

**Charity Registration Number 1062393**

**ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2025**

# ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST

## COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025

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The Aldenham Foundation Charitable Trust is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1062393).

Trustees	T Barton (Chair) R Wright A Hems K Mahon (and Hon Secretary)
Registered office	Aldenham Foundation Elstree Herts WD6 3AJ
Auditors	Crowe U.K. LLP 55 Ludgate Hill London EC4M 7JW
Bankers	National Westminster Bank Plc PO Box 237, 72/74 High Street Watford Hertfordshire WD17 2GZ
Solicitors	Farrer & Co 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH  Taylor Walton 28-44 Alma Street Luton Bedfordshire LU1 2PL

# **ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Trust was established by a charitable trust deed on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1970 and registered as a subsidiary charity of the Richard Platt Foundation under number 272589. On 19<sup>th</sup> January 1998 the Trust was separately registered by the Charity Commissioners as a main charity under number 1062393. The name of the Trust was changed from the Aldenham School General Charitable Trust to the Aldenham Foundation Charitable Trust in January 2019.

The Trustees may appoint any number of additional trustees and shall use their best endeavours to ensure that the number of Trustees shall be maintained at not less than four. An appointment as Trustee is for an unlimited period of time and the Trust Deed sets out the circumstances under which a Trustee may be removed.

The Trustees have identified the range of skills, qualifications and experience required for the proper management of the Charity and considers that these are offered by the current Trustees. The Trustees will seek to maintain this match in any future appointments. The day-to-day management of the Trust's affairs is carried out by the Management of the Foundation under the direction of the Trustees to ensure that planned objectives are met and risks minimised.

The Aldenham Foundation Charitable Trust maintains a close relationship with The Aldenham Foundation, a registered charity.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Trust's objects are to further the charitable purposes connected with The Aldenham Foundation or such other charitable purposes or such charitable foundations, whether or not connected with the Foundation, as the Trustees shall determine. The Trustees are given the powers under the Trust Deed to manage the capital and income of the Trust as they shall determine to further such charitable purposes. The Trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission guidance in respect of public benefit when exercising these powers.

Within this the Trustees' policy is to continue work closely with the Governors of the Aldenham Foundation, the Head of the Aldenham Foundation and other key management in fundraising activities and the management and application of those funds for the benefit of the Foundation having regard for any restricted usage of such funds. Details of activities in the year are included below in the financial review.

### **Investment Policy**

Under the terms of the Trust Deed, the Charity has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit. The Trustees undertake regular reviews of the funds held by the Charity to determine where these funds should be invested.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and to the best of their knowledge and belief, are satisfied that there are systems in place to safeguard against them. The primary risk to the Charity is that donors do not make future donations, however the relationships with the Old Aldenhamian Community is strong, and with a number of standing orders in place from regular donors, the Trustees do not see this as a likely outcome. There are no overheads of the Charity so it can weather years of lower donations.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025 (continued)

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### Fundraising

Fundraising for The Aldenham Foundation is the only activity of the Trust. There are no professional fundraising organisations used and so no monitoring processes required. The Trust subscribes to the Fundraising Regulator and adheres to the Fundraising Promise when undertaking fundraising activity. This promise embodies a commitment made to donors to ensure any fundraising is legal, open, honest and respectful. The Aldenham Foundation takes its responsibility to anyone who might be vulnerable very seriously and this will continue to be considered in the Foundation's approach to fundraising activity.

### Going Concern

In light of the current climate, the Trustees have reviewed the performance of the Trust and its ability to continue to operate ongoing. The Trust has no overheads, as these are paid for by the Aldenham Foundation, and therefore the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust will continue to generate funds for the benefit of the Aldenham Foundation. On this basis that accounts have been prepared on the basis that the Trust is a going concern.

### Complaints

The Trust received no complaints during the year.

### Financial Review

During the year ended 31 August 2025, incoming donations increased by £3,933 over the previous year, from £74,389 to £78,322. This included a legacy donation of £47,801.

The Trust donated £14,495 in total (2024: £86,639) to the Aldenham Foundation. These funds provided support to Aldenham School as shown in Note 7 to these accounts.

### Reserves Policy

The Trust's policy is to maintain free reserves of £5,000 where it can to cover future operational costs for 12 months. At 31 August 2025, the Trust held free reserves of £132,850 (2024: £74,764) and restricted reserves of £9,674 (2024: £4,386). It is the Trust's intention that restricted reserves and surplus free reserves will be donated to the Aldenham Foundation to fund specific projects, purchases and bursaries. The timing of donations to the Aldenham Foundation will depend upon the Foundation's needs in any particular year and timings of projects.

### Future plans

Looking ahead, the Trustees aim to continue to deliver the objects of the Charity.

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### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Charity, and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustees



**Trustee – Trevor Barton**

**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

# **ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Aldenham Foundation Charitable Trust**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Aldenham Foundation Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# **ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Aldenham Foundation Charitable Trust**

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept by the Charity; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

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In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the Charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Taxation legislation.

