

TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 293544

Details

Other names	WINSLOW PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1986-01-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE BY (A) PROVIDING SAFE AND SATISFYING GROUP PLAY, IN WHICH PARENTS TAKE PART WHEN APPROPRIATE; (B) ENCOURAGING OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHICH PARENTS MAY HELP THE CHILDREN.

Activities: TreeHouse Pre-School provides social development and education for children under statutory school age.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WINSLOW
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£233,611	£233,611	-	-
2023-08-31	£172,229	£179,439	-	-
2022-08-31	£160,734	£164,715	-	-
2021-08-31	£145,911	£148,038	-	-
2020-08-31	£144,428	£138,572	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kirstine Beeley	Chair	2024-03-26
Danielle Smith-Rewse		2023-05-25

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Treehouse Preschool AGM – Weds 8th October 2025

Chairperson's Report

I have to begin by acknowledging that this annual general meeting is 17 months since the last one due to lots of circumstances beyond our control. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to attend this meeting your support of our little charity is greatly appreciated as always.

When I became Chairperson in May 2024 there were a number of challenges facing our organisation including having a new management team in place; with Liz still reasonably new to the Manager role and Sam Goss new to the office administrator role. We have had a year of finding our feet, pulling together and putting lots of processes in place to ensure the future proofing of Treehouse as both a charity and a preschool.

As you will hear in the Treasurer report we were faced with considerable financial challenges as a result of various factors post pandemic. As a committee and staff team we have pulled together and have all worked really hard with the ongoing support of the team at Bucks County Council to make sure that as we enter another academic year we are in a much better position to face the future.

That said, none of this would have been possible without the ongoing support of the local community with various organisations stepping in to mitigate incidental spending. I would like to thank the Winslow Rotary Club and Lions Clubs for stepping and helping us to purchase a new dishwasher and a new printer for the office, to the Women's Institute for purchasing our two air conditioning units which have ensured that Treehouse is much more comfortable in the extremes of weather that we are now facing. Our thanks also go to the amazing team at David Wilson Homes who not only provided a huge financial donation but whose senior management team, including the CEO turned out en masse to revamp the outdoor space to the front and the side of the building. They also helped with providing skips and the new storage sheds to the side of the building too.

Without the ongoing support of the Winslow community Treehouse, as a small charity which is completely independent of the primary school, would not be able to continue. Many have donated individual items via our Amazon wishlist or the donation tree in the foyer and the fabulous team at the Jet garage provide us with fresh fruit for our healthy snacks on a daily basis as do Lidl and Aldi in Buckingham on occasion.

The sense of community that we have felt in this past year and a bit has shown us how valued Treehouse is within the Winslow community. With more houses being built and no plans for further early years development within the town, our place as a provider of

high quality early education and support to the whole family will be more needed going forward than ever before.

I cannot report on this year without mentioning the Ofsted inspection that took place earlier this year and to have a chance to shout from the rooftops once again that we were graded as Outstanding in all areas for a third consecutive time. As an early years consultant who trains local authorities, schools and nurseries across the whole of the UK I need to reiterate how fantastic this is. It is hard enough to get the highest grading once but to have maintained that level of quality and care for over 10 years is virtually unheard of. This is testament to Liz and her team who work tirelessly to support each and every child and their wider families on a daily basis. They provide your children with the very best start in life and recent conversations with local schools have really noticed how Treehouse children are being really well prepared from their journey in to the wider school system and life long learning. The staff at Treehouse really do go above and beyond to make this place the safe, supportive and exciting place for the young children of the local area. Thank you to each and every one of them.

As well as the best Ofsted result we could hope for, the team has also managed to maintain their status as Children's champions and recently gained Eco Schools accreditation with the help of Dani on the committee. We are now looking into being one of the first settings in the area to be awarded Millies Mark for having every member of staff paediatric first aid trained – a standard that is well above the uk legal requirement but reinforces our commitment to providing the very highest standard of care for your children while they are with us.

I must take time to thank Liz, Sam Noury and Dani for their work as designated safeguarding leads. This year has not been an easy one and there have been some really challenging situations to be a part of and yet they all work together to make sure that every child is supported at all times.

