CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/24 to 31/08/25

Charity name: Little Acorns, Crossgates

Charity registration number: 1181630

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The aim of Little Acorns is to advance the education and development of pre- school children in Crossgates & the surrounding areas, through the medium of the English language. This is done by: a) providing high quality childcare in a safe and modern environment; b) Focus on development of the Childrens social, emotional, physical, and creative skills, through play and good childcare practices c) arranging other charitable activities in order to help parents support their children's education. d) providing provision for a 2+ setting as defined by Powys County Council
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	Little Acorns provides education and childcare for children 3+ via government funding term time, a 2YO room including flying start funding and running holiday clubs for 2–11- year-olds. The focus is the provision of reliable, high-quality care at affordable prices for the local area. Concentrating on the individual needs of each child and family, to ensure the children reach their full potential through a variety of challenging planned activities. Little Acorns also occasionally hosts public fun events to promote its name in the local area, support the community and fund raise.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance	Para 1.18	Confirmed. The setting provides benefit for all the children within the setting, their families and the wider community. By

issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		offering high quality, affordable childcare the setting ensures Children in the local area have access to safe and secure childcare whilst their families are able to return to work to provide benefit in the local community. The setting also provides employment for 6 staff.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grant making is made by Little Acorns at this time nor planned in the future.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	All policies with regard to the running of the setting or handling of its finances are in accordance and supported by the local authority and Care Inspectorate Wales
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are welcomed at the setting but require an enhanced DBS and relevant references to ensure safeguarding of clients. Trustees of the charity are all volunteers and provide their time without payment.
Other		Any investments or purchases made must relate to the aims of the CIO and the best interests of its users.

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	The Children in the setting have all received excellent childcare during the years and enjoyed learning and celebrating: • World Book Day • Mother Day • Fathers Day • St Davids Day • Cancer Bake Day • Sports day • Christmas • Children in Need Several trips were made during the year which the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed.

		The staff completed numerous training course and engaged with the local authority and outside agencies. Holiday club has continued to run providing care for 2-11 years. During the year the 2-year-old room which was new in March 2022 continued to develop and took on more children including funding with the flying start program. This new room provides additional childcare for younger children further increasing the abilities for families in the local area to access high quality and affordable childcare.

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	At the end of the year the Charity had funds of £63,040 this was an increase in the year of £14,837 The increase was driven by: • increased usage particularly of the new 2 year old room & start of flying start funding which increased both fee & LA grant income. • High occupancy leading to high funding from the LA Staff costs increased during the year inline with the new 2 year flying start provision. Other costs were broadly inline with prior year save for spending on craft equipment for which 100% was funded via a grant.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Little Acorns has made the decision to continue to hold £12,000 to ensure staff wages and bills can be paid in case of any enforced closure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12k
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	Funding comes from Government and local council related to the "Childcare offer for Wales" in addition grants are received from local authority for specific applications e.g. for new equipment. Parents also pay fees not covered by the childcare offer including holiday club which runs outside of the usual school term.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Any investments or purchases made must relate to the aims of the CIO and the best interests of its users.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Key risks are: • Parents do not pay their top up invoices resulting in loss of income. • Keeping and retaining high quality staff to provide provision.

		• Any changes to government policy on childcare funding as large amount of the income relates to government funded childcare.
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	CIO
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	Volunteers.

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	All trustees must hold an enhanced DBS as registered with CIW as Registered Individuals.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Little Acorns
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1181630
Charity's principal address	Grounds of Crossgates CP School Crossgates, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6RE

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	Sarah Jarman			
2	Clare Haslam			
3	Rebecca Price			
4	Jessica Mocklet		Appointed 1 August 2025	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

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

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

Rebecca Pritchard (Manager/Person in Charge

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	S. Jarman	C Haslam
Full name(s)	Sarah Jarman	Clare Haslam
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	25/8/26	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Little Acorns, Crossgates		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1181630
Set out on pages	11 and 12		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025.**

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

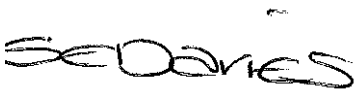
Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:		**Date:**	29 October 2026
Name:	Susan Davies		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	PAVO, Unit 30, Ddole Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6DF		

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
PCC Term Funding	-	58,434	58,434	30,926
PCC / PHB other Income	16,816		16,816	9,672
LA and WAG Funding	85,070		85,070	83,585
Parent Funding	42,718		42,718	66,702
Uniforms	59		59	188
School Meals	5,412		5,412	4,822
Other Income	734		734	2,095
TOTAL receipts	**150,809**	**58,434**	**209,243**	**197,989**
Payments				
Salaries & oncosts	98,792	58,434	157,226	143,279
Training	150		150	-
DBS	304		304	15
Utilities	4,645		4,645	5,461
Telephone & Broadband	1,882		1,882	1,102
Repairs & Renewals	805		805	351
Insurance	561		561	529
Stationary / Consumables	1,655		1,655	1,207
Equipment	-		-	1,106
Governance	1,062		1,062	1,192
PCC School Meals	9,134		9,134	6,359
Snacks	2,330		2,330	3,310
Uniform Purchase	-		-	-
Trips / Events	1,405		1,405	3,314
Play Equipment & Craft	13,168		13,168	4,876
Outdoor Environment	80		80	340
Total Payments	**135,973**	**58,434**	**194,406**	**172,441**
Total surplus / (deficit)	**14,837**		**14,837**	**25,549**
Cash Fund B/Fwd	**48,203**		**48,203**	**22,654**
Cash fund C/Fwd	**63,040**		**63,040**	**48,203**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Cash Assets	**31/08/2025**
	£
Bank Accounts - Barclays 43132269 - Closed During Year	-
Bank Accounts - Barclays 53230228	63,040

	General Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2025**
Debtors	-	-	-

Assets Retained for Charity's own use

Computer & Printer
3 x iPads
Smart TV
Desk, Filing Cabinet & Office Essentials
Educational Resources
Childrens Tables & Chairs and other furniture
Games Consoles
Outdoor Equipment inc Bikes
Kitchen Resources
Robot Lawnmower

Liabilities	**General Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2025**
Nest August Pension	741	-	741

Accounts approved by:
Chair

Print Name:

Signature

Date