

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
FOR
LITTLE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL (LEIGH ON SEA)

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LITTLE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL (LEIGH ON SEA)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Little Acorns operates under the Pre-school Learning Alliance Amended 2011 Constitution.

Our vision statement is:

"At Little Acorns we are committed to providing a happy, safe, stimulating and caring environment; where children's freedom of choice and their needs and achievements are recognised."

We aim to:

- Make the pre-school a welcome place where children settle quickly and easily because consideration has been given to the individual needs and circumstances of children and their families.
- Provide a secure environment in which all our children can flourish and in which all contributions are valued.
- Help children to establish and sustain satisfying relationships with their families, with peers and with other adults.
- Encourage children to develop a sense of autonomy
- Provide an environment in which there is acceptable behaviour and where children learn to respect themselves, other people and their environment.

We believe that parents are children's first and most enduring educators. When parents and practitioners work together in early years settings, the results have a positive impact on children's development and learning.

We believe that children flourish best when they know how they are expected to behave and should be free to play and learn without fear of being hurt and unfairly restricted by anyone else.

We have regard for the DFES Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

We have regard for the Equality Act 2010.

We have regard for the Children, Schools and Families Act 2010.

We aim to make children, parents and staff aware of health and safety issues and to minimize the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

We aim to bring all concerns about the running of our pre-school to a satisfactory conclusion for all of the parties involved.

Significant activities

Each summer we provide a club that enables all children and parents the opportunity to enjoy the facilities of the pre-school, those who come do not have to be attending Little Acorns.

Public benefit

We have regard for the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Continuing our drive to be financially responsible we have again achieved a positive balance at the end of the year.

Forest school was continued at Belfairs woods and this continues to be a great offering for the children to spend time outside. For the first time we also offered 2 days a week forest school at Belchamps. This enabled the children to be outside all the time no matter what the weather. It was a great experience for the children and enabled an increase in the overall numbers cared for. We continued some themed days with King's Coronation and outings to Call of the Wild, Hadleigh castle farm and the Christmas panto.

There were a number of fundraising events including Easter Trail, quiz, book read and a raffle, the largest of these was the book read raising a total of £437.00, the total amount raised by all of the fund raising was £2,657.43.

Little Acorns encouraged the interaction of parents / carers with the significant males / female day where important people in the kids lives could come into the pre-school to see what they get up to. The involvement with the children's parents / carers is an important part of the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

We are pleased to report that Little Acorns financial position remains healthy and that the pre-school continues on a firm financial footing. At the year end, the pre-school had total reserves of £117,766 (2022: £115,144), of this amount £35,000 (2022: £35,000) has been designated for future contingencies, this leaves an unrestricted fund position of £82,766 (2022: £80,144).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1026965

Principal address

The Cabin
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Trustees

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Louise Murphy
Chris Brettell(Treasurer)
Emma Fettroll
Lucia Wheller (resigned 31.8.23)
Roxanne Keefe (resigned 31.8.23)
Jade Rose(Secretary) (resigned 31.8.23)
Ellie Price (resigned 31.8.23)
Laura Davies (resigned 31.8.23)
Salina Ventress (appointed 4.10.22)
Charlotte Jenkins (appointed 13.8.23)
Jessica Joan Lucey-Wright (appointed 18.1.23)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Philip Read

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Philip Read(Chair) - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LITTLE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL (LEIGH ON SEA)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Little Acorns Pre-School (Leigh on Sea)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Little Acorns Pre-School (Leigh on Sea) (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Stephen Pearco

Stephen Pearco (Jun 19, 2024 08:58 GMT+1)

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18 June 2024

LITTLE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL (LEIGH ON SEA)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1,220	-	1,220	717
Charitable activities					
Local authority funding		97,479	-	97,479	99,076
Fees - parents/vouchers		71,163	-	71,163	41,733
Other trading activities	2	2,036	-	2,036	2,047
Investment income	3	285	-	285	117
Total		<u>172,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,183</u>	<u>143,690</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Expenditure on charitable activities		<u>169,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,561</u>	<u>140,180</u>
NET INCOME		2,622	-	2,622	3,510
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		80,144	35,000	115,144	111,634
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>82,766</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>117,766</u>	<u>115,144</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

LITTLE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL (LEIGH ON SEA)

BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	589	-	589	786
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		84,857	35,000	119,857	116,538
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,680)	-	(2,680)	(2,180)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>82,177</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>117,177</u>	<u>114,358</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>82,766</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>117,766</u>	<u>115,144</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>82,766</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>117,766</u>	<u>115,144</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				82,766	80,144
Restricted funds				35,000	35,000
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>117,766</u>	<u>115,144</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


[Philip Read \(Jun 19, 2024 07:02 GMT+1\)](#)

Philip Read(Chair) - Trustee

LITTLE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL (LEIGH ON SEA)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>2,036</u>	<u>2,047</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>285</u>	<u>117</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Nursery staff	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	717	-	717
Charitable activities			
Local authority funding	99,076	-	99,076
Fees - parents/vouchers	41,733	-	41,733
Other trading activities	2,047	-	2,047
Investment income	117	-	117
Total	<u>143,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,690</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>140,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,180</u>
NET INCOME	3,510	-	3,510
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	76,634	35,000	111,634

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		80,144	35,000	115,144
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COST				
At 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	2,580	13,604	705	16,889
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2022	2,566	12,832	705	16,103
Charge for year	4	193	-	197
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 August 2023	2,570	13,025	705	16,300
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2023	10	579	-	589
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 August 2022	14	772	-	786
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			2023 £	2022 £
Social security and other taxes			1,357	990
Pension control			453	350
Accrued expenses			870	840
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
			2,680	2,180
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
		At 1.9.22 £		
Unrestricted funds				
General fund		80,144	2,622	82,766
Restricted funds				
Contingency fund		35,000	-	35,000
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS		115,144	2,622	117,766
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	172,183	(169,561)	2,622
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>172,183</u>	<u>(169,561)</u>	<u>2,622</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	76,634	3,510	80,144
Restricted funds			
Contingency fund	35,000	-	35,000
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>111,634</u>	<u>3,510</u>	<u>115,144</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	143,690	(140,180)	3,510
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>143,690</u>	<u>(140,180)</u>	<u>3,510</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	76,634	6,132	82,766
Restricted funds			
Contingency fund	35,000	-	35,000
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>111,634</u>	<u>6,132</u>	<u>117,766</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	315,873	(309,741)	6,132
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>315,873</u>	<u>(309,741)</u>	<u>6,132</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	697	295
Gift aid	523	422
	<hr/> 1,220	<hr/> 717
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	2,036	2,047
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	285	117
Charitable activities		
Local authority funding	96,073	99,076
Fees - parents/vouchers	72,569	41,733
	<hr/> 168,642	<hr/> 140,809
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 172,183	<hr/> 143,690
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Salaries and staff costs	145,287	120,310
Pensions	2,221	1,819
Rent and insurance	5,235	5,205
Educational equipment	5,034	2,449
Nursery supplies	2,129	1,480
Training and recruitment	997	440
Sundry expenses and subscriptions	1,268	999
Travel and trip costs	1,086	1,438
	<hr/> 163,257	<hr/> 134,140
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone and computer costs	1,440	1,270
Printing, postage and stationery	1,084	1,064
Repairs and maintenance	1,021	1,056
Cleaning, health and safety	896	744
Payroll fees	796	803
Plant and machinery depreciation	4	5
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	193	258
	<hr/> 5,434	<hr/> 5,200
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	870	840

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Total resources expended	169,561	140,180
Net income	2,622	3,510

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Final Audit Report

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