

# Little Teds Day Nursery Extension, Haddenham

*Awarded £5,814 under Measure 321: Addressing gaps in Basic Services*

The Fens Adventurers awarded a grant to Little Teds Day Nursery in December 2009 for an extension to its premises based in Haddenham. The project was driven by an acute lack of affordable childcare places in the locality, a trend that is now becoming common in parts of rural Cambridgeshire as new housing developments increases demand for more places.



The new facility opened in 2010 and has allowed Little Teds to offer day care places to an extra ten children, increasing their service capacity by over a quarter. They were also able to expand their popular holiday, breakfast and after school clubs for existing and new clients.

This project has directly supported the local economy by creating 1.5 additional FTE jobs and safeguarding existing ones. Indirectly the project supports the community by allowing more parents to return to work or training. The social benefits of this enhanced basic service are realised through providing a safe environment for local children allowing them to participate in structured educational activities.



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