I would like to personally thank Liz on her own for taking the helm as manager and steering Treehouse forward to what can only be a great future. She works tirelessly, often in her own time, to ensure that Treehouse stays the amazing place we all know and love even when she has had some difficult personal challenges along the way. Thank you Liz for all that you do. Thanks also to Sam Noury for agreeing to step up as deputy manager. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow into the new role. Thanks to Sam Goss for establishing key systems that will see Treehouse through the years to come in a much more ordered and future proofed way.

Finally thank you to the committee who have helped to make these changes possible. As a charity we need family members as trustees to comply with our legal framework. Thank you to all those who have given up their time to ensure that Treehouse continues to operate. Sadly we will be losing many of the existing committee as they move

onwards with their children to work on new adventures many of which are with schools across the county. Louisa will be stepping down after many years as Treasurer as will Harriet our Secretary. Thank you to Ruth and Claire who are also now stepping down. Thank you to them all for their support and service. I look forward to working with a new committee team going forward to exciting new projects.

We know that the challenges of the past year will not go away overnight. Changes to employment costs and increased challenges to fund support for those children who need it the most will mean we will continue to reach out to the community for both financial and practical support. Treehouse is at the heart of the Winslow community and the Winslow community have definitely this year ensured that Treehouse stays that way. Thank you to each and every person who has donated money, time, equipment and enthusiasm. We look forward with excitement and hope to that continuing for many years to come.

Kirstine Beeley

Chairperson

TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

<u>Capital Fund as at 1 September 2023</u>	17,361
<u>Add</u> Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	11,316
	28,677
<u>Capital Fund as at 31 August 2024</u>	28,677

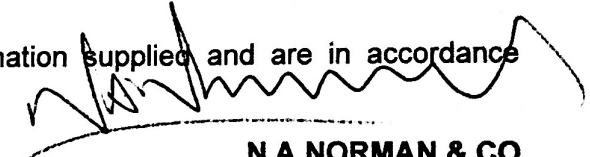
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

ASSETS

Bank Accounts	Fundraising A/c 4,360 Surplus A/c 15 Redundancy A/c 9,802 Treasurers A/c 30,510 Resources A/c 1,886 Deprivation A/c 1,597	_____ 48,170
Debtors and Prepayments		893 _____ 49,063
<u>Less LIABILITIES</u>		20,386 _____ 28,677
<u>NET ASSETS PER CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>		_____ 28,677 _____

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26 August 2025
Winslow


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TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

Funding	193,322
Fees Received	24,928
Interest Received	268
Donations	418
Fundraising Income	4,675
Grants	10,000

EXPENDITURE

Salaries (inc. pension costs)	192,458
Resources – Staffing	3,564
Payroll Costs	1,252
Rent and Rates	13,534
Books and Publications	69
Cleaning Materials	689
Craft Materials and Toys	24
Theme Activities and Special Events	227
Equipment	1,891
Insurances	1,517
Telephone and Internet	780
Stationery and Postages	2,181
Catering	47
Registration and Affiliation Fees	622
Tee Shirt/Sweatshirt Purchases	89
Health and Safety Costs	661
Training	240
Accountancy Fees	864
Fundraising Costs	64
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,461
Bank Charges	61
Excess of Income over Expenditure	11,316

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Treasurers Report

This past year and a bit have given us considerable challenges financially when it comes to the sustainability of Treehouse as a small charity organisation.

At the start of the year we needed to find a lot of money to bridge the gap between overhead costs and funding provided by the local authority. This coupled with the considerable cost of renting the premises from the school mean a focus on massive fundraising initiatives was needed.

I am pleased to report that we have in the past 17 months managed to secure substantial grants from Buckinghamshire Council and the team at county hall have supported us amazingly as we build a future proofed and viable preschool for the future.

We have been lucky enough to receive financial support from many local organisations including the Lions and Rotary Clubs in Winslow, the Women's Institute and David Wilson Homes who donated £1500. A fundraising campaign on GoFundMe at the end of last year was very successful in pulling in personal donations and we are looking to repeat this in the coming year. We received £500 from Tesco as part of their blue token voting scheme and will be submitting a proposal to be included again in one of the upcoming rounds.

