

LITTLE GILLIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1204377

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-08-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 MONTHS AND 3 YEARS IN WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA AND THE SURROUNDING AREA FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY;(1) PROMOTING THEIR CARE AND SAFETY; (2) PROMOTING THEIR EDUCATION AND PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT; (3) PROMOTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING;(4) PROVIDING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS.

Activities: Childcare provision for children aged 3 months to 3 years

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£101,050	£69,968	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helena Deakin	Chair	2023-06-01
ALEXANDRA TRIPLOW		2023-06-01
Ben Hunter-Watts		2025-06-12
CATHERINE SCOLES		2023-06-01
Chloe Thompson		2026-05-07
FRANCES NICOLA MARSHALL		2023-06-01
Grace Downing		2026-05-01
Janet Lavender		2025-05-08
LUCY WINES		2023-06-01
Noelle Skivington		2026-02-25
VALERIE CHITTY		2023-06-01

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Registered Charity no: 1204377

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General information

Principal address:

Little Gillies
Polka Road
Wells-Next-The-Sea
NR23 1 JG

Trustees:

Helena Deakin - Chair
Catherine Scoles - Treasurer
Frances Marshall - Secretary
Lucy Wines - Safeguarding Officer
Laura Hannah
Lynne Dowdy
Valerie Chitty
Alexandra Triplow
Katie Rutland
Rev. Brenda Stewart

Independent examiner:

N D Knight FCA
For and on behalf of
Welbourne & Co Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
27 Harwood Road
Norwich
NR1 2NG

Report of the trustees for the period ended 31 August 2024

The trustees of Little Gillies present their annual report and financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

Structure and Management

Little Gillies is a registered charity (no. 1204377) and is governed by its constitution adopted on 16 August 2023

The management and control of Little Gillies is the responsibility of the board of trustees.

Trustees are elected to the board of trustees at the Annual General Meeting.

The objects of Little Gillies are the development and education of children between the ages of 3 months and 3 years in Wells-Next-The-Sea and the surrounding area for the public benefit by:

- a) Promoting their care and safety;
- b) Promoting their education and parental involvement;
- c) Promoting their health and wellbeing;
- d) Providing services to support them and their families and carers.

Report from the Chair

Little Gillies Nursery is A charitable Incorporated Organisation accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community. We offer a friendly environment where learning is encouraged through play providing high quality care and education and working in partnership with parents and carers to help children learn and develop.

Little Gillies Nursery registered as a charity on 16th August 2023 (Number 1204377) and is governed by the constitution It is managed by an elected committee of carers.

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Report of the trustees for the period ended 31 August 2024 continued

The concept of Little Gillies was born in 2023 when a small group of local people decided to set up a CIO in the building you now see on Polka Road adjacent the Wells primary school. The site very unloved with much attention needed. Our initial Ofsted inspection on Friday May 23 went exceedingly well with much support from the Ofsted Inspector. We were awarded our official registration certificate on the 21st November meaning we could open our doors to local children shortly after.

Sarah Beresford was successful in her appointment as manager and has been instrumental in onboarding the seven strong team. Sarah's knowledge, determination and passion for early years was clear from the get go and the trustees worked closely through the initial setup.

We have been highly supported by our local community receiving multiple grants and donations from local people and businesses which have allowed us to develop and improve the site. Norfolk County Council also invested heavily in ensuring the roof no longer leaked and the playground was a safe space for children.

Local children from the Alderman Peel designed the logo that can be seen on all correspondence and signs and have spent time creating beautiful murals in the outside space. We have bought new equipment for both inside and outside the setting to allow children to grow, develop and use their imaginations. We have replaced all lighting within the building to energy efficient bulbs to start to future proof the building. A team from Holkham spent many days replacing the kitchen and repairing cupboards and amenities in the building.

Financially we had a slow start onboarding children shortly after the Ofsted approval therefore ran at a loss for the first months. Over 30 families have brought their children to Little Gillies since this time and we're starting to understand ways to become more efficient whilst maintaining a friendly safe and fun environment for the children. We have held multiple fundraising events including teddy bear sales, candy floss making and a Christmas inflatable bauble. We have a 200 club also generating a regular income for Little Gillies with over 164 members in its first year.

During the first financial year we have had no utilities invoices due to factors outside of our control, therefore these are not reflected in the accounts this year. We have now been presented with these and have held reserves to ensure full payment can be made.

