

THE READING SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1084101

Details

Other names LEARN4LIFE, REACH SCHOOLS READING

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2000-12-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION PRIMARILY THROUGH THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL PARTICULARLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN SCHOOLS IN READING AND SURROUNDING AREA.B) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN THE SAID AREA.

Activities: Visiting Secondary Schools in the Reading area, taking assemblies, PSHE lessons, support CUs, running After School Clubs etc.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN SCHOOLS IN READING AND SURROUNDING AREA.
- Oxfordshire
- Reading
- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£74,435	£52,433	-	-
2024-08-31	£38,689	£47,623	-	-
2023-08-31	£43,958	£44,125	-	-
2022-08-31	£40,565	£35,663	-	-
2021-08-31	£38,889	£47,433	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Stuart Jarvis	Chair	2019-01-30
Janet Shury		2021-03-01
Mr M Gomm		
Mr P Cowling		
Mrs E Munday		

THE READING SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST

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Accounts

Reading Schools Christian Work Trust (Reach). Charity Number: 1084101

Annual Report: September 2024- August 2025

God our Saviour, Who desires all people to be saved

The Schools' work

The expansion of Reach in schools in the Reading area has continued as more schools have opened their doors to us. We have been able to provide RE lessons, workshops and Christian Union discussion groups (with other faiths invited).

This academic year Reach has been able to work in RE lessons in 6 Secondary Schools (3 of these were new this year) involving 630 pupils. Lessons on 'the Bible' and 'Sin and the Cross' and an 'Easter' lesson' for Y7 were new for this year.

Also, our Ministry Director sat on a multi-faith panel for Y10's. 'Sex Education' lessons in 1 school were attended by 360 pupils and, new for this year, we started a 'Relations and Sex Education' series including 'Periods and Puberty'(Y7) and 'Becoming a Parent '(Y10). These are now a part of the National Curriculum so our staff were provided with the necessary training. The students found the lessons to be very relevant and helpful.

Year 6 workshops to share the message of Christmas and Easter and summer term workshops to focus on Secondary School transition were attended by 600 pupils from 12 Primary schools (5 were new this year) and Reach ran 8 C.U.'s over the

year with approximately 87 regular attendees. One focus our staff have aimed for has been to encourage student C.U. leaders, so we ran 2 training events over the year, involving 10 Y10-12 students.

We have continued mentoring sessions and this has proved to be very important for the well being of some of the students. Also 'Pitstops' (coffee and cake for the staff) in 9 schools has been a way of encouraging and showing our appreciation to hundreds of staff. We thank God that we have approximately 100 volunteers to help us with all the different things Reach does.

Partnerships

We are so pleased to continue being mission partners with Scripture Union. They have been invaluable in providing advice and resources, as well as training for our staff. They also provide our safeguarding support and DBS checks.

We are working alongside a number of churches which provide us with volunteers, prayer and finance for which we are very thankful. We are also thankful to the many individuals who also provide this support.

This year we have worked with 'Good News for Everyone' in RE and Y6 workshops. They have been most generous and handed out 44 Bibles in the various activities, at no charge.

Public Benefit

Mentoring is a part of our pastoral care for students, as are the lessons on Relationships and Sex Education. We aim to help each pupil to manage his or her life and to prepare each one for the challenges of adulthood.

We continue to support schools by bringing the love of Jesus to students and staff and offering the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, and explore it for themselves.

Reach aims to give each pupil a clearer understanding of the Bible and of the people mentioned in it.

Developments in 2025/2026

- The appointment of a third worker to join the staff team
- Getting more churches involved in partnership with Reach
- Increasing the number of C.U.s in schools
- Increasing number of RE lessons taught by Reach in schools
- Productive relationships with staff and SLT's

Feedback

Just a quick email to say thank you so much for the Its Your Move session yesterday. The children were talking about it all day and really enjoyed the activities - Year 6 teacher Birch Copse

Mentoring is fantastic for our younger year groups who need someone to talk to who isn't a teacher... Sarah is a brilliant leader who brings a sense of positivity -
Head of 6th form JMA

