

Devons Heartlands Early Years CIO

Trustees' Annual Report

Registered Charity Number: 1196031

For 01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025

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1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Devonshire Heartlands Early Years CIO

Charity Number: 1196031

Registered Office: Exbourne Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exbourne Devon EX20 3RU

Trustees:

Chairman: Tom Poland

Secretary: Kelly Vallance

Treasurer: Peter Vallance

Independent Examiner: A.Kingdom - Crediton

Bankers: Natwest Bank

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Devonshire Heartlands Early Years CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution. Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the constitution. The CIO operates under a Foundation Model, meaning the trustees are also the members. Risk management processes are in place to identify, monitor, and mitigate risks.

Whilst remaining independent, this CIO was created with a view to expand Early Years provision across the there is an intention to transfer Exbourne Pre-School Committee (Charity no. 1025126) into the Devon Heartlands CIO as part of the future development of the Pre-School.

3. Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects:

The development and education of children and young people in particular by:

- Offering appropriate play, education and care facilities, family learning, outreach and extended hour groups.
- Promoting their care and safety
- Promoting their education and advocating parent involvement
- Promoting their health and wellbeing
- Providing services to support them and their families and carers.

Public Benefit Statement:

The trustees confirm they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of Activities:

Provision of Early Years Provision and Summer Club activities in Devon.

4. Achievements and Performance

During 2024 / 25 year Devonshire Heartlands actually started to wind down activities, this was due to the decisions taken by Exbourne Pre-School Committee to remain as Exbourne Pre-School Committee as a Charity and not transition into Devonshire Heartland Early Years. This saw all Exbourne Pre-School finances that were being held by Devonshire Heartland Early Years transition back to the Exbourne Pre-School Charity by end of March 2025.

5. Financial Review

The Financial Account top sheet is attached as a file to the bottom of this document.

Going Concern: The trustees confirm the CIO has been going concern based on current financial position and planned activities.

Now that there is no need for their transition, the CIO trustees are happy that all resources have been transitioned back to Exbourne Pre-School Committee, and the Devonshire Heartland Early Years Treasurer has been in dialogue with Natwest bank to resolve £12 Bank Charge that has been levied.

6. Plans for Future Periods

After resolving the Natwest banking charge there is the intention to wind up the CIO.

7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the CIO's constitution. The trustees must ensure that the financial statements give a true and fair view and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

8. Approval of the Trustees' Report

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Trustee Name	Role	Signature	Date
Tom R Poland	Chairman	_____	31 May 2026
Peter J Vallance	Treasurer	_____	31 May 2026
Kelly J Vallance	Secretary	_____	31 May 2026.

DHEY 2024/25

Aug-25

Income

Fees from Pa A1	7,992.03
Fees from DC A1a	20,572.75
Fees from Tc A1c	0.00
Fees from Sc A1d	0.00
Furlough A1b	0.00
Interest A2	0.00
Fundraising A3	0.00
Sundry A4	34.31

28,599.09

Expenditure

Salaries B1	23,937.25
Hmrc Cont B1a	1,311.28
Pensions B1b	804.35
Rent & Utilit B2	2,933.91
Insurance B3	569.43
Family Subs B4	619.20
Sundry B5	731.98
Materials B6	86.70
Other B7	24.00
Bad Debts B8	0.00

31,018.10

Surplus / (Deficit)

(2,419.01)

TRANSFER EXPS - Out

2,065.01

Starting Bank Balances on 1 Sept 2024

4,472.02

Money at Bank on 30 August 2025

-12.00

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEVON
HEARTLANDS EARLY YEARS CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Devon Heartlands Early Years CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 other than an requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of the 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.

Name: ANITA M. KINGDOM

Relevant professional qualification or Body RETIRED PERSONAL ASSISTANT

Address: 17 PRIMROSE WAY

Date: CREDITON EX17 1BZ
31.5.2026.