

# STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1001619

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1991-01-24

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** c/o Evangelical Congregational Ch  
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**Website** [www.svst.org.uk](http://www.svst.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY:(1)THE PROCLAMATION & FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD CONCERNING HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD & THE PREACHING & TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND & ELSEWHERE. (2)THE ORGANISATION,SPONSORSHIP & PROMOTION OF INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN WORK THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND & ELSEWHERE THE OBJECT OF WHICH SHALL BE TO PROJECT TO MEN,WOMEN,YOUNG PEOPLE & CHILDREN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR & LORD BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS.

**Activities:** Taking the gospel into local schools

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND AND ELSEWHERE
- Essex
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£42,726	£48,556	-	-
2024-09-30	£23,555	£51,684	-	-
2023-09-30	£69,115	£42,736	-	-
2022-09-30	£36,383	£38,800	-	-
2021-09-30	£51,683	£48,874	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David John King		2025-04-04
Margaret Sherwin		2024-11-07
Nicholas Antony Hewish		2024-06-30
Rev Brenda Dorothy Brundritt		2024-06-30
Rev Gareth Paul Tracey		2026-04-24
Rev Gary Hanson		2024-06-30
Rev John Colin Walford		2024-06-30

**STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST**

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report of Stort Valley Schools Trust for 2024/25

## Registered Address

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London Road  
SAWBRIDGEWORTH  
Hertfordshire  
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Registered Charity No. 1001619

## ANNUAL REPORT

We are pleased to present a report of the life and work of the Charity for 1 Oct 2024 to 30 Sep 2025.

The Stort Valley Schools Trust is a Christian organisation, established in 1990, to serve schools in and around Sawbridgeworth, Bishop's Stortford, Newport and Saffron Walden. Our passion is helping young people to thrive.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide a positive representation of the Christian faith to the young people and staff we work with through our words and actions.

## OUR AIMS

- To help young people thrive
- To demonstrate God's love
- To develop purposeful and caring relationships
- To enable children and young people to consider Christianity in a meaningful way

## OUR VALUES

- Jesus focussed
- Inclusive
- Accountable
- Relational

## OUR BELIEF

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*

We believe the Good News of the Bible, that God loves everyone without exception. This is what motivates us in our love and support for young people. SVST holds to the [statement of faith](#) as laid out by the Evangelical Alliance UK.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Stort Valley Schools Trust (SVST) offers a free chaplaincy service to both primary and secondary schools across the Stort Valley area. We currently employ two schools' workers:

Kt Haynes our Team Leader

Nicola Williamson our Schools Support Worker

In addition we have volunteers who have a range of different roles from direct contact and work with young people in schools to representing the trust in local churches.

In 2025 our workers have been working in several schools in the area and have been able to offer support in a number of areas. Both are trained and experienced mentors, youth workers and mental health first aiders.

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

During 2024/25 these have included:

- Mentoring

We offer children and young people 30-minute 1:1 mentoring sessions, offering a private but not confidential service. These are safe spaces for young people to be heard and to share their anxieties. Any issues can be flagged up to school pastoral care, and we signpost to other services if appropriate.

- Offering input into collective worship and Christian input to lessons,
- Seasonal workshops
- Create Soul Spaces

These are opportunities to create a space for pupils to pause and reflect on life. In 2024 we were able to create these around the themes of Easter, Remembrance and Christmas.

- Lunchtime clubs

Our Rooted Hubs are opportunities for pupils to explore who they are and what they believe about life. Rooted seeks to provide space for each young person to grow, flourish, and be nurtured in a safe, committed, and compassionate Christian community. Rooted embraces the messiness of life and encourages young people to

wrestle with big questions authentically and openly in an environment that respects difference and promotes tolerance.

- Chaplaincy drop-ins

We offer a listening ear and an opportunity to express thoughts and worries in a creative manner.

- Support year 6 pupils as they transition to secondary school
- Pastoral support to both students and staff

## GOVERNANCE

The Charity is constituted as a Trust, governed by a Trust Deed. New trustees are selected and confirmed by the existing trustees.

