



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
| | Day 06 | Month 04 | Year 2021 | | Day 05 | Month 04 | Year 2022 |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Shrewsbury Opportunity Group

Other names charity is known by

Opportunity Pre-school

Registered charity number (if any)

1027151

Charity's principal address

off Primrose Drive
 Shrewsbury
 Shropshire
Postcode SY3 7TP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Chantal Worsdell | Chairperson | | |
| 2 | Anne Wardrobe | Treasurer | | |
| 3 | Helen Bishop | Secretary | | |
| 4 | Alison Taylor | | | |
| 5 | Dr Eleanor Damm | | | |
| 6 | Maxine Smith | | | |
| 7 | Juliette Freeman | | | |
| 8 | Jessicah Kendrick | | | |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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| Georgina Gibbons | |
| Edna Francis | |
| Shona Tennyson-Collins | |
| Jo Robins | |

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

PLA Model Pre-school Constitution 2008 (to Jan 2012)
PLA Model Pre-school Constitution 2011 (from Feb 2012)

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by Members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

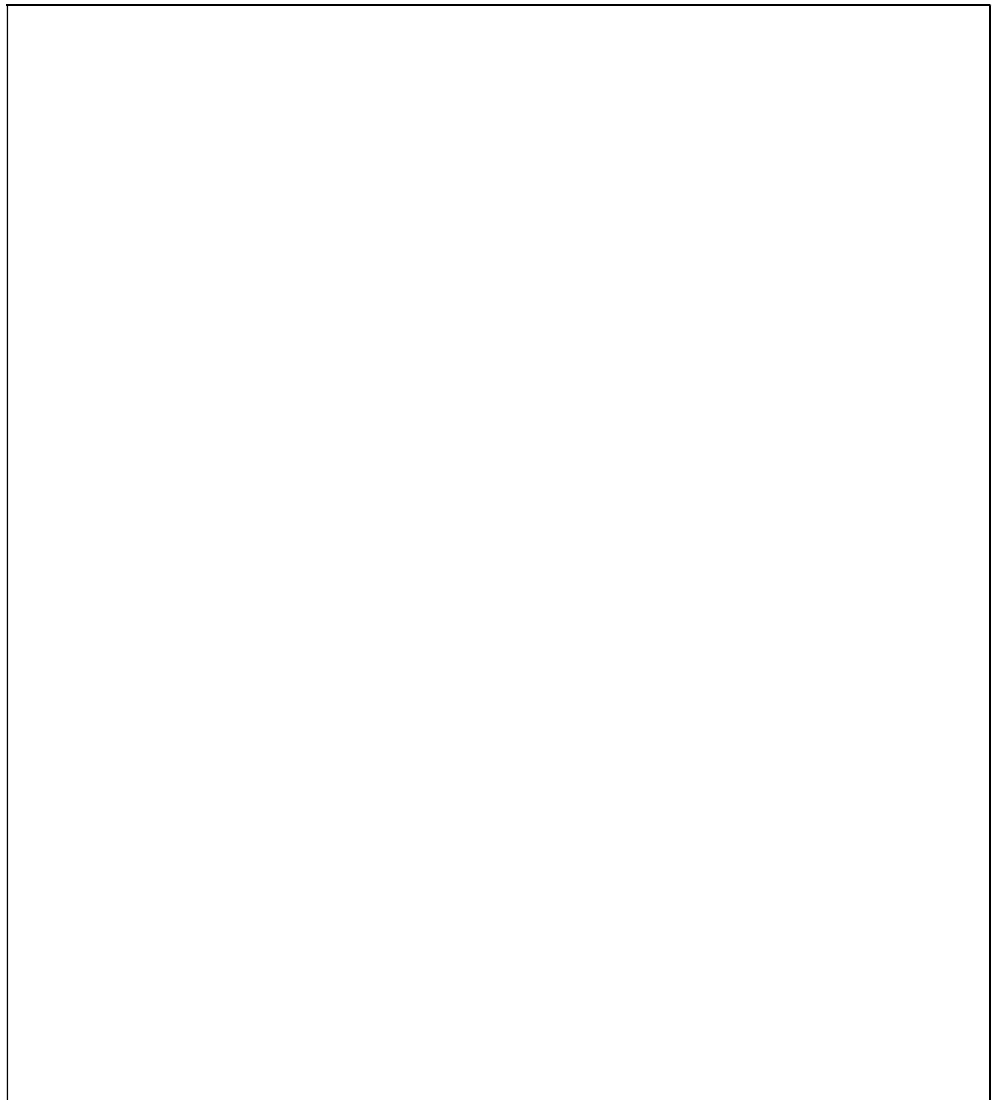
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To enhance the development and education of children under statutory age