I just wanted to pass on some lovely comments from some parents...they were delighted that the Christian Union group were up and running...E was very pleased to call herself a junior leader - Head of History and Religion and
Philosophy - Maiden Erlegh (Chiltern Edge)

You were so sensitive and so kind to the girls and adapted the lesson for the lower ability group so well - RE teacher RGS

Really informative and explained things well. Students were actively listening and engaging in the conversation - PSHE/RSE teacher RGS



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name	Reading Schools Christian Work Trust
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On accounts for the year ended

31 August 2025	Charity no (if any)	1084101
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Set out on pages

1 - 3	<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2025 .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed: 

Date: 10 October 2025

Name: Mr Richard Michael Spooner FCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ICAEW

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted General Fund £	2024 Unrestricted General Fund £
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income	3.1	74,155	38,521
Investment Income	3.2	280	168
Total Incoming Resources		<u>74,435</u>	<u>38,689</u>
Resources Expended			
Charitable Activities	4	52,433	47,623
Total Resources Expended		<u>52,433</u>	<u>47,623</u>
Net movement in funds		22,002	(8,934)
Total funds brought forward		9,317	20,125
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>31,319</u></u>	<u><u>11,191</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

		2025 £	2024 £
Assets			
Debtors	5	-	2,464
Cash at Bank	6	31,319	9,317
Creditors			
Creditors and Accruals	7	-	(590)
Total Assets		<u><u>31,319</u></u>	<u><u>11,191</u></u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Fund		<u><u>31,319</u></u>	<u><u>11,191</u></u>

**S Jarvis
Trustee**

**J Shury
Treasurer**

Dec 2025

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of Preparation

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005); and with Accounting Standards.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Incoming Resources

Recognition of incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources.

Incoming resources with related expenditure are reported gross.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

No costs have been incurred for the governance of the charity.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted General Fund
	£	£
3.1 Voluntary Income		
Churches	21,520	16,063
General Donations	35,562	15,392
Trusts	4,600	4,098
Schools/Other	7,046	504
Income Tax recovered	<u>5,427</u>	<u>2,464</u>
	74,155	38,521
3.2 Investment Income		
Bank interest	280	168

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted General Fund
	£	£
4 Resources expended on Charitable Activities		
Employment costs	45,594	40,708
Training/Travel	2,322	2,550
Resources	573	528
Rent	1,200	1,200
Printing	-	-
Office costs		92
BT broadband	826	763
Computer	68	754
Insurance	332	100
Other costs	1,868	928
	<hr/> 52,433	<hr/> 47,623
5 Debtors and prepayments	2025	2024
	£	£
Inland Revenue tax claim	-	2,464
Debtor		
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 2,464
6 Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Current Account	887	1,164
Deposit Account	30,432	8,153
	<hr/> 31,319	<hr/> 9,317
7 Creditors and accruals		
PAYE and NIC		590
Other	-	-
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 590

THE READING SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1084101

Accounts

Reading Schools Christian Work Trust (Reach) Charity Number: 1084101

Annual Report September 2023-August 2024

God is faithful by Whom you were called (1Corinthians 1:9)

This year has been one of expansion for Reach. Our ministry team were in 12 secondary schools as well as a number of primary schools during the year. As well as the usual schools that invite us in, 6 more secondary schools asked us to teach RE lessons or assist school Christian Unions. There were also 5 Primary schools Reach welcomed into local churches during the run up to Christmas where they heard our '*Christmas Unwrapped*' presentation and, at Easter, our '*Easter Cracked*' lessons. These were much enjoyed by the children.

Our wish was to set up new CUs in secondary schools so that more Christian young people would feel supported in schools. To this end 3 new CUs/ lunch clubs were set up, with the encouragement of students from each school and their staff. There were also 2 new schools that asked Reach to teach RE lessons. This expansion of the work of Reach is something which we are grateful for and was a primary aim for us at the beginning of the school year.

In a further development 2 schools asked Reach to help support the mental health of some of their pupils. Consequently, we now provide mentoring support to a number of secondary students that the schools concerned have identified. We have provided external training for our staff to assist them in this area of their work.

