

**PEASLAKE SCHOOLS TRUST
Registered Charity No. 1034412
c/o WINTERFOLD COTTAGE
WINTERFOLD HEATH
ALBURY HEATH
SURREY
GU5 9EL**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

1.0 Reference and Administrative Information

1.1 Name : Peaslake Schools Trust

1.2 Registered Charity 1034412

1.3 Registered Address:

Winterfold Cottage
Winterfold Heath
Albury Heath
Surrey
GU5 9EL

1.4 Names of the Trustees

Trustees of the Charity during the year to 31st August 2024

Chairman:	Mark Foster
Secretary:	Andy Clayton
Treasurer:	David Newman

Trustees:	James Cobb
	Moira Jones
	Jevon Birchall
	Samantha Pride
	Emily Riley
	Tom Southee
	Sarah Small
	Janette Weller
	Sara Dangerfield

Co-opted Trustees
(sitting on the Executive Committee)

Sara and Janette were made Trustees in March 2021 there are no co-opted trustees,

2.0 Structure Governance and Management

2.1 Nature of the Governing Document

The governing document is a constitution for the charity which was drawn up in 1993 when the trust originated. The Peaslake Schools Trust consists of a body of trustees who meet at least once each school half term. A series of subcommittees are also in operation each with specific responsibilities. The sub-committees are as follows:

- Finance, Audit and Operations
- Education Policy and Curriculum
- Marketing, Parental and Community Liaison
- Performance Management

2.2 Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are sought and recruited from two main sources, firstly the wider community within which the school operates and secondly parent trustees drawn from parents of children who are currently at the school. The constitution details that there should be a sufficient balance of external trustees and this principle is strictly adhered to. Potential trustees are vetted by the Chairman before being approved by the Executive Committee and ratified at the next AGM. Trustees may operate in a co-opted, non-voting form until they are formally adopted at an AGM.

3.0 Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are as follows:

- Providing a home for nursery and early-years learning in the midst of our community
- Support to the Peaslake Free School
- A secure and enjoyable transition from nursery to infant school for local children
- An outstanding preparation for the next stage of education
- A sustaining part of the life of Peaslake and the surrounding villages

The main activities are as follows:

- Provision of nursery facilities for children over two and a half.
- Ownership of premises which are used for both the nursery and the Peaslake Free School.

4.0 Achievements and Performance

4.1 The main achievements for the year end 31st August 2024 is:

- 29th year of operation of the Trust.
- Peaslake Free School opened in September 2013; the main school is substantially funded by the LEA, the Trust made a £12.7k contribution to the Free School in this operating year.
- There are currently 18 children in the nursery.
- The nursery head appointed in the prior year continued to make key improvements to both the learning and facilities within the nursery and this has resulted in an increase in the number of children attending the nursery.
- The nursery team are constantly revising their practice and trialling different ways to cover all areas of learning in the Foundation Stage. There was an Ofsted inspection during the year and the nursery was rated as Good across all categories.
- 7 children moved up to the Free School.

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- They have enhanced their continuous provision, offering the children an environment that is safe for them to explore, whilst challenging their learning and allowing them the freedom to become more independent.
- This was another good year for Fundraising. £23.7k was raised thanks to the support of the school parents, the local community and the tremendous efforts of the fundraising team.
- The push to encourage local parents to use the nursery has again continued this year with numbers increasing; having a full nursery is strategically important for the Free School as many nursery parents choose to send their children to the Free School.
- The building of the new nursery facilities which started in the summer of 2017 was completed in January 2018. The staff and children are enjoying the new facilities and outdoor space. There was further investment in improving the outdoor environment in this financial year.

5.0 Financial Review

Income increased by £41.6k in year to £132.0k. The early years funding increased by £29.3k, reflecting the increased number of sessions being taken up in the nursery. It was another successful year for Fundraising, income increased by £0.5k to £24.3k. The Trust made a loss of £28.6k in year, after depreciation, £18.9k less loss than the prior year. A donation of £22.0k was made to the Free School, £12.65k in the prior year. Nursery operational costs excluding depreciation and donations to the Free School were £14.6k higher than the prior year. If depreciation is excluded the Trust made a profit of £6.0k in year. The Trust continues to have an extremely healthy cash balance of £141.9k with marginal change from the prior year.