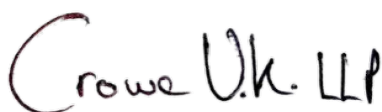
Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Crowe U.K. LLP**  
Statutory Auditor  
London

**Date:** 3 February 2026

Crowe U.K. LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.



# ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and Gift Aid		71,959	6,363	78,322	74,389
Investment Income					1,262
		1,416	-	1,416	
<b>Total income</b>		<u>73,375</u>	<u>6,363</u>	<u>79,738</u>	<u>75,651</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Donations to the Aldenham Foundation	7	13,420	1,075	14,495	86,639
Other		1,869	-	1,869	1,783
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>15,289</u>	<u>1,075</u>	<u>16,364</u>	<u>88,422</u>
Net (expenditure) / income		58,086	5,288	63,374	(12,771)
Transfers Between Funds					
Fund balance at 1 September 2024		74,764	4,386	79,150	91,921
<b>Fund balance at 31 August 2025</b>		<u>132,850</u>	<u>9,674</u>	<u>142,524</u>	<u>79,150</u>

**All operations are continuing.**

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

# ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	4	663	125
Cash at bank and in hand		144,227	80,543
		<u>144,890</u>	<u>80,668</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors	5	(2,366)	(1,518)
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>142,524</u>	<u>79,150</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	6	9,674	4,386
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		132,850	74,764
		<u>142,524</u>	<u>79,150</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A-Small entities.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026:



Trevor Barton - Trustee



Karl Mahon – Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

# ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025

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### 1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charities accounts.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

The Trustees have adopted the recommendations contained within the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities) and the Charities Act 2011.

A cash flow statement is not presented as the Trust meets the definition of a smaller Charity as given in Update Bulletin 1 to the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

#### Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except in so far as they are incapable of financial measurement.

#### Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised when a liability is incurred where there is a current or constructive obligation to pay.

Resources expended are allocated to a particular activity where costs relate directly to that activity. Resources expended have been allocated on the basis indicated below:

Charitable activities: The Charity has one principal activity: fundraising and making donations to the Aldenham Foundation to provide extra provision for pupils. The resources include the donations payable plus any direct costs.

Governance cost: These include the cost of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the Charity as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in the charitable activity. This includes such items as external audit and costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

The Charity does not incur any support costs which are borne by the Foundation.

#### Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations, and other income received, or generated for the objects of the C Charity, without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

#### Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the financial performance and future of the Trust and see no reason why funds will not continue to be raised in the coming years. There are no overheads that have to be paid and on this basis the accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the Trust is a going concern.

# ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025

### 2. Trustees

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year.

### 3. Employees

There were no employees during the year.

### 4. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax Recoverable	663	125
	<u>663</u>	<u>125</u>

### 5. Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Sundry Creditors	-	-
Auditors Remuneration	1,560	1,518
Due to Aldenham Foundation	806	-
	<u>2,366</u>	<u>1,518</u>

### 6. Restricted Funds

	At 1 September 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Fund Transfers	At 31 August 2025 £
Annual Fund	4,386	5,788	(500)	-	9,674
Bursary Fund	-	575	(575)	-	-
Total Funds	<u>4,386</u>	<u>6,363</u>	<u>(1,075)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,674</u>

The Annual Fund comprises donations received to support the Aldenham Foundation.

The Bursary Fund comprises funds received from donors to provide bursaries to enable pupils to be educated at the Aldenham Foundation.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025

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### 7 Donations to the Aldenham Foundation

Donations made in the year to the Aldenham Foundation were:

	£
Bursary Fund	13,000
McAllister Award (23/24 academic year)	500
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	14,495

### 8. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Debtors	660	3	663
Cash at bank and in hand	134,556	9,671	144,227
Creditors	(2,366)	-	(2,366)
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	132,850	9,674	142,524

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025

### 9. Prior year comparative notes

#### A. Statement of Financial Activities 2024:

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and Gift Aid		64,539	9,850	74,389	63,710
Investment Income		1,262	-	1,262	794
<b>Total income</b>		<u>65,801</u>	<u>9,850</u>	<u>75,651</u>	<u>64,504</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Donations to the Aldenham Foundation	7	58,154	28,485	86,639	50,349
Other		1,783	-	1,783	1,500
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>59,936</u>	<u>28,486</u>	<u>88,422</u>	<u>51,849</u>
Net (expenditure) / income		5,864	(18,635)	(12,771)	12,655
Transfers Between Funds					
Fund balance at 1 September 2023		68,900	23,021	91,921	79,266
<b>Fund balance at 31 August 2024</b>		<u><u>74,764</u></u>	<u><u>4,386</u></u>	<u><u>79,150</u></u>	<u><u>91,921</u></u>

# ALDENHAM FOUNDATION CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025

### B. Restricted Funds 2024:

#### Restricted Funds

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Fund Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£		£
Annual Fund	22,029	6,137	(23,780)		4,386
Bursary Fund	992	3,713	(4,705)		-
Total Funds	23,021	9,850	(28,485)		4,386

### C. Analysis of net assets by fund 2024:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Debtors	35	90	125
Cash at bank and in hand	76,229	4,314	80,543
Creditors	(1,500)	(18)	(1,518)
	74,764	4,386	79,150

