



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 01/04/2025**      **Period start date To**      **31/3/2026**      **Period end date**

**Charity name:** The Village Pre School, Little Eaton

**Charity registration number:** 1038317

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Village Pre-School Little Eaton encourages each child to develop and flourish in a happy, supportive and secure environment; enabling them to be confident, challenged, successful and developing their self-esteem.</p> <p>We work in partnership with parents and local advisors to understand individual needs and provide the highest quality childcare for each child.</p> <p>We embrace the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and apply the four key themes – unique child, positive relationships, enabling environments, learning and development – to be the basis of our approach on early learning and development.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>To provide high quality childcare in a safe, secure, caring, happy and stimulating environment in which all children have opportunities to reach their full potential: emotionally, socially and educationally through 'hands on' experiences and having fun.</p> <p>To encourage the development of self-esteem and independence which will help children to make a natural transition into full-time schooling.</p> <p>To ensure each child is supported in developing their potential at their own pace by means of developmentally appropriate play activities and a high level of individual adult input.</p> <p>To provide activities and experiences that are planned to meet their individual stages of development within the early years foundation stage.</p> <p>To always look at ways to improve and update the environment, layout, equipment and resources available within the Pre-School.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>When the Pre-School committee have new members they are made aware of regulations, procedures and legal requirements that govern the operation of a charity-base Pre-School.</p> <p>All members of the committee are required to undertake DBS checks and complete the EY2 form in order to ensure we fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A - the setting does not offer grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A – there are no investments for the Pre-School and all funds are held in a bank account.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers support our activities throughout the year and are vital to the success of the Pre-School. Volunteers are involved in the setting itself, but largely are involved in fundraising activities and events.
Other		The committee is run by volunteers, whose support is vital.

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Pre-School continued its hard work throughout the year in a number of areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The setting continued to provide high quality care for the children in a supportive environment.</li><li>- Despite some financial challenges this year the Pre-School finances have remained stable and well-managed.</li><li>- Fundraising activities continued throughout the year, raising funds to support children's activities at Pre-School and creating special experiences for the children, e.g. at the village carnival and Christmas Fayre</li><li>- The committee remained stable throughout the year. It met regularly to plan events, oversee the activities of the Pre-School and respond to any issues.</li><li>- Staffing levels changed over the year to reflect the changing numbers of children attending the setting. This was managed without damaging our financial position or ability to respond as demand once again increased.</li><li>- We kept up a good relationship with the local primary school to facilitate the transition for children starting school. The setting is still a major feeder for Little Eaton Primary School and special sessions were arranged for children making the transition.</li><li>- Local and national businesses continued to support the setting with donations for fundraisers and services.</li></ul>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Financial performance is closely monitored and reported on by the Treasurer at each committee meeting to ensure the setting remains solvent. Despite some difficult circumstances this year with changing demands the Pre-School remains in a strong financial position to maintain the setting's resilience.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The committee has held the reserve amount at £3000 to be representative of the current financial climate. This continues to ensure that any risks are mitigated for the Pre-School and committee members' liabilities.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The main source of funding for the setting is provided by government via Derbyshire County Council through parents who make use of the 'Childcare Choices' 15/30 funded hours scheme. During this period the scheme funds 15 or 30 hours of childcare for 3 and 4 year olds depending on the parents' circumstances. The scheme has been extended to include 2 year olds, which has benefitted the preschool by increasing demand.</p> <p>Our second source of funding is from fees paid by parents whose children attend the setting for longer than the funded hours or are not eligible for them, mainly children aged two.</p> <p>Fundraising is a vital activity which takes place throughout the year at various events in Pre-School and the wider community. This helps to provide extra materials for the children.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A – currently there are no investments
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The principle risks facing Pre-School are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lowering demand for childcare in the local area, partly due to changing demographics in the village of Little Eaton. This is mitigated by advertising widely outside of the village and maintaining a strong reputation as an excellent setting.</li> <li>- increased costs in terms of rent, salaries etc. This is mitigated by planning and good financial management.</li> <li>- Changes in the government funding scheme to provide funded childcare hours: as our chief</li> </ul>

		source of income changes to this scheme would make a big impact. Currently changes proposed to the scheme suggest a positive outcome for Pre-School by increasing demand, although we will need to respond to a greater number of slightly younger children.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Self-nomination and election.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The Village Pre-School Committee and Manager review policies/procedures regularly. The Pre-School Learning Alliance (PSLA) publishes a policy book, which we have purchased, that is refreshed when legislative requirements change and updates are required. The Pre-School Manager reviews and amends our policies and then shares them with the committee members for a final check before they are placed in our Operational Plan folder, which parents can view. The Manager advises the staff that the policies have been amended within the Pre-School setting. Every policy will be reviewed in time for the AGM. A full set of updated policies is kept in the main Operational Plan folder, held at the Pre-School.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Pre-School is run by a committee of volunteers, who are responsible for the finances and the overall management of the Pre-School, alongside the Manager. The committee is made up of a minimum of three officers: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and a minimum of 2 other members. We hold regular meetings to make decisions about the current and future management of the setting. We hold a minimum of six meetings a year, including an AGM. At each committee meeting the Treasurer presents an up to date statement of accounts. All decisions made by the committee will be made in view of the financial situation and required reserves. The committee follows the constitution outlined by the PSLA for an unincorporated charity.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Village Pre-School
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1038317
Charity's principal address	Little Eaton Village Hall St Peter's Park Little Eaton Derbyshire DE21 5EA

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Sara Cotton	Chair		Committee
2	Chris Mosley	Committee member		Committee
3	Helen Handley	Treasurer		Committee
4	Emily Brocklehurst	Secretary		Committee
5	Abbey Corden	Committee Member		Committee
6	Sharon Self	Manager		Committee
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
N/A		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
N/A		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Payroll Advisor	Glenys Bonini	52 Chestnut Avenue, Mickleover DE3 9FS

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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## Other optional information

A business plan is produced annually for the AGM, which takes place in April. At the AGM volunteers are invited to self-nominate for the committee and can then be elected to either act as a trustee or officer of the setting.
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Mrs Sara Cotton

Mrs Sara Cotton	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Chair	
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Date

06/01/2025

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Funding	90,590	-	-	90,590	61,124
Fees	21,483	-	-	21,483	21,009
Fundraising	3,761	-	-	3,761	2,528
Grants	650	-	-	650	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>116,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,484</b>	<b>84,661</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>116,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,484</b>	<b>84,661</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	80,127	-	-	80,127	82,963
Rent	6,663	-	-	6,663	1,075
Activities / Equipment	1,301	-	-	1,301	752
Insurance / Registration	775	-	-	775	832
Payroll Bureau Costs	300	-	-	300	65
Admin	-	-	-	-	23
Marketing	110	-	-	110	157
Fundraising Expenses	151	-	-	151	237
Training	95	-	-	95	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>89,522</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,522</b>	<b>86,104</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>89,522</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,522</b>	<b>86,104</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>26,962</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,962</b>	<b>- 1,443</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>- 500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>32,319</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,197</b>	<b>35,640</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>59,781</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,159</b>	<b>34,197</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balance	£59,781	1,378	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>59,781</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Unrestricted		-
		Unrestricted		-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL LITTLE EATON

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no (if any)

1038317

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

E Haynes

Date:

12/8/25

Name:

EMMA LOUISE HAYNES

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