

Little Doves Ltd

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101445

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-01-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The company is established: 1. To enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children by offering appropriate play facilities with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the Group, ensuring that the Group offers opportunities for all children, regardless of religion, culture race or means. 2. To encourage the study of needs of such children and their families. 3. To promote the public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in the local areas 4. To support the values and principles of Early Years, the organisation for young children.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training,Playgroup/after schools

Who the charity helps: Preschool (0-5 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£85,563	£76,726	£0	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr John Nightingale		
Mr Neil Mcrobbie		
Mr Samuel McMahon		
Mr William Sproule		
Mrs Elizabeth Black		
Mrs Margaret Spiers		
Mrs Sarah McIntyre		
Ms Kathleen Millar		

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Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI050384
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC101445

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
30 APRIL 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

The trustees', who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Reference and administration details

Registered charity name Little Doves Limited

Charity Registration Number NIC101445

Company Registration Number NI050384

Registered Office 3 Dalton Rise
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Co. Down
BT23 5HS

The Trustees Mrs B Black
Mrs S McIntyre
Mr S McMahon
Mr N McRobbie
Ms K Millar
Mr J Nightingale
Ms M Spiers
Mr W Sproule

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025 (Continued)

Structure, governance and management

Background

Little Doves Childcare Centre began its life in the 1970's as a Social Services run group. In 1991 Social Services handed the management of the group to a committee of parents and grandparents of children who attended that year. Under the guidance and support of NIPPA - The Early Years Organisation, and the Local Health & Social Services Trust, the committee spearheaded the group for the next number of years.

In 1997, the group received funding from the European Peace I programme which enabled further development and enhancement of the service. The group adopted the 'Peace Logo' and changed its name to Little Doves.

In 2003 the group secured funding from the Big Lottery Fund, which was used to build purpose specific premises at the rear of the West Winds Community Centre. The building was designed for the group's unique needs.

In the same year the group became a Company Limited by Guarantee, headed by a competent board of professional and business people with many years experience in the voluntary/ community sector.

Legal Structure

Little Doves is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. Members guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up. The company is governed by its Articles of Association. The company was awarded charitable status by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 15 January 2015 (charity number 101445)

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Charitable Objects

The object of the charity is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children. The charity aims to: -

- offer appropriate play activities with the right parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of Little Doves ensuring that Little Doves offers opportunities for all children regardless of religion, culture, race or means
- encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in local areas
- support the values and principles of DENI

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

Through 2024/25 the charity continued to provide quality childcare for children and their families and continued to pursue our mission statement which denotes the ethos "Little Doves - Supporting Your Community, Supporting Your Family, Supporting You".

The charity continues to work closely with the community through the management committee of the West Winds Development Association, the interagency group which meets quarterly to look at the needs of the area. The group has very strong links with the local Parents & Toddler groups, the local primary school, Sure Start, The Link and Ards Arena. We are also members of the Curriculum and Programme Support organisations (CAPS). Little Doves Childcare Centre aims to enhance access to education by children in their preschool year by meeting the needs of every individual child. The centre aims to improve the early identification and assessment of special education needs, which will then be followed by appropriate intervention. In conjunction with the West Winds Primary School Nursery Unit, Sure Start and Scrabo Parents and Toddler Group, we continue to be an integral part of "The West Winds Education Community Forum" and education and support service available to the whole community.

Day to day activities and special events

Throughout the year the staff carefully planned and evaluated the preschool activities. Staff ensured each child was given full use of both the indoor and outdoor facilities. In partnership with parents we planned various information sessions for parents addressing topics such as; learning in the Early Years, behaviour management, health and well-being. Parents, grandparents and carers participated in various fundraising events.

Visitors

Visitors to pre-school included music and movement activities Wee Critters, Therapy Pony, the local minister and local emergency services.

Networking

As part of our ongoing networking links, the group welcomed Primary 1 teachers from the Model Primary School, West Winds Primary School, Castle Gardens Primary School, Loughries Primary School and Victoria Primary School to meet parents and children. We continued to network with other pre-school members in the North Down and Ards area as part of our ongoing CAPS training.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Quality Inspections

The staff continued to work extremely hard to keep up the high standards and achieved excellent inspection reports from ETI and Social Services.

Staff dedication and training

We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated and caring staff and volunteers who work with the children and their families. The team is committed to maintaining their high level of expertise in childcare and education and continues training to the highest standards. All staff participated in cluster training, Child Protection Training, First Aid training and qualifications.