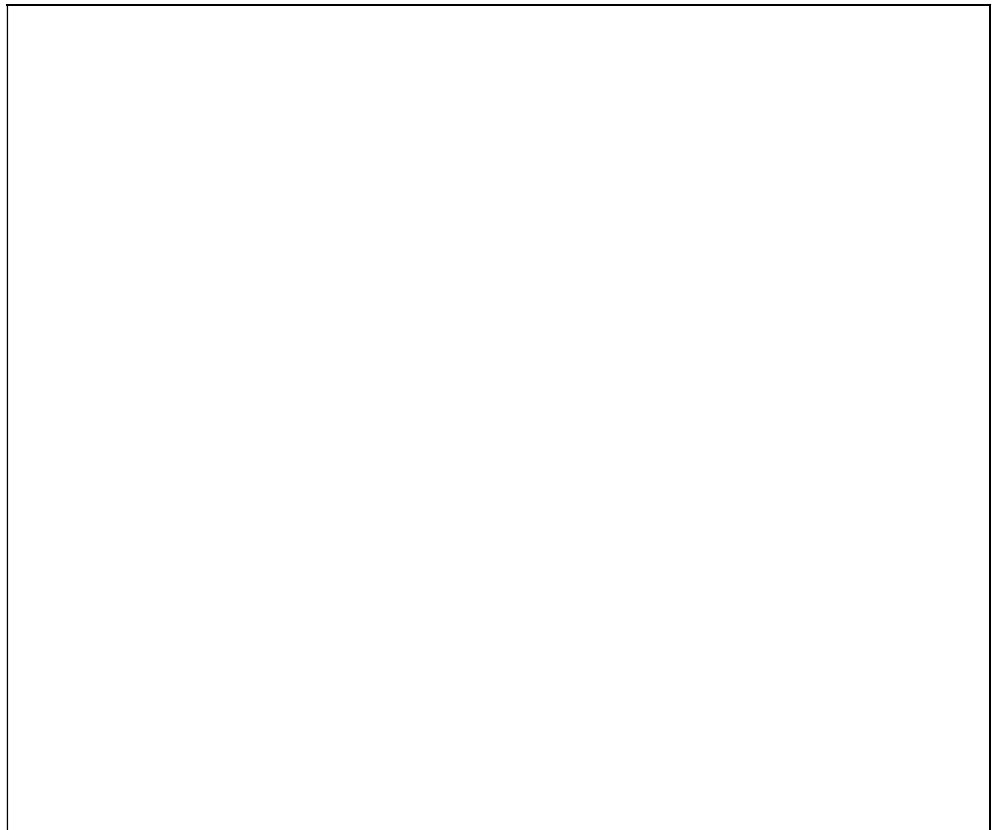
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)



Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Following a period of closure alongside schools in Spring 2021, we were pleased to come together as a community with staff and children accessing all sessions again.

Our Staff

Since the Covid Pandemic, it has been very difficult to recruit and retain qualified staff, especially to support our children with profound special needs. We have maintained our staff team of five. There were still problems with staff absence, all staff having Covid or enforced absence due to their children having Covid.

We provided a placement for one of our committee to study for a Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification attending one day a week at Opportunity.

One of our staff team completed their Foundation Degree in May.

Her Majesty the Queen awarded our Pre-School teacher a British Empire Medal in the 2020 New Year's Honours List.