Reach has also been asked to do Sex Education lessons in some schools, in line with the DOE *Religion and Sex Education* guidelines. We are happy to do this from our Christian perspective of relationships and marriage and our staff have received the necessary training. We will start these sessions in September 2024.

Our team carried out our first University Prep Night and had 5 Y13's who were heading off to university in the autumn. We were able to prepare them for what life is like at university and how to continue to develop their faith away from home.

Reach's volunteer base has expanded significantly to almost 100. This includes volunteers to help with the Y6 sessions, the CUs, the University Prep Night, RE/PSHE lessons and bakers and servers for Pitstops.

The aim of our Pitstops is to provide cakes and coffee etc for staff. We hope by doing this to show appreciation to them for their hard work. We were able to start up Pitstops, in partnership with nearby churches, in 2 more schools this year.

Staffing including Scripture Union involvement:

Our Ministry Team remain 2 part-time staff who work very hard and have expanded our reach into more schools. We plan to increase the team next year to meet this expansion.

We have also worked in conjunction with Scripture Union as mission partners. Their staff have supported Reach in terms of advice and our use of their resources, as well as training for our staff. Scripture Union also provides our safeguarding support and DBS checks.

Pastor John Omole has joined the board of trustees. As well as being keen that young people should know the significance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ he is also a Reading Church leader and as such is a valuable representative and voice for the churches that support Reach. The trustee board now number 6.

Public Benefit:

With Mental Health issues increasingly coming to the fore in schools it is beneficial that Reach has been able to provide mentoring sessions to pupils.

We continue to support schools by bringing the love of Jesus to students and staff. This includes offering staff and pupils the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, and explore it for themselves.

We have sought to encourage hard pressed staff in schools by offering 'Pitstops'.

The University Prep Nights provide an opportunity for Y13's to feel more confident about entering university.

Working in partnership with Churches and other organisations is both encouraging and strengthening.

Developments in 2024/2025:

- We aim to start delivering sex education lessons(RSE) in the autumn term.
- To increase the number of RE lessons we do.
- To start 2 new CUs.
- To see young people come to faith, as well as have their faith strengthened through CUs.
- To appoint a third member to the staff team.

Feedback:

“She’s really nice and I look forward to our sessions. The sessions are helpful and it’s nice to talk to someone in the school I can trust.” Student year 8

“She’s open to talk about anything; like if you only want to talk about how your day was. She’s very comforting and good at helping you solve problems. She’s respectful of your boundaries and the sessions are very helpful.”
Student Year 8

“She’s really nice and I think our sessions are helping a lot.” Student Year 9

“Anne has worked with Langtree for a number of years now and is a real asset to our Pastoral Team. Her communication with us is brilliant and the work she does here benefits our students greatly. We collectively are very pleased with her and everything she does for Langtree and its students. Bev Belcher, Head of Year

“Mentoring is fantastic for our younger year groups who need someone to talk to who isn’t a teacher. They have a brilliant time developing effective communication skills. Our sixth form have been amazing mentors and role models for JMA. Sarah is a brilliant leader who brings a sense of positivity.”
Billie King, Head of 6th Form, JMA

“Sarah’s sessions through Reach have been specific, relevant and highly effective. The workshops have been an incredible intervention to further support and develop the emotional maturity and wellbeing of some of our students who find this type of thing tough - be it managing their emotions, how they respond to stressful situations, or even how to make friends and the right choices. As a Head of Year I have seen a significant improvement from some of our most anxious and emotional students who attended the sessions with Sarah. We are keen to keep these sessions into next year, with the new round of year 7’s hopefully benefitting too.” Head of Y7, Forest

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted General Fund £	2023 Unrestricted General Fund £
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income	3.1	38,521	43,876
Investment Income	3.2	168	82
Total Incoming Resources		38,689	43,958
Resources Expended			
Charitable Activities	4	47,623	44,125
Total Resources Expended		47,623	44,125
Net movement in funds		(8,934)	(167)
Total funds brought forward		20,125	20,292
Total funds carried forward		11,191	20,125

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

Assets		2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	5	2,464	5,799
Cash at Bank	6	9,317	14,914
Creditors			
Creditors and Accruals	7	(590)	(588)
Total Assets		11,191	20,125

Represented by:

Unrestricted Fund	11,191	20,125
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**S Jarvis
Trustee**

Dec 2024

**J Shury
Treasurer**

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Basis of

1 Preparation

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Accounting

2 Policies

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Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

No costs have been incurred for the governance of the charity.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

2024

2023

	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted General Fund
	£	£
3.1 Voluntary Income		
Churches	16,063	17,077
General Donations	15,392	17,400
Trusts	4,098	3,600
Schools	504	3,000
Income Tax recovered	2,464	2,799
	38,521	43,876
3.2 Investment Income		
Bank interest	168	82

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted General Fund
	£	£
4 Resources expended on Charitable Activities		
Employment costs	40,708	37,932
Training/Travel	2,550	1,325
Resources	528	778
Rent	1200	1,200
Printing	-	296
Office costs	92	296
BT broadband	763	262
Computer	754	990
Insurance	100	320
Other costs	928	333
	47,623	44,125
5 Debtors and prepayments	2024	2023
	£	£
Inland Revenue tax claim	2,464	2,799
Debtor		3,000
	2,464	5,799
6 Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Current Account	1,164	329
Deposit Account	8,153	14,585
	9,317	14,914
7 Creditors and accruals		
PAYE and NIC	590	588
Other	-	-
	590	588



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name Reading Schools Christian Work Trust

On accounts for the year ended

31 August 2024

Charity no (if any)

1084101

Set out on pages

1-3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

BAL Young

Date:

25/2/25

Name:

B. A, Young

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

[Signature]

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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THE READING SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1084101

Accounts

2022-2023 Annual Report of the Trustees of Reach September 2022-September 2023

For he established a testimony...that they should make them known to their children ...that they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God

Psalm 78: 5-7

This has been an encouraging year for the work of the Trust thanks to the enthusiastic work of our new Ministry Director, Sarah, and her excellent teamwork with our worker/administrator, Anne. Both have built excellent relationships, both new and ongoing, with schools across the Reading area. New opportunities have arisen now that schools have been functioning at pre-pandemic levels.

Encouragement has also come from the students who have asked for help to start Christian groups of one sort or another in their schools. Facilitating these and training the student leaders are one of our major services to the schools. Our Pit Stop service of freshly made teas and coffees and homemade cakes to staff have been greatly appreciated as part of our pastoral services. They provide space for the staff to talk to each other or to those serving them, whether our staff or volunteers.

Volunteers, of whom we never have too many, continue to be invaluable for baking and/or serving at Pit Stops as well as for facilitating RE lessons and Christian seasonal input into Year 6 children in some primary schools. These schools are often feeder schools to the secondary ones in which we are working.

Financially the Lord has indeed provided all our needs, even during the summer holidays, for which we are truly grateful. Sarah continues to build relationships with churches whose young people we support in their schools, and with their youth workers. Much of our income comes from supporting churches and we need to encourage more to do so financially so that we can appoint another worker.

Looking ahead, with all the opportunities opening up, we shall need more workers sooner rather than later, but they will need financing.

Staffing

Andrew (Indy) Nottage has now moved to another sphere of work. We are so grateful to him for laying the foundations of the structure that has seen REACH able to reach out to schools in the Reading area in a more productive and active way.

Mrs. Sarah Horne has taken over his role as Ministry Director and is doing an outstanding job networking with other partners, building contacts with schools and directing and working alongside our other extremely effective worker, Anne Wigmore.

The Reverend John Omole has become a trustee for REACH and brings his wisdom and experience into our decision making.

Public Benefit

With Mental Health issues increasingly coming to the fore, our staff team have successfully completed their NVQ mentoring qualification, Consequently, some schools have asked REACH to come into school weekly to mentor students who are struggling with mental Health issues. We are very pleased to do this as it is proving beneficial.

REACH continues to aim to give much needed encouragement to the hard-working staff in some schools in the area. This is done by providing 'pit stops', when volunteers bake cakes for the staff break and lunch times. The staffs have been very appreciative.

Of continuing importance to the work of REACH is to support schools by bringing the love of Jesus to students and staff. Increasingly this year schools are inviting REACH to conduct R E lessons, where current and difficult issues are addressed sensitively from a Christian perspective.

