAYE Scheme and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2022/23:None).

13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of Little Disciples Childcare on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 25th June 2025