As part of the staff continuing development our staff continually improved their skills in identifying and meeting the educational and well-being needs of the children. All of our staff have attended intense training. Staff also had the opportunity to work with other professionals who were involved with the children and their families including speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, educational and clinical psychologists and the Social Services team.

Little Doves and Silver Swans

We also continued our intergenerational community based project "Little Doves and Silver Swans". This involves our children visiting the local supported living facility, Cuan Court, to take part in activities to develop intergenerational bonds and socialise with local elderly and those who suffer from dementia. Our children and the residents have thrived during this continued initiative and we will continue to build on its success in the future.

Financial review

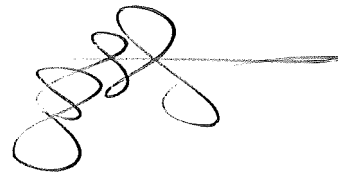
The financial results for the year are shown on pages 6 to 8. Total unrestricted income for the year was £68,920 and the corresponding expenditure was £62,583 producing a surplus of £6,338 in unrestricted activities. Total restricted income for year was £16,643 and expenditure was £14,143 producing a surplus of £2,500 of restricted income. This funding was received in April 2025 for 2025/26 expenses.

The trustees' annual report and strategic report was approved on 4th July 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by: -

Mr N McRobbie
Trustee



Mr J Nightingale
Trustee



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LITTLE DOVES LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

I report to the trustees on the examination of the financial statements of Little Doves Limited for the year ended 30th April 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under s65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under s65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under s65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under s65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

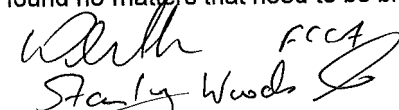
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.


Stanley Woods & Company

Certified Accountants
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Date: 4 July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	Notes 5	1,745		1,745	1,309
Activities in furtherance of charity's objectives:					
Grants receivable	5		14,704	14,704	16,886
Activities for generating funds:					
Membership fees	6	67,175		67,175	36,476
Fundraising events	7			0	0
Interest receivable	8			0	0
Other income	9		1,939	1,939	1,608
Total incoming resources		68,920	16,643	85,563	56,279
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable expenditure:					
Costs in furtherance of charitable activities		4,722	7,506	12,228	10,265
Management and administration:					
Wages & National Insurance	13	53,414		53,414	45,267
Secretarial expenses			39	39	105
Utilities and overheads		560	5,398	5,957	4,734
Accountancy fees			1,200	1,200	1,332
Bank charges		238		238	233
Donations		370	0	370	75
Depreciation		3,279		3,279	3,389
Total resources expended	10,11	62,583	14,143	76,726	65,400
Net incoming resources for the year		6,337	2,500	8,837	-9,121
Balances b/f		41,513	0	41,513	50,634
Balances c/f		47,850	2,500	50,350	41,513

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classified as continuing.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets	15	13,117	16,396
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	1,622	1,291
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>36,451</u>	<u>24,682</u>
		38,073	25,973
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>-840</u>	<u>-856</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>37,233</u>	<u>25,117</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>50,350</u>	<u>41,513</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted		47,850	41,513
Restricted		<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total charity funds	19	<u>50,350</u>	<u>41,513</u>

For the financial year ended 30 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relation to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying the requirements of the Companies House Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 4th July 2025 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr N McRobbie
Trustee



Mr J Nightingale
Trustee



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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
FUNDS GENERATED FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES		
Surplus for the year	8,837	-9,121
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds :		
Depreciation	3,279	3,389
	<u>3,279</u>	<u>3,389</u>
	12,116	-5,732
Purchase of equipment	0	0
Working Capital Requirements		
(Increase)/ Decrease in Debtors	-331	-11
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	-16	16
	<u>-347</u>	<u>5</u>
NET APPLICATION OF LIQUID FUNDS	<u>11,769</u>	<u>-5,727</u>
REPRESENTED BY CHANGES IN		
Increase / (Decrease) in Cash at Bank	11,769	-5,727
	<u>11,769</u>	<u>-5,727</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and is a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 3 Dalton Rise, Comber, Co. Down, BT23 5HS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income and expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and full into of the two sub classes; restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income: -

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which can not be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in the undertaking of activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all the expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Any increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value over the use of its economic life of that asset as follows: -

Land and Buildings	4% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Equipment	10% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indications of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which it belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes that asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortisation cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment in is subsequently measured at fair value with the changed in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversal of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds the what carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render that related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

