

BEECHWOOD EDUCATION TRUST

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity No 1064508

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BEECHWOOD EDUCATION TRUST

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEECHWOOD EDUCATION TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Beechwood Education Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Beechwood Education Trust ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of the 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 of 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that Year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the parent charity and its subsidiary undertakings will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent charity and its subsidiary undertakings and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the parent charity and its subsidiary undertakings and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees of the Charity present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

Governing document

The appointment and retirement of Trustees is subject to the normal statutory powers for charitable trusts and is dealt with in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 11 August 1997 and subsequent amendments.

Trustee Appointment

New Trustees are selected from persons with business experience and interest in the education and welfare of young people. They have access to the guidance provided by OneSchool Global Limited and Charity Commission publications.

The Trustees meet regularly and take responsibility for the overall running of the charity.

OneSchool Global Limited provides advice and guidance to the Trustees on the formulation of School policies and practices.

Risk Management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems of procedures have been established, and are included in the risk register. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the Charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**Objects**

The charitable objects of the trust are the advancement of the education of children and young people. The objects also include any other charitable purpose for the benefit of the worldwide Christian fellowship known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church.

In furtherance of its objects the Trust operates to deploy its assets to best advantage to provide the means to deliver support to qualifying causes, especially the school operation at Biggleswade Campus. Provision of education at the Biggleswade Campus is provided by the charity OneSchool Global UK.

Ethos

Our support is targeted at schools that maintain our ethos, that pupils are encouraged to develop their full potential and acquire the discipline of learning how to learn, while upholding Christian teachings and beliefs. At the same time the truth and authority of the Holy Bible and strong family values underpin every facet of the educational provision in a safe and caring environment.

Values

The trustees are drawn from the brethren community and their schools are committed to a way of life that is governed by the Holy Bible, with conduct to reflect Biblical values which include :

- Integrity – uprightness, honesty and decorous conduct, governed by the Holy Bible;
- Care & Compassion – kindness, consideration and generosity to all;
- Respect – for all people, property, opinions and authority;
- Responsibility – for our actions, progress and environment;
- Commitment – to self-discipline and the pursuit of excellence.

Significant Activities

The Trust has worked with the Ermine Education Trust which is responsible for the provision of the facilities at the Biggleswade Campus. We currently have £ 88,400.00 on loan to the Ermine Education Trust in support of improvements to their property. We have also forgiven a sum of £ 8,000.00 which was previously included in the amount loaned to Ermine Education Trust during this accounting year.

We have been able to keep our property operational during the year, using it for our office, for educational support and also to store our equipment. We have also made provision for it to be used for storage and charitable activities by both the RRT Charity, OneSchool Global UK and the Mowbray Gospel Hall Trust who adjoin our site. It has also been used as a transport location for student travel to the Biggleswade Campus.

Volunteer Contribution

The trustees are all unpaid volunteers who are engaged in the operation of the trust and have other community member volunteers who can be called on for help as needed.

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and we have had regard to it when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our future objectives.

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Objectives

Key objectives for the year included:

- To continue to provide support to the delivery of education at the Biggleswade Campus.
- To sell redundant assets to provide funds for the Trust.
- To move forward with the re-deployment of our property so that we are in a financially stable position with a secure income to support our charitable activity both on and off site.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We forgave part of the loan to Ermine Education Trust to support their financial situation. Ermine Education Trust have aligned objectives with ours in support of Plymouth Brethren Christian Church and their need to provide support for educational needs.

Further funds were generated from the sale of redundant assets.

To support the public benefit we have made facilities available to the Rapid Relief Team charity which embraces their significant activity in support of Addenbrooke's Hospital and the wider community. Rapid Relief Team is a Plymouth Brethren Christian Church based charity that is specifically set up for outreach work to the wider community.

We have also made parking provision available to the neighbouring Arthur Rank Hospice while works are being done in the nearby park and ride car park.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trust is maintaining their property to provide facilities for charitable use. Rental income in the year was £62,807 (2022: £67,806).

The Trust received donations towards maintenance totalling £19,050 (2022: £6,400).

Total expenditure in the year was £102,673 (2022: £110,443), resulting in a deficit of £20,545 (2022: £36,203).