The announcement of the award for services to education described her as "an inspirational pillar of support within the Shropshire community" and added that she is "widely recognised as being an ambassador for early years providers and an expert in supporting children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)".

She has not yet been able to go to the Royal Garden Party which was planned for last summer, but was awarded her medal in May this year, in a ceremony at Shrewsbury Castle. Lord Lieutenant Anna Turner presenting her medal and – on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen – said;

"You have been awarded a BEM because you are exceptional. You have improved other people's lives and you are being recognised for this. I look at you in awe; having heard and read the citations it makes me realise what humanity is all about. I want to you to go away after today and realise how grateful Her Majesty is of the work you do. We are very proud."

Training

All training continued to be delivered virtually. Staff updated their Safeguarding, First Aid and Food Hygiene qualifications when required.

Links with the community

Opportunity has a great community with many parts. It is made up of families, our staff team, an enthusiastic committee, outside professionals and lovely neighbours.

We really missed our community events, so we have been absolutely thrilled to take part again in the Belle Vue Arts Festival and to begin to host our coffee mornings for families.

Committee

At Opportunity our constitution is based on a parent-led model. The management committee is made up of families past and present, who give their time and skills freely and so generously. They are a strong and capable team with amazingly talented people on board, who draw from their wider experience to help us. We are especially grateful to the committee for bearing with us when we were unable to meet in person, and for keeping up to date with us through virtual meetings.

Our AGM was once again held virtually.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are maintained to meet -:

- Potential annual losses incurred due to falling school numbers
- Cost of major alterations/development of school building/grounds
- Potential redundancy payments (deposit account)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.


Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | Anne Wardrobe | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Treasurer | |
| Date | 26 th January 2022 | |



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| Charity Name Shrewsbury Opportunity Group | No (if any) 1027151 |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 06/04/2021 | To | Period end date 05/04/2022 |
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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| School Fees | 8,918 | - | - | 8,918 | 1,971 |
| LEA Funding | 43,774 | - | - | 43,774 | 63,007 |
| Fundraising | - | - | - | - | - |
| Donations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest/Miscellaneous | 1 | - | - | 1 | 47 |
| Utilities (Refund) | 922 | - | - | 922 | - |
| Training | 194 | - | - | 194 | - |
| Miscellaneous | 2,000 | - | - | 2,000 | - |
| HMRC Grants | 4,059 | - | - | 4,059 | 7,722 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 59,868 | - | - | 59,868 | 72,747 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 59,868 | - | - | 59,868 | 72,747 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Salaries | 72,466 | - | - | 72,466 | 73,853 |
| Educational Resources | 1,412 | - | - | 1,412 | 4,928 |
| Snacks/Miscellaneous | 1,279 | - | - | 1,279 | 1,350 |
| Insurance | 1,890 | - | - | 1,890 | 1,875 |
| Utilities | 3,058 | - | - | 3,058 | 3,442 |
| Building/Grounds/Fittings | 215 | - | - | 215 | 1,144 |
| Admin/Legal | 1,295 | - | - | 1,295 | 85 |
| Refund | 2,000 | - | - | 2,000 | - |
| Training | 415 | - | - | 415 | 100 |
| Sub total | 84,030 | - | - | 84,030 | 86,777 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 84,030 | - | - | 84,030 | 86,777 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 24,162 | - | - | - 24,162 | - 14,030 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 103,636 | - | - | 103,636 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 79,474 | - | - | 79,474 | 14,030 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | | 38,085 | - | - |
| | | 7,919 | - | - |
| | | 33,468 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 79,472 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| | | - | - | - |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | 4 Bay demountable classroom unit | | - | - |
| | PCs x 2, Epson printer, Fax machine | | - | - |
| | Furniture + specialist furniture | | - | - |
| | Indoor/Outdoor play equipment/toys | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anne Wardrobe | 22nd Nov 2022 | |



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

SHREWSBURY OPPORTUNITY GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

1 0 2 7 1 5 1

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

M. Sallin

Date

24/1/23.

Name

MARK SALLIN.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

ACA.

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Brookhill
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Shrewsbury.
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