Little Doves Limited is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

5. Donations and legacies

The majority of income from donations arises from grants awarded by the Childhood Fund for core funding. Income from West Winds Development Association consists of revenue grants towards overheads including insurance, accountancy and staff training.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations	1,745		1,745
Grants			
Education Authority		2,000	2,000
Housing Executive SPOD Funding		9,137	9,137
Department of Education NI		2,567	2,567
Ark Housing		1,000	1,000
	<u>1,745</u>	<u>14,704</u>	<u>16,449</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	1,309		1,309
Grants			
Education Authority		6,147	6,147
Health & Social Care		1,500	1,500
Housing Executive SPOD Funding		6,485	6,485
Department of Education NI		1,454	1,454
John Gray Community		300	300
Ark Housing		1,000	1,000
	<u>1,309</u>	<u>16,886</u>	<u>18,195</u>

6. Charitable events

Incoming resources from charitable activities consists of government funding for free playgroup spaces for all children in their pre-school year, in addition to income from parents who place their children in the playgroup outside of their free funding year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

6. Charitable events (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fees from parents	5,667		5,667
Fees from Education Authority	61,508		61,508
	<u>67,175</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>67,175</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fees from parents	9,298		9,298
Fees from Education Authority	27,178		27,178
	<u>36,476</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,476</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fundraising events	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Other income

Other incoming resources consists of costs recharged to parents including uniforms, photos and outings.

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Miscellaneous recharges	<u>1,939</u>	<u>1,939</u>	<u>1,608</u>	<u>1,608</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Preschool education	62,583	12,943	75,526
Support costs	0	1,200	1,200
	<u>62,583</u>	<u>14,143</u>	<u>76,726</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Preschool education	46,906	17,162	64,068
Support costs	0	1,332	1,332
	<u>46,906</u>	<u>18,494</u>	<u>65,400</u>

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Preschool education	75,526		75,526	64,068
Governance costs		1,200	1,200	1,332
	<u>75,526</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>76,726</u>	<u>65,400</u>

12. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	<u>3,279</u>	<u>3,389</u>

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	53,090	44,949
Employer contributions to pension plans	324	318
	<u>53,414</u>	<u>45,267</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

13. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Number of staff - Type 1	1	1
Number of staff - Type 2	4	4
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees are not remunerated for their services.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Land & Buildings £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
Carried forward at 1 May 2024	81,981	61,356	25,000	168,337
Additions				0
At 30 April 2025	<u>81,981</u>	<u>61,356</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>168,337</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2024	65,585	61,356	25,000	151,941
Charge for the year	3,279	0	0	3,279
At 30 April 2025	<u>68,864</u>	<u>61,356</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>155,220</u>
Carrying amount				
At 30 April 2025	13,117	0	0	13,117
At 30 April 2024	16,396	0	0	16,396

16. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	1,333	1,196
Social security and other taxes	289	96
	<u>1,622</u>	<u>1,291</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AS AT 30 APRIL 2025**

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	840	856
Social security and other taxes	0	0
	<u>840</u>	<u>856</u>

18. Pension and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £318 (2024: £318).

19. Analysis of charitable funds

	At 1 May 2024	Income	Expenses	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>41,513</u>	68,920	-62,583	<u>47,850</u>
Restricted funds	<u>0</u>	16,643	-14,143	<u>2,500</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	13,117		13,117	16,396
Current assets	38,073		38,073	25,973
Creditors less than 1 year	-840		-840	-856
Net assets	<u>50,350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,350</u>	<u>41,513</u>

Little Doves Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101445

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI050384
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC101445

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

The trustees', who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Reference and administration details

Registered charity name Little Doves Limited

Charity Registration Number NIC101445

Company Registration Number NI050384

Registered Office 3 Dalton Rise
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The Trustees Mrs B Black
Mrs S McIntyre
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Mr N McRobbie
Ms K Millar
Mr J Nightingale
Ms M Spiers
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024
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Structure, governance and management

Background

Little Doves Childcare Centre began its life in the 1970's as a Social Services run group. In 1991 Social Services handed the management of the group to a committee of parents and grandparents of children who attended that year. Under the guidance and support of NIPPA - The Early Years Organisation, and the Local Health & Social Services Trust, the committee spearheaded the group for the next number of years.

In 1997, the group received funding from the European Peace I programme which enabled further development and enhancement of the service. The group adopted the 'Peace Logo' and changed its name to Little Doves.

In 2003 the group secured funding from the Big Lottery Fund, which was used to build purpose specific premises at the rear of the West Winds Community Centre. The building was designed for the group's unique needs.

In the same year the group became a Company Limited by Guarantee, headed by a competent board of professional and business people with many years experience in the voluntary/ community sector.