Principal Funding Sources

The Trust had financial reserves but achieved a fully balanced cash budget for 2023. This was achieved from specific donations to fund the continued charitable operations on the site as well as income from sharing use of a lesser portion of the site. In the short term we have shared some of the spare space in the property under licence to the school trading company to assist their fund raising activities for Biggleswade Campus and thereby help to offset some of our running costs.

Principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity

Beechwood Education Trust maintains a risk register which includes key financial risks. Going forwards, the most significant risk is securing an income to operate and maintain the property. Sufficient reserves of operating funds are to be maintained to cover expenses to operate and keep the property in a satisfactory condition.

Reserves

Beechwood Education Trust keeps a reserve of funds to cover anticipated capital expenditure on the building and any legal or planning costs that may arise.

Future Plans

Going forwards Beechwood Education Trust will leverage the use of the school property, making it available for charitable activities and to raise funds to fulfil our charitable purposes whilst maintaining ownership as a longer term capital investment. It is important to protect our property assets as a long term strategy investment. In the short term we are sharing use under licence of part of the property with Fusion Trading (Biggleswade) Ltd. This will return adequate funds to balance the budget, maintain the property and deliver on our charitable objectives. It will also mean that we can continue with our charitable use of the rest of the property, demand for which could well increase in the future.

We anticipate that we will provide further support to Ermine Education Trust and or OneSchool Global UK, with whom we are affiliated, to assist with the provision of education in our immediate area.

We are therefore continuing to use the going concern basis in preparing our financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 30/07/2024 and signed on their behalf.



Peter Marsh

Trustee



Paul Hetherington

Trustee

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	<i>Restricted Funds</i> £	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £	2023 <i>Total</i> £	2022 <i>Total</i> £
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	4	-	19,050	19,050	6,400
Other trading activities	5	-	62,807	62,807	67,806
Investments	6	-	271	271	34
		-	82,128	82,128	74,240
TOTAL INCOME		-	82,128	82,128	74,240
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	7	11,456	89,657	101,113	109,039
Other expenses	7	-	1,560	1,560	1,404
TOTAL EXPENDEDITURE		11,456	91,217	102,673	110,443
NET (EXPENDITURE) IN THE YEAR		(11,456)	(9,089)	(20,545)	(36,203)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		125,852	801,549	927,401	963,604
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		114,396	792,460	906,856	927,401

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note		2023	2022
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		782,014	801,301
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	9	96,614		105,367
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>35,712</u>		<u>27,810</u>
		132,326		133,177
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(7,484)		(7,077)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>124,842</u>	<u>126,100</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>906,856</u>	<u>927,401</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds	11		792,460	801,549
Restricted funds	11		<u>114,396</u>	<u>125,852</u>
			<u>906,856</u>	<u>927,401</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30/07/2024 and signed on their behalf



Peter Marsh (Trustee)



Paul Hetherington (Trustee)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	7,631	(4,964)
Net cash used in operating activities		7,631	(4,964)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		271	34
Net cash provided by investing activities		271	34
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting Year		7,902	(4,930)
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward		27,810	32,740
Cash and cash equivalent carried forward		35,712	27,810

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 RECONCILIATION OF THE NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds		
Adjustments for:	(20,545)	(36,203)
Depreciation charges	19,287	19,287
Interest received	(271)	(34)
Decrease / (Increase) in debtors	8,753	11,345
Increase/ (Decrease) in creditors	<u>407</u>	<u>641</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>7,631</u>	<u>(4,964)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**1 LEGAL FORM**

The charity is a registered charity registered in England and Wales number 1064508.

The operations of the entity are to maintain and let out redundant school buildings.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**(a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that the going concern basis is appropriate as they consider the reserve levels and expected giving and other income to be sufficient to ensure that the Trust can meet its financial obligations for the next 12 to 18 months and on that basis the Trust is a going concern. There are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue.

(b) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants received are attributed to the financial year for which they are intended, any monies received in advance being carried forward to the next financial year.

(c) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

(d) Raising funds

Raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and included costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading.

(e) Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises of 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.

(f) Governance costs

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs related to the Audit and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

(g) Allocation and apportionment of costs

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, e.g. estimated usage.

