

## **Treehouse AGM 2023**

### **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 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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**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

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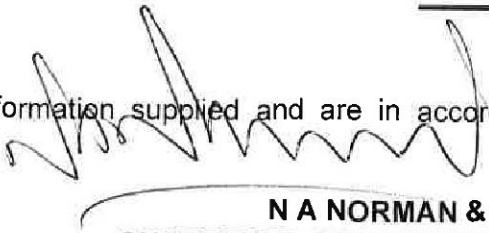
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022**

**ASSETS**

Bank Accounts	Fundraising A/c	387	
	Surplus A/c	12	
	Redundancy A/c	17,070	
	Treasurers A/c	14,549	
	Resources A/c	2,281	
	Deprivation A/c	2,860	
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Petty Cash			69
Stock on Hand			141
Debtors and Prepayments			799
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			38,168
<b><u>Less LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Sundry Creditors			13,597
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<b><u>NET ASSETS PER CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u></b>			24,571
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The foregoing accounts have been prepared from information supplied and are in accordance therewith.

**4 April 2023**  
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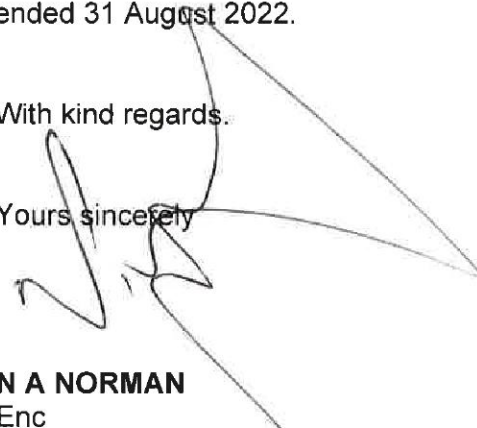
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Dear Zena

Please find enclosed three copies of the Treehouse Pre-School accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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