Legal Structure

Little Doves is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. Members guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up. The company is governed by its Articles of Association. The company was awarded charitable status by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 15 January 2015 (charity number 101445)

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Charitable Objects

The object of the charity is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children. The charity aims to: -

- offer appropriate play activities with the right parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of Little Doves ensuring that Little Doves offers opportunities for all children regardless of religion, culture, race or means
- encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in local areas
- support the values and principles of DENI

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (Continued)

Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

Through 2023/24 the charity continued to provide quality childcare for children and their families and continued to pursue our mission statement which denotes the ethos "Little Doves - Supporting Your Community, Supporting Your Family, Supporting You".

The charity continues to work closely with the community through the management committee of the West Winds Development Association, the interagency group which meets quarterly to look at the needs of the area. The group has very strong links with the local Parents & Toddler groups, the local primary school, Sure Start, The Link and Ards Arena. We are also members of the Curriculum and Programme Support organisations (CAPS). Little Doves Childcare Centre aims to enhance access to education by children in their preschool year by meeting the needs of every individual child. The centre aims to improve the early identification and assessment of special education needs, which will then be followed by appropriate intervention. In conjunction with the West Winds Primary School Nursery Unit, Sure Start and Scrabo Parents and Toddler Group, we continue to be an integral part of "The West Winds Education Community Forum" and education and support service available to the whole community.

As part of the Preschool Capacity Building Project, our staff continually improved their skills in identifying and meeting the educational and well-being needs of the children. All of our staff have attended intense training. Staff have also had the opportunity to work with other professionals who were involved with the children and their families including the Education Authority - Early Years Inclusion Service, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, educational and clinical psychologists and the Social Services team.

Day to day activities and special events

Throughout the year the staff carefully planned and evaluated the preschool activities. Staff ensured each child was given full use of both the indoor and outdoor facilities. In partnership with parents we planned various information sessions for parents addressing topics such as; learning in the Early Years, behaviour management, health and well-being. Parents, grandparents and carers participated in a fundraising event for Children in Need.

Visitors

Visitors to pre-school included music and movement activities from Music Bugs, Hullabaloo and Gathering Drum. We also kept in contact with our local elderly residents.

Networking

As part of our ongoing networking links, the group welcomed Primary 1 teachers from the Model Primary School, West Winds Primary School, Castle Gardens Primary School, Loughries Primary School and Victoria Primary School to meet parents and children. We continued to network with other pre-school members in the North Down and Ards area as part of our ongoing CAPS training.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Quality Inspections

The staff continued to work extremely hard to keep up the high standards achieved in previous years.

Staff dedication and training

We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated and caring staff and volunteers who work with the children and their families. The team is committed to maintaining their high level of expertise in childcare and education and continues training to the highest standards. All staff participated in cluster training, Child Protection Training, First Aid training and qualifications.

As part of the Preschool Capacity Building Project, our staff continually improved their skills in identifying and meeting the educational and well-being needs of the children. All of our staff have attended intense training. Staff also had the opportunity to work with other professionals who were involved with the children and their families including speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, educational and clinical psychologists and the Social Services team.

Little Doves and Silver Swans

We also remotely continued our community based project "Little Doves and Silver Swans". This involves our children visiting the local supported living facility, Cuan Court, to take part in activities to develop intergenerational bonds and socialise with local elderly and those who suffer from dementia. Our children and the residents have thrived during this continued initiative and we will continue to build on its success in the future.

Financial review

The financial results for the year are shown on pages 6 to 8.
Total unrestricted income for the year was £37,785 and the corresponding expenditure was £46,906 producing a deficit of £9,121 in unrestricted activities. Total restricted income for year was £18,494 and expenditure was £18,494 utilising all the restricted income.

The trustees' annual report and strategic report was approved on 18th September 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by: -



Mr N McRobbie
Trustee



Mr J Nightingale
Trustee

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LITTLE DOVES LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

I report to the trustees on the examination of the financial statements of Little Doves Limited for the year ended 30th April 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under s65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under s65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under s65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under s65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.