The trustees during 2025 have been:

Rev John Walford	Chair
Rev Gary Hanson	Secretary
Nicholas Hewish	Treasurer
Rev Brenda Brundritt	
Margaret Sherwin	Safeguarding
David King	Grant applications

David King became a trustee in February 2025 to offer his expertise in areas related to grant applications and business relationships.

## ACCOUNTS

The Trust's principal source of funds comes from donations from local churches and individuals.

In 2025 we celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a campaign to encourage people to donate £35 as a thank-offering raised some additional funds. In addition we have received a grant with the objective of employing a further part-time worker.

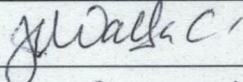
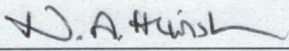
Our policy does require us to ensure that reserves are not less than one quarter of total annual payments, to guarantee a full notice period for our employees in the event that the Trust is terminated. We would like to see our regular income ~~must~~ increase in the coming financial year to ensure that the Trust operates on a firm financial footing.

A primary objective of the trustees in the coming year is therefore to strengthen finances to allow us to expand our work.

## DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JOHN COLLINS WALFORD	NICHOLAS ANTONY HEWISH
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	27 / 02 / 2026	

STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST - Charity No: 1001619  
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
 YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds £	Year ended 30 Sep 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	35,857		35,857	20,720
Donations for special projects		3,900	3,900	-
Interest	347		347	696
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	2,622		2,622	2,139
	<b><u>38,826</u></b>	<b><u>3,900</u></b>	<b><u>42,726</u></b>	<b><u>23,555</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries	43,022		43,022	46,099
Training			-	-
Equipment			-	-
School expenses and resources	1,611		1,611	2,184
Printing and postage	179		179	-
Travel	723		723	688
Administrative expenses	3,021		3,021	2,714
Special projects			-	-
	<b><u>3,923</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>48,556</u></b>	<b><u>51,684</u></b>
Excess receipts over payments			(5,830)	(28,130)
Funds brought forward	32,558	0	32,558	60,687
Funds carried forward	22,828	3,900	26,728	32,557
<b>Cash funds held</b>				
Barclays current account			3,820	997
Barclays deposit account			22,908	31,561
			<b><u>26,728</u></b>	<b><u>32,558</u></b>



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the  
accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name

**STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST**

On accounts for the year **30 SEP**  
ended **2025**

Charity no  
(if any) **1001619**

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and basis  
of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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:**

**Date:**

*Julia Kelly*

**14/11/25**

**Name:**

*Julia Kelly*

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

**ATI1  
ATT**

**Address:**

**5 WALNUT TREE CRESCENT  
SANBRIDGEWORTH  
HERTS, CM21 9EB**

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose.

**STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1001619

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# Accounts

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

30<sup>TH</sup> September 2023

Charity no (if any)

1001619

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2023. DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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

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Signed: AC Kennedy

Date: 15-03-2024

Name: ALASTAIR C. KENNEDY

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

F.C.A.

Address:

30, BOLLINBARN
MACCLESFIELD,
CHESHIRE SK10 3DL

Address:

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SK11 8HR

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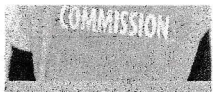
**Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST - Charity No: 1001619**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Year Ended 30/09/2023 £	Year Ended 30/09/2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	64,474	31,196
Interest	269	3
Gift Aid Tax Repayment	4,372	5,184
	<u>69,115</u>	<u>36,383</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
School workers salaries	38,493	34,798
Training	100	40
Equipment	-	-
School expenses and resources	1,652	125
Printing and postage	296	415
Travel	508	219
Administration overheads	1,687	3,046
Cost of special projects	-	157
	<u>42,736</u>	<u>38,800</u>
Excess Receipts over Payments	26,379	(2,417)
Funds brought forward 1 October 2022	<u>34,308</u>	<u>36,725</u>
Funds carried forward 30 September 2023	<u>60,687</u>	<u>34,308</u>
Cash funds held:		
Barclays	<u>60,687</u>	<u>34,308</u>
	<u>60,687</u>	<u>34,308</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Balance brought forward	34,308	36,725
Excess of Payments over Receipts	<u>26,379</u>	<u>(2,417)</u>
	<u>60,687</u>	<u>34,308</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
Balances at Bank	<u>60,687</u>	<u>34,308</u>



From

Period start date

Day01 10 2022

To

Period end date

Day30 09 2023

**Section A**

**Reference and administration details**

**Charity name**

STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1001619

43 Leigh Drive

Elsenham

Bishops Stortford

**Postcode**

**CM22 6BY**

**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	Nigel Courtman	Chairman		
2	Kathryn Winfield			
3	Kieran Cornwell			
4	Janet Sutherland			
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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)

Trust Deed

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

Trust

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

Appointment by Trustees

### 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 encourage young people to think honestly for themselves about their own beliefs and values.