The trustees have been prudent to ensure that every donations and grant made is used as effectively as possible. We are currently working on the outside space which has had much work undertaken on it including removal of a large conifer. Hedgerow that took up over a third of the garden. New fences have been erected to ensure a safe space for the children and we plan to develop this further through using the curiosity approach and creating sensory areas for the children to explore.

We have also purchase the Wellcom system which enables us to assess children and ways in which we can support them better which will also aid their transition to the school nursery as they also use this system.

H Deakin

H Deakin - Chair

23-Jun-25

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Little Gillies

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 of the charity 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 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.

N D Knight

N D Knight FCA

For and on behalf of

Welbourne & Co Ltd

Chartered Certified Accountants

27 Harwood Road

Norwich

NR1 2NG

Date: 23 June 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Activities for generating funds	2	3,804	-	-	3,804
Investment income	3	429	-	-	429
Total incoming resources from generated funds		4,233	-	-	4,233
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	32,058	-	-	32,058
Other incoming resources	5	64,760	-	-	64,760
Total incoming resources		101,050	-	-	101,050
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs		-	-	-	-
Total resources expended for generated funds		-	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	6	60,422	-	-	60,422
Governance costs	7	-	-	-	-
Other resources expended	8	9,546	-	-	9,546
Total resources expended		69,968	-	-	69,968
Net incoming resources for the year		31,082	-	-	31,082
Funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
		31,082	-	-	31,082
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward		31,082	-	-	31,082

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9	1,903	-	-	1,903
Current assets					
Debtors	10	1,279	-	-	1,279
Cash at bank and in hand	11	31,906	-	-	31,906
		35,088	-	-	35,088
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	4,006	-	-	4,006
		31,082	-	-	31,082
Net current assets					
		31,082	-	-	31,082
Total assets less current liabilities					
		31,082	-	-	31,082
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-
		31,082	-	-	31,082
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds		31,082	-	-	31,082
Restricted funds					
		31,082	-	-	31,082
Total funds					
		31,082	-	-	31,082

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 June 2025 on its behalf by :-

H Deakin

H Deakin - Chair

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3	Investment income	Unrestricted Funds	2023	
		£	£	
	Bank interest	429	429	
		429	429	
4	Incoming resources from charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds 2023
		£	£	£
	Fees	32,058		32,058
		32,058	-	32,058
5	Other incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds 2023
		£	£	£
	Miscellaneous			-
	Donations	55,181		55,181
	Other grants	9,578		9,578
		64,760	-	64,760
6	Costs of charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds 2023
		£	£	£
	Wages	52,153	-	52,153
	Pensions	606	-	606
	Training courses	567	-	567
	Rates	237	-	237
	Repairs and renewals	2,724	-	2,724
	Workwear	326	-	326
	Insurance	1,593	-	1,593
	Printing postage and stationery	1,173	-	1,173
	Advertising	34	-	34
	Telephone	297	-	297
	Accountancy fees	711	-	711
		60,422	-	60,422

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7	Governance costs			2024
				£
	Independent examiner's fee			-
8	Other resources expended			2024
				£
	Refreshments and staff entertainment			
	Cleaning			631
	Bank fees			40
	Subscriptions			674
	Sundry expenses			6,841
	Computer expenses			552
	Donations			129
	Depreciation			680
				9,546
9	Fixed assets	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
		£	£	
	Cost			
	Additions	995	1,588	2,583
	Disposals			
	At 31 August 2024	995	1,588	2,583
	Depreciation			
	Depreciation for the year	202	478	680
	Disposals			
	At 31 August 2024	202	478	680
	Net Book Value			
	At 31 August 2024	793	1,110	1,903
10	Debtors			2024
				£
	Fees			1,279
				1,279

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11	Cash at bank and in hand	2024
		£
	Current Account	29,359
	Reserve Account	2,548
	Petty Cash	
		31,906

12	Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year	2024
		£
	Trade creditors	171
	Other creditors	
	Taxation and social security	933
	Accruals and deferred income	2,902
		4,006

13 Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the trustee received any remuneration during the year.

Trustees were reimbursed for minor charity expenses during the year which were individually always less than £100.

14	Employee emoluments	2024
		£
	Wages	49,705
	Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	606
		50,311

The average number of employees during the year was 7

There were no employees who received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

15 Fund reconciliation

	Balance at 16/09/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	-		69,968	-
Total Unrestricted Funds	-	-	69,968	-
Restricted Funds		-	-	-
Total Funds	-	-	69,968	-

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during either this year.