(h) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on fixed assets on a straight line basis over the estimated useful economic life of the assets as follows:

Equipment & vehicles	25% reducing balance
Premises improvements	2% on cost

(i) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(j) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognized at settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

(k) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening the deposit or similar account.

(l) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be estimated or measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualifies as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised as transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 NET MOVEMENT IN RESOURCES

(Deficit)/Surplus for the year is after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent Examiners' fees	1,560	1,404

4 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Restricted capital £	Unrestricted Capital fund £	Restricted Repairs fund	General fund £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
-	-	19,050	-	19,050	6,400
-	-	19,050	-	19,050	6,400

5 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Restricted capital £	Unrestricted Capital fund £	Restricted Repairs fund	General fund £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Rental income	-	-	-	62,807	62,807	67,806
	-	-	-	62,807	62,807	67,806

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted capital £	Unrestricted Capital fund £	Restricted Repairs fund	General fund £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Interest received	-	-	-	271	271	34
	-	-	-	271	271	34

7 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Restricted capital £	Unrestricted Capital fund £	Restricted Repairs fund	General fund £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Charitable activities						
General expenses	-	-	-	3,283	3,283	886
Depreciation of buildings	3,456	15,831	-	-	19,287	19,287
Premises running costs	-	-	19,050	51,210	70,260	76,528
Grants to other trusts	8,000	-	-	-	8,000	12,050
Bank charges & interest	-	-	-	283	283	288
	11,456	15,831	19,050	54,776	101,113	109,039
Governance costs						
Independent Examination fees	-	-	-	1,560	1,560	1,404
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	11,456	15,831	19,050	56,336	102,673	110,443

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land	Improvements	Total
Cost		£	£
At 1 January 2023	100,000	964,455	1,064,455
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	100,000	964,455	1,064,455
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	-	263,154	263,154
Charge for the year	-	19,287	19,287
At 31 December 2023	-	282,441	282,441
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2023	100,000	682,014	782,014
At 31 December 2022	100,000	701,301	801,301

9 DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors, including prepayments	8,214	8,967
Loans to other trusts	88,400	96,400
	96,614	105,367

Debtors include a balance of £88,400 Loaned to the Ermine Education Trust, a charity with similar objects.

10 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,030	2,489
Accruals	4,454	4,588
	7,484	7,077

11 MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Jan-23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Capital Fund	675,449	-	(15,831)	8,000	667,618
General Fund	126,100	63,078	(56,336)	(8,000)	124,842
	801,549	63,078	(72,167)	-	792,460

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Jan-23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Maintenance fund	-	19,050	(19,050)	-	-
Capital fund	125,852	-	(11,456)	-	114,396
	125,852	19,050	(30,506)	-	114,396

12 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

	General fund	Restricted Capital Fund	Designated Capital Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	114,396	667,618	782,014
Current Assets	132,326	-	-	132,326
Current Liabilities	(7,484)	-	-	(7,484)
	124,842	114,396	667,618	906,856

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

13 PURPOSES OF RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

Restricted capital fund

The restricted capital fund comprises the capitalised costs of the new school hall, together with cash available to spend on other capital projects.

The restricted maintenance fund comprises donations towards the costs of ongoing maintenance of the building.

Designated capital fund

The designated capital fund comprises the net book value of land, buildings, vehicles and equipment purchased from general funds.

14 TRUSTEES EXPENSES & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No Trustee was paid any expenses in 2023 or 2022.

During the year, the charity has undertaken various transactions with trustees and other related parties. The Trustees consider that all transactions are at a market or better rate.

15 STAFF COSTS

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment in the year.

The average number of staff employed during the year was nil (2022: nil).

Excluding the trustees, there were no key management personnel.

16 COMPARATIVES FOR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£
INCOME FROM			
Donations and legacies	-	6,400	6,400
Other trading activities	-	67,806	67,806
Investments	-	34	34
	-	74,240	74,240
TOTAL INCOME	-	74,240	74,240
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	15,506	93,533	109,039
Other expenses	-	1,404	1,404
TOTAL EXPENDEDITURE	15,506	94,937	110,443
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(15,506)	(20,697)	(36,203)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	141,358	822,246	963,604
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	125,852	801,549	927,401