As an organisation we have worked tirelessly to make sure that we are now only spending on essential resources and wherever possible we have reached out to the local community to help with the cost of cleaning materials, office supplies and first aid resources as well as daily consumables such as paint, glue sticks, playdough ingredients etc. We have been gifted new laptops for the team and were able to secure the PAT testing, gutter cleaning and window cleaning free of charge.

Going forward we have now invested in electronic accounting software to streamline the financial processes and we will continue to need to seek substantial grant support from the local community and beyond. As ever we are actively looking for families whose employers may have charitable donation schemes including match funding options. Please let the committee or Liz know if you think this may be the case.

Our single biggest overheads remain the staff costs which will again increase in April in line with government guidelines and our rent which at over £1000 a month will also continue to increase in line with yearly financial indexes.

Treehouse, as with other charities, will continue to require additional ongoing financial support to cover costs and we are already shortlisting possibilities for the coming year. As an organisation showcasing best practice in early years Bucks Council have confirmed their intention to continue to support us in this transition period and we look forward to hopefully a much more positive and sustainable future.

The accounts submitted for verification for this AGM cover the year prior to this and show that steps were already being taken to improve on the situation from previous years. A copy of these accounts is available to view upon request. We are confident that the next set of accounts for the year up to the end of August 2025 will continue to show considerable positive improvement in the finances of the charity. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations of money and resources which ensure Treehouse has a positive future in Winslow.

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Treehouse AGM 2024

Chair's Report

Chair: Ruth Falcon

Good morning to you all and thank you for your time today.

As ever, it has been a busy year here at Treehouse, and as always, we are incredibly grateful for the endless effort from the Treehouse staff who make this pre-school the wonderful place that it is. They have been resilient and flexible to the changes they have faced and have demonstrated their great strength as they have continued to provide fantastic provision for the children. I would like to give an extra special thanks to Liz who has navigated the preschool through another challenging year, sacrificing much of her personal time to ensure that the preschool runs smoothly every day.

I would also like to thank the members of the committee for all the time that they have given up for meetings and fundraising. I'd like to thank Sarah Dudley (who will be stepping down this year) for all the years she has contributed to our committee – we are very grateful. We are also saying goodbye to Emma Tunaley and Sarah Falcon who will no longer be members of the committee, and we thank them for their help and support over the last 14 months.

Our committee relies on parents and members of the local community to volunteer to help to run the pre-school. Many may not be aware that Treehouse is a Charity that is operated through a parent-led committee. Increasingly, recruiting members to the committee is becoming challenging, and therefore, as a committee, we are considering other charitable structures that will make operating easier going forward.

Committee activities in the last year

Some of our highlights this year have been:

- Attending the Winslow Show. We had great fun running the stall where children and adults enjoyed our game POT LUCK. It was so lovely to catch up with past and present families of Treehouse – it was a great reminder of the widespread positive impact Treehouse has had on the Winslow and surrounding community. The Committee would like to reiterate their gratitude to the staff that helped to man the stall for the day.
- In October, Steve (Liz's partner) and I ran the Swanbourne Endeavour to raise money for the pre-school – we had a blast and are looking to do the same again as soon as possible!
- Our many bake sales and Christmas events (reindeer food and hot chocolate cones) have been very popular so thank you to all who baked, helped and donated to raise money for the preschool.
- We have received a great deal of support from the Winslow Lions this year, for which we are extremely grateful. Their support has included donating, delivering and installing a new fridge for us, funding new cameras for the setting, and in the last 2 weeks they have approved a donation of over £600 to help us to buy a new printer and ink for the office. A special note of thanks for all their support this year.

Another important activity this year has been the committee's recruitment of new staff, alongside Liz. We have welcomed several new members of staff this year, and it has been a pleasure to see them settle so well into the Treehouse family. They include (in no order): Sam Goss, Sarah Baxter, Jasmine Riddiford, Liz Gough, Jess Roberts and Kirstie King.

The committee successfully renewed the lease for the premises back in March this year. This has had a huge impact on our finances (which will be reflected in our financial statement at next year's AGM).