We also give pupils the opportunity to explore the Christian faith voluntarily in discussion and discovery groups in a safe and friendly environment. This has the further benefit of developing the older students in their leadership roles.

Developments in 2022/2023

The work of REACH is expanding at such a rate that by the end of the academic year we will need to plan for a third worker.

This will be especially important as we wish to maintain and increase our contact with schools in outlying areas. Some of these schools feel a little on the fringe' so visiting them and doing work, or pit stops could be beneficial.

We want to extend our volunteer base.

We will maintain our links with those churches that partner with us in the work and look to make further links with other churches, charities and organisations that could partner with us.

We hope to extend our funding base.

Feedback

It (REACH lessons) hugely overlaps with what the students need to know about Christian views on crime, punishment (including forgiveness). Students have also

just learned about salvation and atonement as part of their first unit...it's great to connect it all up for them! (teacher)

Just wanted to thank you for the excellent lesson today -for your time, effort, and enthusiasm in delivering it. (Head of Department)

Your lesson was brilliant and it is always a pleasure to have you teaching RE (teacher)

The whole staff were pleasantly surprised on our September inset day to receive a delicious variety of treats catering for all dietary needs. It had a lovely impact on everyone's mood and went such a long way into making us feel cared for. We very much appreciated the thought and care that went into providing the range of cakes, so thank you! (Head teacher)

It has been a tremendous blessing to partner with REACH. We have seen and experienced first-hand how important the work is. We have enjoyed building good links with the school through the Christian Union and Reach Out Club. It has been wonderful to watch members of our church contribute with cakes and in-school serving, as they see how brilliant it is to establish lasting links with the teachers...we trust this will continue and keep giving us a big vision...I am hugely grateful for the support of REACH. (church Rector)

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Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 - 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted General Fund £	2022 Unrestricted General Fund £
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income	3.1	43,876	40,562
Investment Income	3.2	82	3
Total Incoming Resources		43,958	40,565
Resources Expended			
Charitable Activities	4	44,125	35,663
Total Resources Expended		44,125	35,663
Net movement in funds		(167)	4,902
Total funds brought forward		20,292	15,390
Total funds carried forward		20,125	20,292

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
Assets			
Debtors	5	5,799	2,485
Cash at Bank	6	14,914	17,807
Creditors			
Creditors and Accruals	7	(588)	
Total Assets		20,125	20,292

Represented by:

Unrestricted Fund	20,125	20,292
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S Jarvis
Trustee

J-S. Jarvis

Janet Shury
Treasurer

J C Shury

March 2024

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

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3	Analysis of incoming resources	2023	2022
		Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted General Fund
		£	£
3.1	Voluntary Income		
	Churches	17,077	17,930
	General Donations	17,400	13,547
	Trusts	3,600	4,100
	Company	3,000	2,500
	Income Tax recovered	2,799	2,485
		43,876	40,562
3.2	Investment Income		
	Bank interest	82	3

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	2023	2022
	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted General Fund
	£	£
4 Resources expended on Charitable Activities		
Employment costs	37,932	31,891
Training	378	250
Travel	1,325	258
Resources	778	290
Rent	1,200	1,214
Printing	296	174
Office costs	262	270
BT broadband	990	889
Computer	320	72
Insurance	333	304
Other costs	311	51
	44,125	35,663
	2023	2022
	£	£
5 Debtors and prepayments		
Inland Revenue tax claim	2,799	2,485
Debtor	3,000	-
	5,799	2,485
6 Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Current Account	329	704
Deposit Account	14,585	17,103
	14,914	17,807
7 Creditors and accruals		
PAYE and NIC	588	-
Other	-	-
	588	-



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Reading Schools Christian Work Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2023	Charity no (if any)	1084101
	Set out on pages 1-3		

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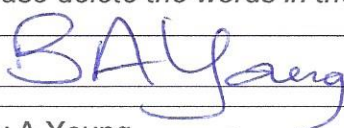
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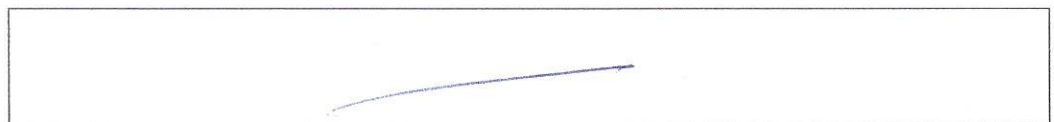
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* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date: 15/03/24