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Date: 18th September 2024

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	Notes 5	1,309		1,309	690
Activities in furtherance of charity's objectives:					
Grants receivable	5		16,886	16,886	22,174
Activities for generating funds:					
Membership fees	6	36,476		36,476	33,526
Fundraising events	7		0	0	0
Interest receivable	8			0	0
Other income	9		1,608	1,608	1,804
Total incoming resources		<u>37,785</u>	<u>18,494</u>	<u>56,279</u>	<u>58,193</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable expenditure:					
Costs in furtherance of charitable activities		0	10,265	10,265	6,470
Management and administration:					
Wages & National Insurance	13	43,209	2,058	45,267	43,533
Secretarial expenses		0	105	105	579
Utilities and overheads		0	4,734	4,734	11,696
Accountancy fees		0	1,332	1,332	1,296
Bank charges		233		233	220
Donations		75	0	75	405
Depreciation		3,389		3,389	3,389
Total resources expended	10,11	<u>46,906</u>	<u>18,494</u>	<u>65,400</u>	<u>67,588</u>
Net incoming resources for the year		-9,121	0	-9,121	-9,395
Balances b/f		<u>50,634</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,634</u>	<u>60,029</u>
Balances c/f		<u>41,513</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,513</u>	<u>50,634</u>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classified as continuing.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets	15	16,396	19,785
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	1,291	1,280
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>24,682</u>	<u>30,408</u>
		25,973	31,689
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>-856</u>	<u>-840</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>25,117</u>	<u>30,849</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>41,513</u>	<u>50,634</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted		41,513	50,634
Restricted		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total charity funds	19	<u>41,513</u>	<u>50,634</u>

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relation to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying the requirements of the Companies House Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 18th September 2024 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr N McRobbie
Trustee



Mr J Nightingale
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
FUNDS GENERATED FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES		
Surplus for the year	-9,121	-9,395
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds :		
Depreciation	3,389	3,389
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	3,389	3,389
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	-5,732	-6,005
Purchase of equipment	0	0
Working Capital Requirements		
(Increase)/ Decrease in Debtors	-11	-168
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	16	-722
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	5	-890
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NET APPLICATION OF LIQUID FUNDS	-5,727	-6,895
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REPRESENTED BY CHANGES IN		
Increase / (Decrease) in Cash at Bank	-5,727	392
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	-5,727	392
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and is a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 3 Dalton Rise, Comber, Co. Down, BT23 5HS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income and expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and full into of the two sub classes; restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income: -

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which can not be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in the undertaking of activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all the expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Any increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value over the use of its economic life of that asset as follows: -

Land and Buildings	4% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Equipment	10% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indications of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which it belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes that asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortisation cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment in is subsequently measured at fair value with the changed in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversal of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds the what carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render that related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

Little Doves Limited is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

5. Donations and legacies

The majority of income from donations arises from grants awarded by the Childhood Fund for core funding. Income from West Winds Development Association consists of revenue grants towards overheads including insurance, accountancy and staff training.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	1,309		1,309
Grants			
Education Authority		6,147	6,147
Health & Social Care		1,500	1,500
Housing Executive SPOD Funding		6,485	6,485
Department of Education NI		1,454	1,454
John Gray Community		300	300
Ark Housing		1,000	1,000
	<u>1,309</u>	<u>16,886</u>	<u>18,195</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	690		690
Grants			
Education Authority		7,053	7,053
Health & Social Care		2,000	2,000
Halifax Foundation		3,840	3,840
Housing Executive SPOD Funding		7,681	7,681
Ards & North Down Borough Council		1,600	1,600
	<u>690</u>	<u>22,174</u>	<u>22,864</u>

6. Charitable events

Incoming resources from charitable activities consists of government funding for free playgroup spaces for all children in their pre-school year, in addition to income from parents who place their children in the playgroup outside of their free funding year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

6. Charitable events (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fees from parents	9,298		9,298
Fees from Education Authority	27,178		27,178
	<u>36,476</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,476</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fees from parents	7,549		7,549
Fees from Education Authority	25,977		25,977
	<u>33,526</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,526</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Other income

Other incoming resources consists of costs recharged to parents including uniforms, photos and outings.

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Miscellaneous recharges	<u>1,608</u>	<u>1,608</u>	<u>1,804</u>	<u>1,804</u>

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Preschool education	46,906	17,162	64,068
Support costs	0	1,332	1,332
	<u>46,906</u>	<u>18,494</u>	<u>65,400</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Preschool education	43,205	23,087	66,292
Support costs	0	1,296	1,296
	<u>43,205</u>	<u>24,383</u>	<u>67,588</u>

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Preschool education	64,068		64,068	66,292
Governance costs		1,332	1,332	1,296
	<u>64,068</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>65,400</u>	<u>67,588</u>

12. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation	<u>3,389</u>	<u>3,389</u>

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	44,949	43,271
Employer contributions to pension plans	318	262
	<u>45,267</u>	<u>43,533</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

13. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Number of staff - Type 1	1	1
Number of staff - Type 2	4	4
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees are not remunerated for their services.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Land & Buildings £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
Carried forward at 1 May 2023	81,981	61,356	25,000	168,337
Additions				0
At 30 April 2024	<u>81,981</u>	<u>61,356</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>168,337</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2023	62,306	61,246	25,000	148,552
Charge for the year	3,279	110	0	3,389
At 30 April 2024	<u>65,585</u>	<u>61,356</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>151,941</u>
Carrying amount				
At 30 April 2024	16,396	0	0	16,396
At 30 April 2023	19,675	110	0	19,785

16. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	1,196	1,109
Social security and other taxes	96	171
	<u>1,291</u>	<u>1,280</u>

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	856	840
Social security and other taxes	0	0
	<u>856</u>	<u>840</u>

18. Pension and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £318 (2023: £262).

19. Analysis of charitable funds

	At 1 May 2023	Income	Expenses	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>50,634</u>	<u>37,785</u>	<u>-46,906</u>	<u>41,513</u>
Restricted funds	<u>0</u>	<u>18,494</u>	<u>-18,494</u>	<u>0</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	16,396		16,396	19,785
Current assets	25,973		25,973	31,689
Creditors less than 1 year	-856		-856	-840
Net assets	<u>41,513</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,513</u>	<u>50,634</u>

Little Doves Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101445

Annual report

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

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Risk Management

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Objectives and activities

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Achievements and performance

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Financial review

The financial results for the year are shown on pages 6 to 8.
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The trustees' annual report and strategic report was approved on 18th September 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by: -



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Annual return

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

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Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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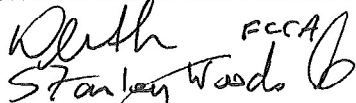
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Date: 18th September 2024

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Accounts

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LITTLE DOVES LIMITED
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

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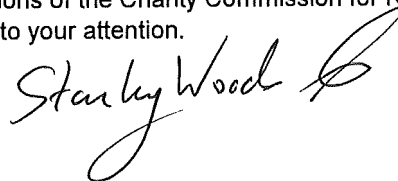
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LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
	Notes				
Donations	5	285	405	690	100
Coronavirus job retention scheme	9		0	0	1,586
Activities in furtherance of charity's objectives:					
Grants receivable	5		22,174	22,174	24,544
Activities for generating funds:					
Membership fees	6	33,526		33,526	31,631
Fundraising events	7		0	0	56
Interest receivable	8	0		0	0
Other income	9		1,804	1,804	1,328
Total incoming resources		33,811	24,383	58,193	59,245
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable expenditure:					
Costs in furtherance of charitable activities		2,007	4,464	6,470	8,953
Management and administration:					
Wages & National Insurance	13	37,590	5,943	43,533	40,731
Secretarial expenses		0	579	579	13
Utilities and overheads		0	11,696	11,696	6,268
Accountancy fees		0	1,296	1,296	1,744
Bank charges		220		220	194
Donations		0	405	405	60
Depreciation		3,389		3,389	3,389
Total resources expended	10,11	43,205	24,383	67,588	61,352
Net incoming resources for the year		-9,395	0	-9,395	-2,107
Balances b/f		60,029	0	60,029	62,136
Balances c/f		50,634	0	50,634	60,029

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classified as continuing.

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets	15	19,785	23,175
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	1,280	929
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>30,408</u>	<u>36,974</u>
		31,689	37,903
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>-840</u>	<u>-1,048</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>30,849</u>	<u>36,854</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>50,634</u>	<u>60,029</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted		50,634	60,029
Restricted		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total charity funds	19	<u>50,634</u>	<u>60,029</u>

For the financial year ended 30 April 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relation to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying the requirements of the Companies House Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

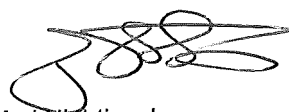
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 15th September 2023 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr N McRobbie
Trustee



Mr J Nightingale
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LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
FUNDS GENERATED FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES		
Surplus for the year	-9,395	-2,107
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds :		
Depreciation	3,389	3,389
	<u>3,389</u>	<u>3,389</u>
	-6,005	1,282
Purchase of equipment	0	0
Working Capital Requirements		
(Increase)/ Decrease in Debtors	-352	-168
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	-208	-722
	<u>-560</u>	<u>-890</u>
NET APPLICATION OF LIQUID FUNDS	<u>-6,566</u>	<u>392</u>
REPRESENTED BY CHANGES IN		
Increase / (Decrease) in Cash at Bank	-6,566	392
	<u>-6,566</u>	<u>392</u>

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and is a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 3 Dalton Rise, Comber, Co. Down, BT23 5HS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income and expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into of the two sub classes; restricted income funds or endowment funds.