As a result of continuing rises in the rate for our rent and Living Wage increases, we are working closely with Bucks County Council as they assist us with our financial sustainability.

Looking ahead, our focus as a committee now lies in significant fundraising through events, donations, and grants. Additionally, we will continue to rely on donations via our Amazon Wishlist and GoFundMe page, as well as the enormously helpful donations we receive from our Treehouse families from our donation tree in the foyer.

I now pass on the role of Chair to Kirstine and thank her for all her efforts in the last 6 weeks as she has prepared to take over. Kirstine comes to the Committee with a wealth of personal experience relating to Treehouse, which will be invaluable in supporting the aims of the Committee in the year to come. She has already made a huge impact on our fundraising efforts and has used her connections in the local community to gain the support of many local businesses.

And of course, thank you to all our families, particularly those of you here today as without you, we wouldn't be able to open!

On a final note from me, I would like to, once again, thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work to make this the wonderful setting that it is.

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30 April 2024

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Dear Ruth

Further to seeing you recently, please find enclosed three copies of the Treehouse Pre-School accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

Funding	145,328
Fees Received	21,753
Interest Received	173
Donations	260
Fundraising Income	2,061
Grants	2,654

EXPENDITURE

Salaries (inc. pension costs)	158,133
Resources – Staffing	1,730
Payroll Costs	1,121
Rent and Rates	9,675
Books and Publications	102
Cleaning Materials	292
Craft Materials and Toys	255
Theme Activities and Special Events	111
Equipment	534
Insurances	1,427
Telephone and Internet	675
Stationery and Postages	1,373
Catering	47
Registration and Affiliation Fees	803
Tee Shirt/Sweatshirt Purchases	53
Health and Safety Costs	1,514
Training	500
Accountancy Fees	720
Fundraising Costs	30
Miscellaneous Expenses	278
Bank Charges	66

Excess of Expenditure over Income 7,210

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

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	Surplus A/c	15	
	Redundancy A/c	9,614	
	Treasurers A/c	26,277	
	Resources A/c	1,850	
	Deprivation A/c	1,571	
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Petty Cash	43
Stock on Hand	89
Debtors and Prepayments	879
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Less LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors	25,077
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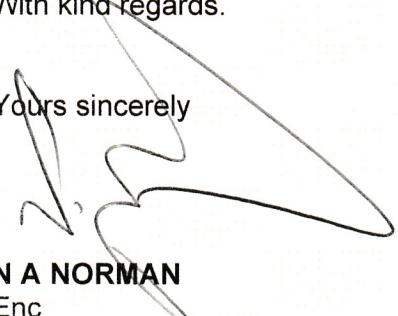
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Treehouse AGM 2023

Chair's Report

Chair: Ruth Falcon

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As ever, it has been a busy year here at Treehouse, and as always, we are so grateful for everything the staff do to make Treehouse the wonderful place that it is.

For most of us now, it feels like COVID is becoming a thing of the past, but the effect it has had on our children and our wellbeing still resonates with us today, and so we are grateful to the resilience and determination that the staff show every day.

I want to thank Liz and the management team for all they have done over the past year. Particularly as Liz has continued with the role of Manager. At last year's AGM Debs mentioned that Becky would take on the role following her completion of her QTS. However, at the time it was agreed that Liz would continue as Manager and Becky would continue to grow as a Deputy.

Changes to the Committee:

This year we have seen some changes to our committee members. They are as follows:

- Due to personal circumstances, Debs stepped back at Chair in March and Ruth took over.
- Kirstie and Hayley stepped back from the committee as they prepared for their children to move on to new schools and their work commitments increased.
- Sarah Dudley has handed in her notice as Secretary but has kindly offered to continue the role until we recruit a new one.
- Lacie, our Safeguarding lead for the Committee, is also looking to step back as her work commitments increase, -so we are keen to recruit as soon as possible.

