

## **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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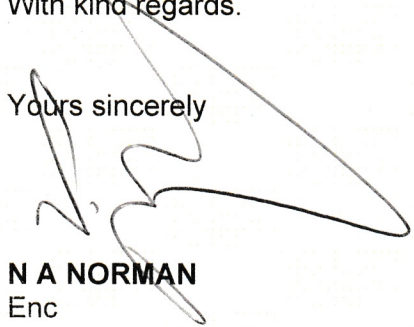
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Dear Ruth

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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**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

<b><u>Capital Fund as at 1 September 2022</u></b>	24,571
<b><u>Less</u></b> Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	7,210
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023**

**ASSETS**

Bank Accounts	Fundraising A/c	2,100	
	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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**NET ASSETS PER CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

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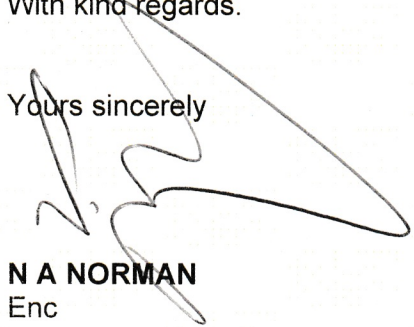
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