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income: -

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which can not be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in the undertaking of activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all the expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Any increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

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3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value over the use of its economic life of that asset as follows: -

Land and Buildings	4% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Equipment	10% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indications of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which it belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes that asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortisation cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with the change in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversal of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds the what carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render that related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

Little Doves Limited is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

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5. Donations and legacies

The majority of income from donations arises from grants awarded by the Childhood Fund for core funding. Income from West Winds Development Association consists of revenue grants towards overheads including insurance, accountancy and staff training.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	690		690
Grants			
Education Authority		7,053	7,053
Health & Social Care		2,000	2,000
Halifax Foundation		3,840	3,840
Housing Executive SPOD Funding		7,681	7,681
Ards & North Down Borough Council		1,600	1,600
	<u>690</u>	<u>22,174</u>	<u>22,864</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	100		100
Grants			
Education Authority		6,422	6,422
Early Years	6,060		6,060
Community Foundation		5,000	5,000
Housing Executive SPOD Funding		5,062	5,062
Ards & North Down Borough Council		2,000	2,000
	<u>6,160</u>	<u>18,484</u>	<u>24,644</u>
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme			
CJRS		0	0

6. Charitable events

Incoming resources from charitable activities consists of government funding for free playgroup spaces for all children in their pre-school year, in addition to income from parents who place their children in the playgroup outside of their free funding year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

6. Charitable events (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fees from parents	7,549		7,549
Fees from Education Authority	25,977		25,977
	<u>33,526</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,526</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fees from parents	8,149		8,149
Fees from Education Authority	23,482		23,482
	<u>31,631</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,631</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	<u></u>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Other income

Other incoming resources consists of costs recharged to parents including uniforms, photos and outings.

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Miscellaneous recharges	<u>1804</u>	<u>1,804</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>1,328</u>

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10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Preschool education	43,205	23,087	66,292
Support costs	0	1,296	1,296
	<u>43,205</u>	<u>24,383</u>	<u>67,588</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Preschool education	37,798	21,810	59,608
Support costs	1,744	0	1,744
	<u>39,542</u>	<u>21,810</u>	<u>61,352</u>

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Preschool education	66,292		66,292	59,608
Governance costs		1,296	1,296	1,744
	<u>66,292</u>	<u>1,296</u>	<u>67,588</u>	<u>61,352</u>

12. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation	<u>3,389</u>	<u>3,389</u>

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	43,271	40,114
Employer contributions to pension plans	262	617
	<u>43,533</u>	<u>40,731</u>

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13. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Number of staff - Type 1	1	1
Number of staff - Type 2	4	4
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees are not remunerated for their services.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Land & Buildings £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
Carried forward at 1 May 2022	81,981	61,356	25,000	168,337
Additions		0		0
At 30 April 2023	<u>81,981</u>	<u>61,356</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>168,337</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2022	59,026	61,136	25,000	145,163
Charge for the year	3,279	110	0	3,389
At 30 April 2023	<u>62,306</u>	<u>61,246</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>148,552</u>
Carrying amount				
At 30 April 2023	19,675	110	0	19,785
At 30 April 2022	22,955	220	0	23,175

16. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	1,109	929
Social security and other taxes	171	0
	<u>1,280</u>	<u>929</u>

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17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	840	984
Social security and other taxes	0	64
	<u>840</u>	<u>1,048</u>

18. Pension and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £262 (2022: £416).

19. Analysis of charitable funds

	At 1 May 2022	Income	Expenses	At 30 April 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>60,029</u>	<u>33,811</u>	<u>-43,205</u>	<u>50,634</u>
Restricted funds	<u>0</u>	<u>24,383</u>	<u>-24,383</u>	<u>0</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	19,785		19,785	23,175
Current assets	31,689		31,689	37,903
Creditors less than 1 year	-840		-840	-1,048
Net assets	<u>50,634</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,634</u>	<u>60,029</u>

Little Doves Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101445

Annual report

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)
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Structure, governance and management

Background

Little Doves Childcare Centre began its life in the 1970's as a Social Services run group. In 1991 Social Services handed the management of the group to a committee of parents and grandparents of children who attended that year. Under the guidance and support of NIPPA - The Early Years Organisation, and the Local Health & Social Services Trust, the committee spearheaded the group for the next number of years.

In 1997, the group received funding from the European Peace I programme which enabled further development and enhancement of the service. The group adopted the 'Peace Logo' and changed its name to Little Doves.

In 2003 the group secured funding from the Big Lottery Fund, which was used to build purpose specific premises at the rear of the West Winds Community Centre. The building was designed for the group's unique needs.