Committee activities in the last year

Over the past year, we have

- Met more regularly and consistently to discuss matter arising.
- Carried out a well-being staff meeting and introduced a well-being policy for the staff.
- Recruited more bank staff.
- Negotiated the lease renewal with Buckinghamshire Council and the school (which is ongoing and very nearly complete).
- Assisted with spreading bark at the front of treehouse.
- Started planning how to fundraise and have made applications for funding.

Committee aims for next year:

Next year our main aim is to start significant fundraising projects to improve the financial health of the preschool. At the moment, we are not where we want to be in our fundraising, but we believe we can get there with more regular events and grant applications.

Here are some of the activities we are planning:

- A Treehouse presence at the Swanbourne Endeavour, with a view that people will participate and raise funds for Treehouse.
- Fundraising through bake sales after sessions
- Grant applications to local Charities

As well as fundraising, we also want to continue to support the lovely Treehouse staff, particularly in line with our new well-being policy. Our introduction of a well-being officer on the committee and regular check ins with the staff, alongside the aims we set together with the staff will help us to achieve this.

TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

Funding	134,604
Fees Received	22,205
Interest Received	8
Donations	60
Fundraising Income	1,857
Grants	2,000

EXPENDITURE

Salaries (inc. pension costs)	143,156
Payroll Costs	782
Rent and Rates	9,349
Books and Publications	92
Cleaning Materials	310
Craft Materials and Toys	373
Theme Activities and Special Events	(71)
Equipment	1,208
Insurances	1,013
Telephone and Internet	630
Stationery and Postages	1,470
Catering	88
Registration and Affiliation Fees	866
Tee Shirt/Sweatshirt Purchases	35
Health and Safety Costs	1,072
Training	3,202
Accountancy Fees	648
Miscellaneous Expenses	435
Bank Charges	57

Excess of Expenditure over Income 3,981

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TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

<u>Capital Fund as at 1 September 2021</u>	28,552
<u>Less</u> Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	3,981
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<u>Capital Fund as at 31 August 2022</u>	24,571
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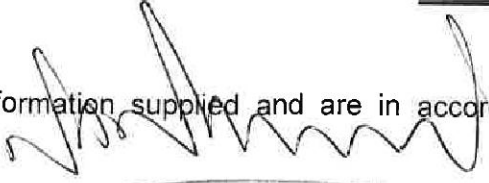
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

ASSETS

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	Surplus A/c	12	
	Redundancy A/c	17,070	
	Treasurers A/c	14,549	
	Resources A/c	2,281	
	Deprivation A/c	2,860	
		<hr/>	37,159
Petty Cash			69
Stock on Hand			141
Debtors and Prepayments			799
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			38,168
<u>Less LIABILITIES</u>			
Sundry Creditors			13,597
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Treehouse AGM 23/06/22

Good Morning and firstly I want to thank you all for coming. As you know the AGM is a very important and legal meeting which enables Treehouse to continue trading and must be carried out yearly, so your presence is invaluable.

This year has been a strange one to say the least not only from the loss of Sarah, our previous manager but many other things have been thrown at us along the way. The ladies have been excellent coping with the changes and challenges along the way and I would like to extend my gratitude to them also.

We cannot have this years AGM without discussing Covid and the impact this has had on forever changing the outlook of Treehouse. Everyone here, parents and families included reacted so brilliantly to the daily changes enforced upon us by government and local council guidelines, I couldn't be prouder of the team who, along with myself had to make it a daily routine of checking these changes every morning and evening to make sure everything was being followed to the letter. If anything; this time showed true solidarity in the team. Sadly due to Covid we endured cuts to the usual funding and grants that we are available to us. Suddenly more charities and companies were applying for this funding meaning more than ever the amounts we were able to try and apply for were dwindling. We are trying our hardest at current, however the bank balances are not looking healthy. Along with rising rent costs, utilities, wages and no rise in government funding to reflect this, Treehouse is finding it very difficult to stay afloat and be able to offer the same level of experience we hope to provide from our outstanding setting. Talking of staying afloat, one of the things thrown at us last term was the flooding. We did our best at keeping yourselves and authorities informed as to the situation and had to make some very quick decisions. The staff worked solidly coming in outside of hours and weekends to ensure the safety of everyone involved. I am pleased to say that only minimal damage considering the size of the flood, was sustained thanks to the quick thinking and work of those involved so Thankyou.

