



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

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:

- 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:

AC Kennedy

Date:

15-03-2024

Name:

ALASTAIR C. KENNEDY

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

F.C.A.

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MABLESFIELD  
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 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

	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	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)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year



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**

**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>Janet G Sutherland</i>
Full name(s)	NIGEL COURTMAN	JANET GRACE SUTHERLAND
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	29/04/2024	

30/04/2024