Mark Foster
Chairman of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PEASLAKE SCHOOLS TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of The Trustees and the Examiner

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.



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Date: 11/06/25

THE PEASLAKE SCHOOLS TRUST

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

Income	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Covenants and Pledged Donations		18,769	6,970
Donations		-	-
Fundraising Initiatives	3	24,304	23,767
Foundation Stage Income	4	86,288	56,952
Loan Fund Interest	5	-	-
150 Club		2,337	2,280
Bank Interest Received		6	4
Miscellaneous		332	497
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Total Net Income		132,036	90,470
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Expenditure			
Salaries		85,496	72,081
Sports Activities		-	-
Consumables		1,925	1,381
Educational Spending/ Trips		2,515	1,822
Establishment		9,656	9,190
Maintenance		376	2,276
Other		4,022	2,647
Charitable Disbursements		22,000	12,650
Depreciation		34,658	35,940
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Total Expenditure		160,648	137,987
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Net Surplus / (Deficit)for the Year	8	(28,612)	(47,517)
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BALANCE SHEET 31st AUGUST 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets	2				
Freehold property			538,264		572,245
Furniture and Equipment			3,891		4,568
Assets in Construction (AICC)			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
			542,155		576,813
Current Assets					
Debtors & prepayments	6	3,562		1,165	
Cash at bank & in hand		141,856		141,604	
		<u>145,418</u>		<u>142,769</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors & accrued expenses	7	(950)		(4,347)	
		<u>(950)</u>		<u>(4,347)</u>	
Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)		144,468		138,422	
Long Term Liabilities					
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)			<u>£686,623</u>	<u>£712,235</u>	

Represented By:

Capital Reserves	8	454,899	483,511
Freehold Property Reserve		213,857	213,857
PPE Reserve	9	17,867	17,867
		<u>£686,623</u>	<u>£715,235</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on Date
Chairman of Trustees

Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 31st August 2024 the Trust accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis, as an income and expenditure account and balance sheet.

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on the following bases to reduce the cost of the Trust's tangible fixed assets to their net realisable values over their estimated useful lives at the following rate:-

Buildings	- 20 years straight line
Furniture and equipment	- 3 years straight line

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Reserves

The reserves are held to ensure sustainability of operation if there is a shortfall in funding over expenditure in any given year.

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2. FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Furniture & Equipment £	AICC £	Total £
Cost				
At 1.9.23	845,018	35,556	-	880,574
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals/Transfers	-	-	-	-
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At 31.8.24	845,018	35,556	-	880,574
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Depreciation				
At 1.9.23	272,773	30,988	-	303,761
Charge for year	33,981	677	-	34,658
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At 31.8.24	306,754	31,665	-	338,419
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Written Down Value				
At 31.8.24	538,264	3,891	-	542,155
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At 31.8.23	572,245	4,568	-	576,813
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3. FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Peaslake Fair	4,816	7,821
Christmas Concert	3,486	3,289
Christmas Fair / Events	2,561	1,997
Halloween Hike	1,216	1,000
Open Gardens	5,331	5,334
Albury Produce Fair	322	668
Everest Base Camp	1,480	-
Easter Event	1,029	418
Teddy Bears Picnic	2,918	2,122
Quiz / Cinema Night	-	1,000
Summer trail & Raffle	1,000	-
Other	145	118
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Net Surplus	24,304	23,767
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4. FOUNDATION STAGE INCOME

	2024	2023
SCC Grant funding (3 to 5 years)	54,088	40,141
Charges made to parents	32,200	16,811
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Net Surplus	£86,288	£56,952
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5. LOAN FUND INTEREST

The loan fund was deposited with the Charities Aid Foundation. Ownership of the capital sum remained with the benefactor, but Peaslake Schools Trust received an income from the fund equivalent to the interest earned on the moneys deposited. Benefactors were able to withdraw the capital, without penalty, at short notice. The loan fund was closed during previous financial years as the interest paid was too low to make this viable.

6. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

The debtors balance is made up of £3.5k for tax back from donations.

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7. CREDITORS

The creditor balance represents accruals for fundraising and audit costs.

8. CAPITAL RESERVES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at 1st September 2023	483,511	531,028
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(28,612)	(47,517)
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Balance at 31 st August 2023	454,899	483,511
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9. PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT RESERVE

This represents the cash raised for the new windows and the boiler as these have been partly funded through donations.