In the same year the group became a Company Limited by Guarantee, headed by a competent board of professional and business people with many years experience in the voluntary/ community sector.

Legal Structure

Little Doves is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. Members guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up. The company is governed by its Articles of Association. The company was awarded charitable status by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 15 January 2015 (charity number 101445)

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Charitable Objects

The object of the charity is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children. The charity aims to: -

- offer appropriate play activities with the right parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of Little Doves ensuring that Little Doves offers opportunities for all children regardless of religion, culture, race or means
- encourage the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs of such children and their families in local areas
- support the values and principles of DENI

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Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

Through 2022/23 the charity continued to provide quality childcare for children and their families and continued to pursue our mission statement which denotes the ethos "Little Doves - Supporting Your Community, Supporting Your Family, Supporting You".

The charity continues to work closely with the community through the management committee of the West Winds Development Association, the interagency group which meets quarterly to look at the needs of the area. The group has very strong links with the local Parents & Toddler groups, the local primary school, Sure Start, The Link and Ards Arena. We are also members of the Curriculum and Programme Support organisations (CAPS). Little Doves Childcare Centre aims to enhance access to education by children in their preschool year by meeting the needs of every individual child. The centre aims to improve the early identification and assessment of special education needs, which will then be followed by appropriate intervention. In conjunction with the West Winds Primary School Nursery Unit, Sure Start and Scrabo Parents and Toddler Group, we continue to be an integral part of "The West Winds Education Community Forum" and education and support service available to the whole community.

As part of the Preschool Capacity Building Project, our staff continually improved their skills in identifying and meeting the educational and well-being needs of the children. All of our staff have attended intense training. Staff have also had the opportunity to work with other professionals who were involved with the children and their families including the Education Authority - Early Years Inclusion Service, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, educational and clinical psychologists and the Social Services team.

Day to day activities and special events

Throughout the year the staff carefully planned and evaluated the preschool activities. Staff ensured each child was given full use of both the indoor and outdoor facilities. In partnership with parents we planned various information sessions for parents addressing topics such as; learning in the Early Years, behaviour management, health and well-being. Parents, grandparents and carers participated in a fundraising event for Children in Need.

Visitors

Visitors to pre-school included music and movement activities from Music Bugs and Little Critters. We also kept in contact with our local elderly residents.

Networking

As part of our ongoing networking links, the group welcomed Primary 1 teachers from the Model Primary School, West Winds Primary School, Castle Gardens Primary School, Loughries Primary School and Victoria Primary School to meet parents and children. We continued to network with other pre-school members in the North Down and Ards area as part of our ongoing CAPS training.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Quality Inspections

The staff continued to work extremely hard to keep up the high standards achieved in previous years.

Staff dedication and training

We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated and caring staff and volunteers who work with the children and their families. The team is committed to maintaining their high level of expertise in childcare and education and continues training to the highest standards. All staff participated in cluster training, Child Protection Training, First Aid training and qualifications.

As part of the Preschool Capacity Building Project, our staff continually improved their skills in identifying and meeting the educational and well-being needs of the children. All of our staff have attended intense training. Staff also had the opportunity to work with other professionals who were involved with the children and their families including speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, educational and clinical psychologists and the Social Services team.

Little Doves and Silver Swans

We also remotley continued our community based project "Little Doves and Silver Swans". This involves our children visiting the local supported living facility, Cuan Court, to take part in activities to develop intergenerational bonds and socialise with local elderly and those who suffer from dementia. Our children and the residents have thrived during this continued initiative and we will continue to build on its success in the future.

Financial review

The financial results for the year are shown on pages 6 to 8.
Total unrestricted income for the year was £33,994 and the corresponding expenditure was £44,988 producing a deficit of £10,995 in unrestricted activities. Total restricted income for year was £24,200 and expenditure was £24,200 utilising all the restricted income.

The trustees' annual report and strategic report was approved on 15th September 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by: -



Mr N McRobbie
Trustee



Mr J Nightingale
Trustee

Little Doves Ltd

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Annual return

LITTLE DOVES LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LITTLE DOVES LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

I report to the trustees on the examination of the financial statements of Little Doves Limited for the year ended 30th April 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under s65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under s65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under s65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under s65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

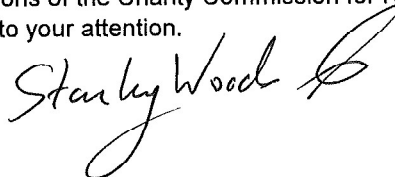
- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.



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Date: 15th September 2023