



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From August 2024 To August 2025

Charity name: Helmdon Acorns Pre-School

Charity registration number: 1204208

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups
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	Creating an environment that is safe, nurturing and empowering for the children, enabling them to learn through play. Preparing pre-school children for their transition to primary school.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

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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	Successfully preparing another cohort of children for their transition to primary school. Creating an inclusive, warm and caring environment for children to learn and play in; developing an interest in the outside through Forest School, flower and vegetable beds and general outside play

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		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Pre-School Learning Alliance Model CIO Constitution for Childcare Providers 2013
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	Elected for a period of 12 months at the annual general meeting. Retiring members are eligible for re-election. Co-opted members may join at any time on the invitation of the committee.

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	Helmdon Acorns Pre-School
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1204208
Charity's principal address	Hinton's Close, Helmdon, NN13 5QP

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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

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Other optional information

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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	Simon Allott	Chair		
2	Oliver Beech			
3	Kim Sadler			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	S. T. Allott	
Full name(s)	Simon Allott	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	20/May/2026	

HELMDON ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 August 2025

	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Receipts		
Parent Fees	11,040	17,933
West Northants Council Grants	94,529	75,244
Registration	210	210
Donations	2,637	1,237
Fundraising	579	1,292
Feed in tariff	5,007	-
Uniform	202	237
Snacks and cooking	1,443	1,110
Insurance claim for water leak	5,649	-
Bank interest received	91	85
Total Receipts	121,387	97,348
Payments		
Rent	1,687	2,812
Wages & National Insurance	79,027	70,240
Pension contributions	2,903	2,257
Staff / Graduate Training costs	240	689
Payroll costs	761	1,481
Building and Grounds Maintenance	9,669	2,092
Replacement items	676	974
Electricity & Water	1,076	1,144
Resources	2,899	1,609
Office Costs	668	768
Toys & Equipment	2,513	391
Food & Consumables	1,571	1,196
Uniform	171	347
Insurance	4,193	3,090
Miscellaneous	274	209
Telephone & Internet	1,074	767
Subscriptions	629	460
Independent Examination of Accounts	456	564
HR costs	-	300
Bad debts written off	372	-
Total Payments	110,859	91,390
Surplus for the Year	10,528	5,958
Bank Balances 1st September 2024	16,030	10,072
Bank Balances 31st August 2025	26,558	16,030

HELMDON ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL
Statement of Assets as at 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Deposit Account	12,745	6,131
Current Account	<u>13,813</u>	<u>9,899</u>
	<u>26,558</u>	<u>16,030</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Total Funds	<u>26,558</u>	<u>16,030</u>

Movement in Funds

	Balance 01.09.24	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance 31.08.25
General Fund	16,030	121,387	(110,859)	26,558
Total Funds	<u>16,030</u>	<u>121,387</u>	<u>(110,859)</u>	<u>26,558</u>

Notes to the Accounts

Assets Retained for the Charity's own use

The Charity occupies a purpose built building which has been funded by restricted donations. The total costs incurred at 31 August 2016 were £194,098.

Change of Legal Form

During the year the Pre School changed its legal form from an unincorporated charity to a charitable incorporated charity (CIO). As a result of this change, there has been no significant changes to the beneficiary class, the purposes for which funds are held and the persons who constitute the trustee body.

Although the change took place part way through the accounting year, the figures have been drawn up to include the results of the combining charities for the whole reporting period.

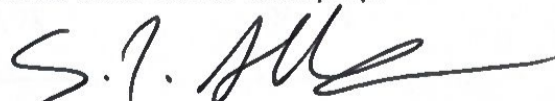
The combined charities are

Helmdon Acorns Pre-School	Charity number 1035898	Unincorporated
Helmdon Acorns Pre School	Charity number 1204208	CIO

The comparative figures are for the unincorporated charity.

Approval

I approve the Receipts and Payments Account set out on Page 2 and the above Statement of Assets, and confirm that all relevant records and information have been made available for their preparation.



Simon Allott :- Trustee
 On Behalf of Helmdon Acorns Pre-school

Date: 21st May 2026

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Helmdon Acorns Pre-School
Charity Number 1204208**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the pre-school for the year ending 31st August 2025, which are set out on pages 2-3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Pre-School 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 Pre-School'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.

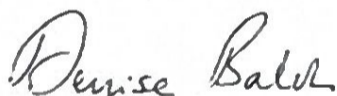
Independent examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect :

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Pre-School as required by section 130 of the Act.
2. 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date : 21st May 2026