One of the main changes this year has been to the staffing. As mentioned we lost Sarah at Christmas after many years of service. She left the reins to Becky who came on board whilst completing her QTS training. The pressure of learning a new role and completing her training meant that her work/life balance was off. Between Becky, Liz and I; we came up with the decision for Liz to take over temporarily as leader to take the pressure off. The plan is for Becky to take over once her QTS is complete. I think you will all join me in thanking Liz for her support and fantastic leadership.

One of the main concerns we currently have is the set up of the committee. As you may be aware we need to have a certain number of parental representation within the committee to legally run. This is however not currently being met which means we need an intake of committee members to fulfil our requirements. We have been lucky enough to have some parents step forward to dedicate some time to help bring Treehouse back to its former glory, however we are still on the lookout for a few more people to step forward and help with a fundraising part of the committee and get raising

some money for Treehouse and step up our presence within Winslow to increase numbers for September.

Looking forward to September, we are looking at reduced numbers of paid places within the setting. There may be a number of reasons for this; one being the full time opening of Rainbows nursery in the school. We are currently looking at ways to advertise us further, something we have never had to do too much of thanks to word of mouth through others and our amazing reputation.

For now our main focus is fundraising. If you have some time you are able to spare or even contacts who may be able to offer their assistance, please consider helping us out with the committee. We will only ask you to help whenever you are able and never expect any more.

I thankyou for your time this morning and hope you are able to help us out in the future if not right now!

TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

Funding	80,805
Fees Received	57,101
Interest Received	1
Donations	390
Fundraising Income	504
Grants	7,110

EXPENDITURE

Salaries (inc. pension costs)	129,488
Payroll Costs	718
Rent and Rates	8,611
Pupil Premium	683
Books and Publications	105
Cleaning Materials	245
Craft Materials and Toys	157
Theme Activities and Special Events	122
Equipment	1,178
Insurances	1,039
Telephone and Internet	588
Stationery and Postages	1,185
Catering	126
Registration and Affiliation Fees	510
Tee Shirt/Sweatshirt Purchases	5
Health and Safety Costs	1,494
Training	435
Covid Equipment	348
Accountancy Fees	612
Miscellaneous Expenses	389

Excess of Expenditure over Income 2,127

148,038

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TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

<u>Capital Fund as at 1 September 2020</u>	30,679
<u>Less</u> Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	2,127
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<u>Capital Fund as at 31 August 2021</u>	28,552
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

ASSETS

Bank Accounts	Fundraising A/c	2	
	Surplus A/c	333	
	Redundancy A/c	1,657	
	Treasurers A/c	15,373	
	Grants A/c	30	
	Deprivation A/c	11,542	
		<hr/>	28,937
Petty Cash			51
Stock on Hand			176
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			29,164
<u>Less LIABILITIES</u>			
Sundry Creditors			612
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<u>NET ASSETS PER CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>			28,552
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5 April 2022
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Dear Zena

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With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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P.S. The records are now available for
collection.



TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 293544

Accounts

Trustees Reports (Chairs & Preschool Leader)

Chairpersons Report 2019-2020

This year has been a strange one for all, as such the chairpersons report cannot be full of all the wonderful achievements we would have love to have been reporting. Instead we have had to put all our focus into Making Treehouse the safe and fun environment we have grown to love but with the added essential safety restrictions imposed on us.

I would like to extend our gratitude to all of our Treehouse families who have made this transition to the new normal so much easier. Your support has been essential to this transition.

The other people integral to the running of Treehouse are our fabulous Treehouse ladies. In particular the amazing job that both Sarah and Zena have done in ensuring Treehouse is still the wonderful place we know and love. So thankyou from all of us. Seeing Treehouse from this side during the pandemic has been a real eye opener but not for the bad things, it has shown me what a wonderful team we have here. Always ready to jump in when needed, support each other when times feel tough. The Team worked in small bubbles to create a safe space and make it as covid secure as it could possibly be. Without this strength and determination of this fantastic team head by an even more fantastic leader, who knows what could have happened to our wonderful Pre-School. So a huge thankyou goes to the staff for going above and beyond by providing their time, commitment and effort in making this happen.