To help young people to come to an understanding of the Christian faith and Christianity today through open enquiry

**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)**

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake. The following summary demonstrates the benefit to the wider public from the Trust's activities.

The employment of schools workers in local primary and secondary schools and, by their invitation, to provide a chaplaincy and mentoring service within those schools for students and staff.

This is achieved by schools workers leading assemblies, lessons and lunchtime clubs, and mentoring and supporting students and staff on a one to one basis.

**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**

The emphasis during the year has been on chaplaincy and mentoring services for both students and staff.

Chaplaincy is a multi-faceted approach to schoolwork which provides many varied opportunities to minister to both students and staff. We have been able to offer schools half to a full day each week and this time has been spent listening to students on a 1:1 basis through our mentoring service, covering breaktime or lunch duty to relieve staff, being a listening ear, sitting with students who require additional support in lessons, running Rooted Hubs – lunchtime clubs which provide a space for young people to explore themes of identity and purpose and many other things!

This model has allowed us to create deep and meaningful relationships with individuals and with schools as a whole, rather than being an occasional visitor and only known to a small number of people within the school community. We continue to receive really positive and encouraging feedback from those we are working with in both primary and secondary schools and more and more, staff are turning to us in times of need and/or recognising us as people who can make a difference which is a real privilege.

Mentoring has continued, and all sessions in schools, secondary and primary were booked with a waiting list. This demonstrates the huge need there is but is also a testimony to the committed ground work over the last year. Young people carry so much and having that space is vital. In it we demonstrate godly values, kingdom values. We impart value and relevance in Jesus' name and we overcome with good.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

General unrestricted funds to be not less than one quarter of total annual payments.

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.

The charity's principal source of funds comes from donations from local churches and individuals.

**Section F Other optional information**

[Empty box for optional information]

**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>N. Courtman</i>	<i>Janet C Sutherland.</i>
Full name(s)	NIGEL COURTMAN	JANET GRACE SUTHERLAND
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	<i>29/04/2024</i>	30/04/2024

**STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1001619

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# Accounts

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**Section E****Financial review**

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**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>NBCourtman</i>	<i>K. Cornwell</i>
Full name(s)	NIGEL COURTMAN	KIERAN CORNWELL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	26TH JANUARY 2023	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

30<sup>TH</sup> September 2022

Charity no (if any)

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Set out on pages

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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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

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• 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 requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

02/11/2022

Name:

A CARTAIR C. KENNEDY, FEA.

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

I.C.A.E.W. LIFE MEMBER

Address:

266 CROMPTON ROAD,
MACEFELD.
SK11 8HR.

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

**STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST - Charity No: 1001619**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Year Ended 30/09/2022 £	Year Ended 30/09/2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	31,196	46,573
Donations for special projects	-	280
Interest	3	14
Government Job Retention Scheme	-	280
Gift Aid Tax Repayment	5,184	4,536
	<u>36,383</u>	<u>51,683</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
School workers salaries	34,798	42,888
Training	40	629
Equipment	-	2,165
School expenses and resources	125	583
Printing and postage	415	136
Travel	219	372
Administration overheads	3,046	1,797
Cost of special projects	157	304
	<u>38,800</u>	<u>48,874</u>
Excess Payments over Receipts	(2,417)	2,809
Funds brought forward 1 October 2021	<u>36,725</u>	<u>33,916</u>
Funds carried forward 30 September 2022	<u>34,308</u>	<u>36,725</u>
Cash funds held:		
Barclays	<u>34,308</u>	<u>36,725</u>
	<u>34,308</u>	<u>36,725</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Balance brought forward	36,725	33,916
Excess of Payments over Receipts	(2,417)	2,809
	<u>34,308</u>	<u>36,725</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Balances at Bank	<u>34,308</u>	<u>36,725</u>

**STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1001619

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# Accounts

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

30<sup>TH</sup> September 2021

Charity no (if any)

1001619

Set out on pages

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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 trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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:

[Signature]

Date:

14-01-2022

Name:

ALASTAIR CRAWFORD KENNEDY

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

F.C.A. RETIRED

Address: 266 CROMPTON ROAD  
MACCLESFIELD  
SK11 8AB.

