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Education Business Partnership West Berkshire Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Education Business Partnership West Berkshire Limited

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	R Sandford
Chief Executive Officer	K Barrow
Trustees	I Hanson G Ward R Drury E Smith P Hobbs J Pieri (formerly Cook) (resigned 30 June 2023) J Hawkins (resigned 6 November 2023) K Harris A Goldsmith S Greenwood A Elsey (appointed 10 July 2023) J Coley (appointed 2 May 2023)
Secretary	L Vincent
Principal Office	Shaw House Church Road Newbury Berkshire RG14 2DR The charity is incorporated in England & Wales.
Company Registration Number	2829085
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Bankers	Metro Bank Plc
Independent Examiner	EJ Business Consultants Limited 2 Toomers Wharf, Canal Walk Newbury Berkshire RG14 1DY

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the independently examined financial statements of Education Business Partnership West Berkshire Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Introduction

Education Business Partnership (West Berkshire) (EBP) is an experienced and trusted broker, engaging business professionals to interpret the world of work for young people. EBP's mission is to unite education and business to inspire and equip our future workforce for tomorrow's workplace.

EBP achieves this mission by working in partnership with businesses, funders and volunteers to deliver a range of programmes and initiatives to young people in schools and colleges across the Thames Valley. EBP builds and cultivates strong, trusted relationships with businesses and educational institutions to facilitate interactive encounters with companies to influence the students' journey into work, inspire young people, raise awareness of sectors, pathways and options and equip them for the workplace.

Schools and colleges pay membership fees to EBP to fully benefit from the vital support that partners provide in the form of resources and finance to carry out activities.

EBP delivers programmes supported by businesses which cover the following areas:

- Personal and work related skills development for young people
- Aspiration raising for future life direction, increasing motivation to study
- Personal finance awareness and skills
- Insight into industries and skills
- Work experience placements
- Business understanding
- Employability skills embedded into curriculum delivery and personal, social and health education (PSHE)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22nd June 1993 and registered as a charity on 22nd June 1993. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board of Trustees

The governing body of the company is the Board of Directors, who are also the charity Trustees for the purpose of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association one third of the members of the Board of Directors stand down at each Annual General Meeting. They are eligible for re-election.

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The process of appointing Trustees to the charity is undertaken by firstly identifying areas where skills and professional expertise are not currently found among the existing Trustees. Suitable candidates are identified within the community. The Chair of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer interview shortlisted candidates, they are invited to attend the next board meeting as a guest before an appointment is made.

Trustee Induction and Training

On being appointed as a Trustee a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the recent business plan and most recent statement of income and expenditure are presented to the new trustee. All Trustees are given many opportunities to become familiar with the work of the company. All are encouraged to attend a number of events each year to experience the charity at work. As training opportunities present themselves, Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events to support the undertaking of their role.

The Board of Trustees meet 4 times per year.

Organisational Structure

A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity. To ensure the effectiveness of the organisation, the CEO has delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment, business development, fund raising and delivery management against an agreed business plan. The CEO is a member of the Association of Education Business Professionals (AEBP) network and sits on the following networks/groups: Skills and Enterprise Partnership for West Berkshire and Business Growth and Skills group (Reading). The Chair of Trustees is a member of The Association of Chairs.

Related Parties

In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objectives, the company is a member of the following organisations:

- Association of Education Business Professionals (formerly EBP National)

Risk Management

The company acknowledges at all times the risks associated with its work as a charitable company. The Board of Trustees ensures that its objectives, philosophy and strategy encompass the identification and control of risks at all times. It recognises that such risk involves the following:

- Governance and management
- Operational risk
- Financial risk
- Environmental and external risk
- Law and regulation risk

To ensure that such risk is identified and appropriate, control measures are put in place. The Board of Trustees directs the CEO to undertake a regular review and evaluation of all aspects of the company and maintain the company's Risk Register. The CEO submits this regular risk analysis for review based on the company's pre-defined 'Risk Policy'.

Objects and Activities for public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education and on fee-charging.

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The principal activity of the company is to advance the education and training of young people, pupils and students in the Thames Valley and Wiltshire, with particular regard to the development of self-confidence, commercial and business skills and other related matters. And to provide young people with insights into industry and the skills needed for working life. In planning the portfolio of activities for the year, the company sought to demonstrate the public benefit to the community from such activities.

The focus of the company's activities remains on work-related learning, establishing effective partnerships between the business and education sectors. EBP recruit business volunteers to inform, inspire, coach and mentor young people.

The principal beneficiaries of the company's activities are young people through building on their knowledge and awareness of the importance of skills needed to compete in the employment market. Also, companies who work with EBP secure a sustainable partnership to improve the supply and quality of future skills, as well as the supply chain of potential candidates for local businesses. Alongside this there is a considerable community benefit both to the adults who are volunteering and to the health and effectiveness of the communities in which the volunteering takes place.