The committee this year have had to continue keeping a tight rein on the finances, the funding in which can be applied for has been either reduced or stretched further than ever before meaning criteria has also increased. We have had to put up wages again in line with minimum wage, yet government schemes have not increased to reflect this and therefore the deficit continues to widen. It is imperative now more than ever that all funding and fundraising is our main focus. Sadly our usual cake sales and other fundraising favourites have had to be put on hold due to current restrictions but we hope to be able to put together a fundraising calendar together as soon as we are able to.

We have just recently been able to reconnect with other organisations within Winslow from our donation support. Thanks to Sarah the Lions are willing to match fund a £500 donation to replace the shed in the garden that has sadly become dilapidated. The other funding in the pipeline being the Co-op local community fund for this year and reapplication pending successful application will continue to bring in a small amount of funding to top up our fundraising pot. Tesco Buckingham who run their bags for help scheme have begun new rounds of fundraising of which I hope we will be successful. Other fundraising ideas are to be discussed at the next Committee meeting, of which I hope we may see some new faces to add ideas to the pot.

One idea we are hoping to bring back once restrictions are lifted is the donation tree. In the past the tree in Treehouse entrance once housed leaves which contained an item that we were in need of to supplement our play. This proved invaluable providing resources for things like our homemade play dough, pasta for arts and crafts and other things to top up the creation station. In time we hope that parents will jump on board and add extra things to their shopping trolleys when out and about and when restrictions allow.

We are determined more than ever this year to develop the land to the side of the building that we have acquired. We have already secured the funding for fencing to be put along the side but now need funding to develop this area into a fantastic forest area where the children will be able to explore, learn and grow from. Its going to be a big task but with a great committee with great ideas behind it Treehouse can do it.

And finally I just wanted to say that although the last year may feel like it has set us back, we will continue to strive to continue our Repeat Ofsted status and make the preschool feel like a home from home for not only the children but all of our treehouse families too.

Debra Penn

Chairperson

15/06/21

Leaders Report June 2021

Hello everyone, thank you for coming.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support over this unprecedented past year. The children have all been amazing at adapting to the new systems in place and have astounded us with their resilience and ability to adapt.

Despite the various lockdowns and restrictions it delights me to inform you that as a staff team we have completed the ICAN accreditation, this is a **nationally recognised Early Years award** which endorses that a setting has the ability to support the Communication and Language needs of its children. The accreditation process develops a practitioner's awareness and skills in the area of Early Years communication and language.

We continue to work with other professionals such as health visitors and salt to ensure that all children continue to thrive and reach their full potential. The well-being Your children is at the heart of everything we do and will continue to be so.

Looking forward we will be adapting aspects of our provision in line with the revised Early years foundation stage, further information regarding this will be sent out over coming few weeks.

We are looking forward to the coming year and hopefully having you all back in the setting for drop off and collection, We have missed you.

I would like to once again thankyou all for your patience this past year and also a massive thankyou to the staff for doing an amazing job under what has at times been extraordinary circumstances.

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TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

Funding	126,213
Fees Received	15,950
Interest Received	26
Donations	1,660
Fundraising Income	579

EXPENDITURE

Salaries (inc. pension costs)	119,285
Payroll Costs	971
Rent and Rates	10,802
Books and Publications	99
Cleaning Materials	395
Craft Materials and Toys	865
Theme Activities and Special Events	16
Equipment	850
Insurances	918
Telephone and Internet	552
Stationery and Postages	1,442
Catering	19
Repairs and Maintenance	70
Registration and Affiliation Fees	429
Tee Shirt/Sweatshirt Purchases	7
Health and Safety Costs	524
Training	535
Accountancy Fees	588
Miscellaneous Expenses	205
Excess of Income over Expenditure	5,856

144,428

144,428

TREEHOUSE PRE-SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

<u>Capital Fund as at 1 September 2019</u>	24,823
<u>Less</u> Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	5,856
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<u>Capital Fund as at 31 August 2020</u>	30,679
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