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

**STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST - Charity No: 1001619**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Year Ended 30/09/2021 £	Year Ended 30/09/2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	46,573	41,632
Donations for special projects	280	-
Interest	14	46
Government Job Retention Scheme	280	10,212
Gift Aid Tax Repayment	4,536	4,544
	<u>51,683</u>	<u>56,434</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
School workers salaries	42,888	44,140
Training	629	-
Equipment	2,165	35
School expenses and resources	583	769
Printing and postage	136	-
Travel	372	544
Administration overheads	1,797	1,536
Cost of special projects	304	-
	<u>48,874</u>	<u>47,024</u>
Excess Receipts over Payments	2,809	9,410
Cash funds last year end	<u>33,916</u>	<u>24,506</u>
Cash funds this year end	<u>36,725</u>	<u>33,916</u>
<b>Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end</b>		
Cash funds held:		
Barclays	<u>36,725</u>	<u>33,916</u>
	<u>36,725</u>	<u>33,916</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Balance brought forward	33,916	24,506
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>2,809</u>	<u>9,410</u>
	<u>36,725</u>	<u>33,916</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Balances at Bank	<u>36,725</u>	<u>33,916</u>



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	Day01 10 2020	To	Day30 09 2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **STORT VALLEY SCHOOLS TRUST**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1001619**

43 Leigh Drive

Elsenham

Bishops Stortford

Postcode **CM22 6BY**

### 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	Nigel Courtman	Chairman		
2	Linda Peake			
3	Kathryn Winfield			
4	Kieran Cornwell			
5	Janet Sutherland		26.1.21 to 30.9.21	
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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

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**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 <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointment by Trustees

**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 encourage young people to think honestly for themselves about their own beliefs and values.

To help young people to come to an understanding of the Christian faith and Christianity today through open enquiry

**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)**

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake. The following summary demonstrates the benefit to the wider public from the Trust's activities.

The employment of schools workers in local primary and secondary schools and, by their invitation, to provide a chaplaincy and mentoring service within those schools for students and staff.

This is achieved by schools workers leading assemblies, lessons and lunchtime clubs, and mentoring and supporting students and staff on a one to one basis.

**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**

The emphasis since the start of October 2020 has been on chaplaincy and mentoring services for both students and staff.

Chaplaincy is a multi-faceted approach to schoolwork which provides many varied opportunities to minister to both students and staff. We have been able to offer schools half to a full day each week and this time has been spent listening to students on a 1:1 basis through our mentoring service, covering breaktime or lunch duty to relieve staff, being a listening ear, sitting with students who require additional support in lessons, running Rooted Hubs – lunchtime clubs which provide a space for young people to explore themes of identity and purpose and many other things!

This model has allowed us to create deep and meaningful relationships with individuals and with schools as a whole, rather than being an occasional visitor and only known to a small number of people within the school community. We continue to receive really positive and encouraging feedback from those we are working with in both primary and secondary schools and more and more, staff are turning to us in times of need and/or recognising us as people who can make a difference which is a real privilege.

Mentoring has continued, and all sessions in schools, secondary and primary were booked with a waiting list. This demonstrates the huge need there is but is also a testimony to the committed ground work over the last year. Young people carry so much and having that space is vital. In it we demonstrate godly values, kingdom values. We impart value and relevance in Jesus' name and we overcome with good.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

General unrestricted funds to be not less than one quarter of total annual payments.

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.

The charity's principal source of funds comes from donations from local churches and individuals.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Nigel Courtman</i>	<i>Kathryn Winfield</i>
Full name(s)	NIGEL COURTMAN	KATHRYN WINFIELD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	4TH FEBRUARY 2022	