EBP works with all young people aged between 7-19 years, regardless of their personal background, faith, gender, disability or personal circumstances. Through the sharing of skills and knowledge, life experiences and attitudes, the young people all benefit. The company carries out its work within the Thames Valley and Wiltshire (with the majority taking place in West Berkshire, Reading, Wokingham, South Oxfordshire and Swindon) but seeks to work in partnership with similar organisations outside of the region, to enrich the work and experiences for all who are engaged in the business and education sectors. Benefit is gained for this region by working in collaboration with the Education Business Partnerships (EBPs) in the wider Berkshire, Solent and South Eastern area.

Achievements and Performance

2022/2023 was a successful year for EBP, and the year in which we celebrated our 30th birthday. This milestone gave us reason to reflect on how far we had come as a business and how proud we all are with what we have achieved.

2022/2023 saw EBP successfully deliver to nearly 22,000 students, compared to 24,000 students in 2021/2022 and 8,000 in 2018/2019. The year-on-year reduction in student numbers was due to an increased proportion of face-to-face events where audience sizes are smaller on average. Most workshops were delivered face to face for the first time since Covid, based on feedback from schools and students that this was more effective and engaging than online delivery.

We now work with over 900 businesses, over 70 schools and our volunteers generously give over 4500 hours of their time annually.

Work experience continued to be a challenge in terms of sourcing placements, with many employers continuing hybrid working and therefore not having the capacity to host a student on site for a week, however, despite these challenges our work experience programme continued to grow year on year.

We anticipate that traditional work experience will decline in 2023/2024, due to ongoing and increasing pressure on school budgets. We have already taken steps to mitigate this decline, with the pilot of a "supported" WEx programme for students with additional challenges, and a planned growth in school based delivery.

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Financial Review

Total income for the 12 months was £470,564 (a 20.5% increase compared to the previous year). In terms of trading income, we achieved a small surplus for the year of £1320, which was in line with expectations. However, we are listing a deficit of £18,378 due to the impact of the loss from our invested reserves.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have maintained a policy of retaining a prudent amount in reserves leaving most of the charity's funds available to undertake day-to-day operations. Due to an ongoing underperformance of the invested fund, the Board of Trustees and Finance sub-committee made the decision to move the element of unrestricted reserves held in an investment fund in July 2023, to a fixed term savings account to guarantee a return on investment and to derisk any further losses. This has meant that the full loss has been accounted for in this year's accounts, which has put us in a deficit position.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserves policy annually. The minimum to be held will be a sum sufficient to terminate all contracts of employment and exit from all legally binding contracts. All additional monies in reserve are held to ensure satisfactory conclusion of all contracts to supply services to schools and colleges in the Thames Valley.

Principal Funding Sources

The main funders for activities were broken down as follows:

- Schools and Colleges, 40% of total income (34%)
- Business funding 29% of total income (36%)
- Other sources (funding bodies, charitable trust funds, local authority projects etc), 31% (30%)

Figures shown in brackets relate to 2021/2022 financial year. The differences in the makeup of income sources are due to an increase in school funded delivery and EBP's success in securing additional Work Experience contracts. The funding received from businesses, although down in % terms was still up on the year in cash terms, as was the income received from other sources.

Plans for Future Periods

EBP plans to continue its post-COVID recovery. The management team will work with the Chair and Board of Trustees to refresh and reinvigorate the organisation's business plan to build on the foundations for growth established prior to the pandemic. EBP will continue to support schools and colleges in meeting the Gatsby Benchmarks by continuing to align programmes and content to the framework, while simultaneously delivering against funders' objectives. EBP will seek to assist young people with post-COVID recovery by seeking to secure funding for programmes to support improvements in their confidence, resilience and well-being as well as to enable ground to be made up with missed employer engagement opportunities.

EBP will:

- work to broaden the range of corporate organisations they support to meet their student engagement, employee volunteering and Corporate Social Responsibility objectives. The increasing range of sectors experiencing skills shortages, which have been exacerbated by Brexit, is further increasing demand from employers for programmes to engage and inspire young people.
- continue to extend school/college partnerships to facilitate delivery of initiatives.
- work closely with a range of funders to identify new, and seek to continue existing, funding streams.

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- Evaluate and quality assure all of its provision, working to continually improve content and delivery models to meet funder and school/college objectives.

EBP will ensure that the company remains well represented on key strategic bodies such as the LEP, AEBP (formerly EBP National), Local Authority/Economic Development bodies and any new senior strategic working groups. Representation on important and informative operational bodies such as Careers Leads meetings will be maintained in West Berkshire, Reading and Swindon/Wiltshire. All market intelligence and insight gained from such groups will be collated and used to inform programme design to ensure business and school objectives continue to be met by existing and proposed new programmes to aid business development efforts.

