

**THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Edwards & Keeping

Chartered Accountants

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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<b>Chairman</b>	Mr N J G Harland
<b>Trustees</b>	Ms O M Steven Mr R C Drewe Mrs H J Murphy Mr P S P Claxton Mr A D Zeal Mr N J Ritson
<b>Senior Management / Leadership Team</b>	Mr M P Soul, Administrator Mrs A E Soul, Administrator
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1068720
<b>Principal Office</b>	The Bridge Educational Trust C/o Piddle Valley First School Piddletrenthide Dorchester Dorset DT2 7QL
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Edwards & Keeping Chartered Accountants Unity Chambers 34 High East Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1HA
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue King Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Public benefit***

The Trust invites applications for financial assistance and the trustees currently meet three times a year to consider any requests.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### ***Grant making policies***

The Trust provides grants and bursaries to assist with the education of any individual drawn primarily from the parishes of Piddletrenthide (with Plush), Piddlehinton and Alton St Pancras and secondarily from those born or having their main residence in the rural County of Dorset. The Trustees favour applications from residents of the Piddle Valley and, secondarily, from residents of the rural shire County of Dorset, but exclude residents of the South East Dorset conurbation (Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch) which they consider is reflective of the benefactor's wishes.

### **Achievements and performance**

Grants amounting to £82,774 were made during the year, compared to net grants of £128,286 in the previous year. Further grants amounting to £5,659 have been pledged but remain unpaid at the year end. A total of 70 grants were paid (2022 - 80) in the year, summarised in Note 4 to the accounts.

Investment income rose from £85,851 in the previous year to £87,781 for the year (Note 2).

In making the investment with the CCLA the trustees have taken into account the risk profile of the Trust, the investment manager's view of the market prospects in the medium to long term, the need to maintain in real terms the capital value of the assets and the overall return on the portfolio to enable them to continue with their grant making policy. There are no restrictions on the Trust's power to invest. The Trustees have the power to distribute capital at their discretion. Both restricted and unrestricted funds may be invested in any type of investment.

### **Financial review**

There was a net deficit of £145,213 compared with a surplus of £194,044 in the previous year. The trustees are confident that there are sufficient funds to carry out the charitable objectives of the Trust for the foreseeable future.

### ***Policy on reserves***

The Trust's policy on reserves is not to accumulate income deliberately in order to provide a reserve. The capital position of the Trust is sufficient to support its charitable functions.

### **Plans for future periods**

#### ***Aims and key objectives for future periods***

The Trustees intend to continue their policy of providing grants to assist with the education of individuals resident within the geographical area set out in the Trust's objectives. It is the Trustee's intention that the Trust will continue in perpetuity. They will continue to develop ways of promoting the existence of the Trust, within that defined geographical area, to ensure that the level of applications, and level of grants made, is developed further within the financial resources available so that the Trust funds are used to maximum benefit.

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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### **Structure, governance and management**

#### ***Nature of governing document***

The Bridge Educational Trust (1996) (in memory of the late John Edward Maurice Bridge) is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1068720) and constituted by deed of trust dated 21 February 1998.

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The power to appoint trustees is vested in the trustees themselves. The number of trustees may be increased or diminished, but not to less than three or more than eleven.

#### ***Induction and training of trustees***

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the decision making processes and recent performance of the Trust.

#### ***Major risks and management of those risks***

##### *General risk*

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises (i) an annual review of the risks the Trust may face; (ii) the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and (iii) the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Trust should those risks materialise.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 8 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr N J G Harland  
Chairman

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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The trustees 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.

The law applicable to charities 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 8 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr N J G Harland  
Chairman

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bridge Educational Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of The Bridge Educational 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 The Bridge Educational Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Bridge Educational 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 accounting 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.

H E Jones BA (Hons), FCCA

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1 November 2023

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Investment income	2	87,781	87,781	85,851
Other income		-	-	38
Total income		<u>87,781</u>	<u>87,781</u>	<u>85,889</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Grants payable		82,774	82,774	128,286
Governance costs	3	<u>4,802</u>	<u>4,802</u>	<u>3,915</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(87,576)</u>	<u>(87,576)</u>	<u>(132,201)</u>
Realised gain/(loss) on investments		13	13	224,109
Unrealised (loss)/gain on investments		<u>(145,431)</u>	<u>(145,431)</u>	<u>16,247</u>
Net movement in funds		(145,213)	(145,213)	194,044
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,064,412</u>	<u>3,064,412</u>	<u>2,870,368</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>2,919,199</u></u>	<u><u>2,919,199</u></u>	<u><u>3,064,412</u></u>

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

The funds breakdown for 2023 and 2022 is shown in note 12.



# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	229	316
Investments	9	<u>2,872,348</u>	<u>3,027,766</u>
		<u>2,872,577</u>	<u>3,028,082</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	21,590	21,662
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>26,034</u>	<u>15,580</u>
		47,624	37,242
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(1,002)</u>	<u>(912)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>46,622</u>	<u>36,330</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>2,919,199</u>	<u>3,064,412</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,919,199</u>	<u>3,064,412</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	12	<u>2,919,199</u>	<u>3,064,412</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 8 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr N J G Harland  
Chairman

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

The Bridge Educational Trust was created under deed of trust and registered as a charity in England and Wales. The address of the principal office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis of preparation

The Bridge Educational Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

#### Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

#### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Investment income

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

#### Expenditure

##### Grant provisions

Grants payable are charged against income in the year in which they are paid. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

#### Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 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 £100.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Computer equipment	15% straight line

### Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 2 Investment income

	Unrestricted		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2023	2022
		£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	24	24	-
Investment income - CCLA	87,757	87,757	85,851
	<u>87,781</u>	<u>87,781</u>	<u>85,851</u>

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 3 Analysis of governance and support costs

#### Governance costs

	Unrestricted		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2023	2022
		£	£
Administrator costs			
Travelling and meeting costs	2,500	2,500	1,500
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	1,002	1,002	912
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	86	86	86
Computer software and maintenance costs	851	851	1,021
Printing, postage and stationery	291	291	300
Bank charges	72	72	96
	<u>4,802</u>	<u>4,802</u>	<u>3,915</u>

### 4 Grant-making

Below are details of material grants made to institutions.

	2023	2022
Name of institution	£	£
Dorset Youth and Community Centre	<u>10,050</u>	<u>17,050</u>

Below are details of grants detailing the range in value of grants made and the category of recipient.

#### a) Ranges of Grants paid

		2023		2022
Range	No.	Total paid	No.	Total paid
		£		£
<£500	29	7,329	27	19,773
£500 - £999	3	1,106	11	13,401
£1,000 - £1,999	26	31,305	29	41,777
>£2,000	12	43,034	13	53,335
Total	70	<u>82,774</u>	80	<u>128,286</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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b) Grants paid, by category of recipient (year to 31 March 2023)

Category A: Mature Student at University or FE College taking course in order to further career, retrain or increase contribution to society (often after accident or personal problem such as ill-health or redundancy).

Category B: Single Parent (or with disabled partner) on course or training, in order to support children or other family members.

Category C: Younger Student at University or FE College, especially from the Trust's priority area, who has shown evidence of more than normal financial difficulty.

Category D: Student at School or University (or in gap year) for an educational expedition, visit or course.

Category E: Student of school age with special needs not met within the state sector; contribution to fees at independent school.

Category F: Probation Service: individuals recommended by the Service for some course or training to help rehabilitation.

Category G: Individuals introduced by other support agencies for some course or training to improve life chances (often after some personal difficulty such as addiction)

Category H: Miscellaneous grants to resolve a short-term problem.

Note: The above are the general descriptions of each category and do not cover the precise criteria used by the Trust in making awards.

Category	No.	Range £	Average (median)	Total paid £
A	6	1,000 - 3,000	£1,986	11,917
B	1	2,430	£2,430	2,430
C	33	300 - 3,000	£1,499	49,462
D	26	79 - 500	£269	7,007
E	1	10,050	£10,050	10,050
F	-	-	-	-
G	-	-	-	-
H	3	108 - 1,500	£636	1,908
	<u>70</u>			<u>82,774</u>

### 5 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 or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 6 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,002</u>	<u>912</u>

### 7 Taxation

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

### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2022	<u>574</u>	<u>574</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>574</u>	<u>574</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2022	258	258
Charge for the year	<u>87</u>	<u>87</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>345</u>	<u>345</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2023	<u>229</u>	<u>229</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>316</u>	<u>316</u>

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 9 Fixed asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Other investments	<u>2,872,348</u>	<u>3,027,766</u>

#### Other investments

	Unlisted investments £	Total £
<b>Valuation</b>		
At 1 April 2022	3,027,766	3,027,766
Revaluation	(145,431)	(145,431)
Disposals	<u>(9,987)</u>	<u>(9,987)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,872,348</u>	<u>2,872,348</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,872,348</u>	<u>2,872,348</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,027,766</u>	<u>3,027,766</u>

The historic cost of the investments funds is £3,001,856 (2022 - £3,011,519).

All investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

### 10 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued income	<u>21,590</u>	<u>21,662</u>

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	<u>1,002</u>	<u>912</u>

# THE BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	<u>3,064,412</u>	<u>87,781</u>	<u>(87,576)</u>	<u>(145,418)</u>	<u>2,919,199</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	<u>2,870,368</u>	<u>85,889</u>	<u>(132,201)</u>	<u>240,356</u>	<u>3,064,412</u>

### 13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	229	229
Fixed asset investments	2,872,348	2,872,348
Current assets	47,624	47,624
Current liabilities	<u>(1,002)</u>	<u>(1,002)</u>
Total net assets	<u>2,919,199</u>	<u>2,919,199</u>

### 14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.