



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2022 Period start date To 2nd August 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Little Acorns

Charity registration number: 1199902

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The prevention or relief of poverty anywhere in the world by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.</p> <p>To relieve the poverty of young people by the provision of grants to enable them to participate in healthy recreational &/or educational activities that they could not otherwise afford.</p> <p>For the public benefit to promote the advancement of education (including social and physical training) of people under the age of 25 years in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awarding to such persons scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any university, college or institution of higher or further education.- Providing their education (including the study of music or other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance of that education or to prepare for entry to any occupation, trade or profession on leaving any educational establishment."
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>We have provided monthly financial support to the Future Light Organization, a non-profit organisation, who care for children who are orphaned, abandoned or whose parents are unable to support them. Our main fund raising efforts in this particular financial year was a sponsored</p>

		walk across part of Cambodia. These funds have been used to fund the above.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I can confirm that the Trustees have continual regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. We are all current or former practicing & experienced professionals. All Trustees will keep up to date with the requirements and review information contained in the Charity Commission website and additional/relevant information relevant to their responsibilities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Yes
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	n/a
Other		n/a

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>We have provided financial support to the Future Light Organization, an orphanage based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.</p> <p>Our achievements have included the provision of monthly financial support, such as: -</p> <p>Food, Fire Wood, Electricity, Hygiene Supplies.</p> <p>The funding of blood tests and (where required) vaccinations for new children.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have a positive balance of £3,807.86. Consideration is given jointly by all three trustees to ensure we are making the correct decision on grant making and all funds raised are put to good use.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not intend to hold on to funds unnecessarily. One of our current objectives is to support the monthly running costs of the Future Light Organization, so we do wish to have several months of funds to cover these costs (so support does not immediately disappear), but apart from that, we will seek to provide prompt and worthwhile support for those organisations we have chosen to support.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We have not set a minimum reserve to be held, but this is likely to be GBP5,000 during future financial years.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>So far, funds have been raised/received as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A sponsored walk b) Donations from Friends, family & colleagues c) A presentation of our work to interested parties
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>We do not see any major risks at present. We will not overstretch ourselves and all three Trustees will discuss, consider and decide together if a grant should be awarded.</p>
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		n/a
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	A Constitution, visible on the Charity Commission website
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Para 1.25	Little Acorns was established with three Trustees who know each other well and collectively have a passion for philanthropy. They all have slightly different backgrounds and have held different professional and management roles throughout much their careers, which enables us to have a balanced approach and consideration when considering making a grant.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Little Acorns
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1199902
Charity's principal address	34 Norwich Crescent Rayleigh Essex SS6 9QR

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	Matthew Baker			
2	Bernard Chant			
3	Paul Wilkins			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a


Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Matthew Frederick Baker	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	18 th September 2024	



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Little Acorns

No: 1199902

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st August 2022


To

Period end date
2nd August 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charitable Activities	7,792	-	-	7,792	-
Donation	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,792	-	-	8,792	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,792	-	-	8,792	-
A3 Payments					
Regular donations to Future Light Organization, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to support their day to day running costs	4,959	-	-	4,959	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,959	-	-	4,959	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,959	-	-	4,959	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,833	-	-	3,833	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,833	-	-	3,833	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Matthew Frederick Baker	18/09/2024	