ASSETS

Bank Accounts	Fundraising A/c	137	
	Surplus A/c	81	
	Redundancy A/c	12,841	
	Treasurers A/c	14,668	
	Resources A/c	3,230	
	Deprivation A/c	98	
		<hr/>	31,055
Petty Cash			31
Stock on Hand			181
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			31,267
<u>Less LIABILITIES</u>			
Sundry Creditors			588
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<u>NET ASSETS PER CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>			30,679
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4 May 2021
Winslow


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Finance Report

Period September 2019 to August 2020

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been audited by N.A. Norman & Co. They show an excess of income over expenditure in the period of £5856

It is important to note that a provisional payment of £14,496 for Early Years Funding covering the Autumn 2020 term (Sept 2020) was received in this period. The true reflection of income and expenditure for 2019-2020 would mean that for this accounting period we had an excess of expenditure over income of £8640

In September 2019, following several years of careful planning with our budget we had hoped and planned that by the end of this accounting year we would in a break even position. However, March 2020 saw the start of the Coronavirus pandemic and lockdown. As a preschool the government asked us to stay open to look after vulnerable children and those of keyworkers. Initially our contracted staff worked with Winslow C of E School to provide Early Years Learning and support children alongside the staff at the school. By pooling our resources together with the school both settings were able to keep staff on site to a minimum and maintain smaller class bubbles. Therefore, from late March to early June the pre-school building remained closed. In June we noticed an increase in keyworker parents who had previously made alternative arrangements for childcare request that their child return to the setting. Due to this increase the preschool building was reopened in June. With the reopening we had to ensure that the building was covid safe and that our staff were always protected. We noticed a significant pricing increase for certain 'in demand' items that we now needed in order to reopen, this put an extra unexpected strain on our finances.

Our income was heavily affected in this financial year due to the pandemic, Early Educational Funding (EEF) was received based on our spring provisional claim. This provisional claim did not include children that were due to start with us in the summer term, which is one of our biggest intakes of children. We would have also received an income from private fees, although once again these fees were not received as the setting was closed. We investigated how we could reduce our expenditure for this period. Our landlord Buckinghamshire County Council advised that our rent must still be paid even though the building was closed. Also, as we receive EEF the government had stated that certain contracts must be upheld to safeguard and protect the service industry, in our case this was PHS who are contracted for the waste disposal of nappy bins. We investigated the furlough scheme being provided by the government, however as we receive government funding in the form of EEF we were unable to furlough our contracted staff for this period. However, we were able to furlough our zero-hour staff from May until July as we could prove that these staff members would have been paid from our private fee's income.

We investigated the governments different grant schemes available during the pandemic, but unfortunately were not eligible for any of these. Because of the EEF we receive we were not entitled to the charity grant. As a registered charity we do not pay business rates, so were not eligible for the small business grant. We were however advised by Buckinghamshire County Council that should we get in a position that all our reserves had been used and we had no other source of income to continue operating then they would look into helping us out.

TreeHouse successfully applied to the Buckinghamshire SEN Inclusion fund in January 2020. This resulted in receiving a payment of £6723 in February. Although the money was initially received to support SEN children in the setting for the summer term, as the setting was closed during this period the money was put towards the general running costs of the preschool and subsequently topped up by monies transferred from our reserves accounts to ensure that the business remained operational.

Looking forward, TreeHouse is working hard to increase the number of children attending the setting, so that our potential for income is at it's greatest. We are aware that due to the pandemic parents now have different work commitments and that these can change at short notice, we are therefore trying to be as flexible as possible for parents who are looking for placements at TreeHouse. With several training courses being cancelled because of Covid we are working hard to bring all our staff training requirements back up to date and we are already looking at group bookings for Safeguarding and First Aid courses. We continue to invest and apply for grants so that the equipment within the setting (both indoors and outdoors) can be replaced, ensuring that the provision continues to be of the highest quality. We are also looking at developing our outside area further and the school has gifted us a piece of land for us to develop. Specific grants will be applied for to cover this project. With careful planning and good use of funds we hope to be able to break even at the end of the next account year.

Prepared by Zena Birch (Admin Officer)

Approved by Debra Penn (Chair)