Training of EBP staff will ensure they remain up to date with statutory obligations for Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) Managing Safely, Safeguarding training and First Aid courses and certification. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks will also continue to be undertaken. A strong pattern of internal communication will be maintained to ensure that staff are fully informed about trends, changes and new working practices.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 2nd April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Robert Sanford, Chair of Trustees

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Education Business Partnership West Berkshire Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 23/4/24 and signed on its behalf by:



R Sandford
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Education Business Partnership West Berkshire Limited

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 17 .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of EJ Business Consultants Ltd.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

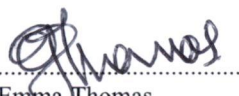
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 23/4/24

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities		139,898	330,667	470,565
Investment income	2	9	-	9
Total Income		<u>139,907</u>	<u>330,667</u>	<u>470,574</u>
Expenditure on:				
Accumulated net loss on Red Kite investment		(19,708)	-	(19,708)
Charitable activities	3	<u>(138,577)</u>	<u>(330,667)</u>	<u>(469,244)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(158,285)</u>	<u>(330,667)</u>	<u>(488,952)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(18,378)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,378)</u>
Net movement in funds		(18,378)	-	(18,378)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>181,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,994</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>163,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,616</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities		107,526	279,327	386,853
Investment income	2	<u>3,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,531</u>
Total Income		<u>111,057</u>	<u>279,327</u>	<u>390,384</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	<u>(116,950)</u>	<u>(279,327)</u>	<u>(396,277)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(116,950)</u>	<u>(279,327)</u>	<u>(396,277)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(5,893)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,893)</u>
Net movement in funds		(5,893)	-	(5,893)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>187,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187,887</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>181,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,994</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The end of year trading position was a surplus of £1,320 however, the accumulated losses recognised in this year's accounts, due to the closure and subsequent reinvestment of the reserves has driven a loss position of -£18,378.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	1,194	2,971
Investments	8	-	93,768
		<u>1,194</u>	<u>96,739</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	45,062	54,990
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>163,487</u>	<u>50,348</u>
		208,549	105,338
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(46,127)</u>	<u>(36,315)</u>
Net current assets		<u>162,422</u>	<u>69,023</u>
Net assets		<u>163,616</u>	<u>165,762</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		163,616	181,994
Revaluation reserve		-	(16,232)
Total unrestricted funds		<u>163,616</u>	<u>165,762</u>
Total funds	11	<u>163,616</u>	<u>165,762</u>


For the financial year ending 31 August 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ~~23.10.24~~ and signed on their behalf by:


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R Sandford
Chairman

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Education Business Partnership West Berkshire Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £200.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2023	2022
		£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	9	9	3,531

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

£138,557 (2022 - £116,950) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £330,667 (2022 - £279,327) to restricted funds.

4 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

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5 Staff costs

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Number of employees	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>

23 (2022 - 17) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

6 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2022	49,261	49,261
Additions	<u>1,791</u>	<u>1,791</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>51,052</u>	<u>51,052</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2022	46,290	46,290
Charge for the year	<u>3,568</u>	<u>3,568</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>49,858</u>	<u>49,858</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,194</u>	<u>1,194</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>2,971</u>	<u>2,971</u>

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8 Fixed asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Other investments	-	93,768

Other investments

	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 September 2022	93,768	93,768
Additions	4,347	4,347
Disposals	(98,115)	(98,115)
At 31 August 2023	-	-
Net book value		
At 31 August 2023	-	-
At 31 August 2022	93,768	93,768

The amount invested with Red Kite had a value of £93,768 as at 31 August 2022 and is a diverse portfolio of investments including bonds, property, hedge funds and shares.

9 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	31,682	41,015
Prepayments	3,380	3,975
Accrued income	10,000	10,000
	45,062	54,990

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	4,321	7,219
Other taxation and social security	6,637	4,019
Accruals	1,544	927
Deferred income	33,625	24,150
	46,127	36,315

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(81,994)	(139,907)	158,285	(63,616)
Designated	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
Total unrestricted funds	(181,994)	(139,907)	158,285	(163,616)
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>(330,667)</u>	<u>330,667</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>(181,994)</u>	<u>(470,574)</u>	<u>488,952</u>	<u>(163,616)</u>

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(87,887)	(111,057)	116,950	(81,994)
Designated	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
Total unrestricted funds	(187,887)	(111,057)	116,950	(181,994)
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>(279,327)</u>	<u>279,327</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>(187,887)</u>	<u>(390,384)</u>	<u>396,277</u>	<u>(181,994)</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,194	1,194
Current assets	208,549	208,549
Current liabilities	<u>(46,127)</u>	<u>(46,127)</u>
Total net assets	<u>163,616</u>	<u>163,616</u>

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13 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

The charity is controlled by the Board of Trustees, who are also the company directors.

Newbury College purchased services from the charity for £25,700 during the period (2022: £18,447). S. Greenwood a Trustee is also a curriculum manager at the college. There were no balances outstanding at the year-end. (2022: £4910.10)

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School purchased services from the charity for £13,176 (2022: £ 9,796.50) during the period. J Hawkins, a Trustee, is a teacher at the school. There were no balances outstanding at the year-end. (2022: £0)

Environmental Solutions Ltd purchased services from the charity for £3,000 (2022: £3000) during the period. G.Ward, a Trustee, is the owner of the business. There were no balances outstanding at the year-end. (2022: £0)

Kennet School purchased services from the charity for £4,522.20 (2022: £3,109). Emma Smith is a Trustee and a Business and Careers consultant at the school. balance outstanding at the year-end was £72.50 (2022: £0) This balance was from invoices raised in October and December 2022 that were settled in December 2023.
. At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).