Name: Barry A Young

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):



THE READING SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1084101

Accounts

THE READING SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST

Charity Number 1084101

2021/22 Annual Report

September 2021 saw a degree of normality returning to schools, but also an initial reluctance to welcoming visitors into their communities. Our Ministry Director, Indy, worked on developing links with local churches, while our Schools Worker, Anne, renewed the contacts she had been able to build up towards the end of the previous academic year with schools on the west side of the town. Because of the slow start to the term, Anne was able to build a few relationships more deeply. This is in accordance with our plan to have good relationships in a limited geographical area for each of our employees.

She also continued to make contact online with those students leading groups of Christians meeting in their schools. This was for their instruction and encouragement.

By February 2022 more schools were opening up, and at Theale Green, working together with the local vicar the school was open to various opportunities. However, our worker, who had been on maternity leave, decided not to return to her part-time role. With Anne having taken on more hours already due to the resignation of our other worker last year, some of our planned developments have had to be postponed.

There have been two occasions when we have worked alongside others to bring RE days into Reading Girls' School. This could develop elsewhere and will be repeated there. Fresh opportunities are also opening up in partnership with church youth workers who are already known by Highdown and Piggot Schools.

Prayer has continued to play a major role in our planning and development, and we are grateful for faithful supporters, churches and individuals who pray, volunteers who join in where possible, and all who give financially to the work. Without this teamwork nothing worthwhile would happen.

At the end of the summer term our Ministry Director, Indy Nottage, left us to take up a post that will give him influence on RE in schools nationally. From September 2022 Sarah Horne will become the Ministry Director and will be supporting schools in the south and north of the greater Reading area.

We use various methods of encouragement to support the welfare of staff and students in schools. Anne our schools' worker is now into her second

year with us. She has continued to work four days a week and has made new links with churches and schools, which is proving to be vital.

Towards the end of the summer term (2022) Sarah, before becoming employed as our new Ministry Director in September, worked one day a week on a voluntary basis, to meet with Indy and also Anne, to familiarise herself with her new role, and consider objectives for the Autumn Term.

Public Benefit

With schools now increasingly opening their doors to REACH, the Trust has been able to continue providing support to staff and pupils. This includes the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith.

Also, by providing 'pit stops' (cakes and coffee) to staff at break times these also have been a means of practical encouragement and support to hard working staff.

By working alongside churches and other organisations we can offer support to them, and they to us, in bringing the love of Jesus to schools, staff and pupils.

Development in 2022/2023

- Ministry Director and Schools' Worker complete a CPD Mentoring Course
- REACH to offer mentoring to schools, as has been requested
- To continue, and expand our networking with youth leaders, Christian organisations and churches
- To increase the volunteer base of REACH
- To build on the focused regional activity of the Trust
- To look for new trustees who can bring their expertise and experience to schools' work oversight.

Feedback

It has been a tremendous blessing to partner with REACH. We are very grateful that we could partner with REACH...not least because we have seen and experienced first hand how important the work is...Anne has started working with one of our teenagers to help her lead sessions, which we are thrilled about. In addition we were sold the vision of pitstops, something we had not considered before. It has been wonderful to watch members of our church contribute with cakes and in-school serving...we have been pleased to welcome REACH into our church to talk about the work...and giving us a big vision of mission being local as wells global. Reach Out Club and

Pitstops would not be what they are without the support of REACH. I am so hugely grateful.

Rector of a church that works in partnership with REACH

'Anne and her lovely team of helpers turn up approx. once each half term, during our lunch break. They happily fit in with our needs and timings and offer a welcome and supportive service of chat, coffee and cakes...what is there to not like!'

Pitstop 1

'The whole staff were pleasantly surprised on our September inset day to receive a delicious variety of treats catering for all dietary needs. It had a lovely impact on everyone's mood and went such a long way into making us feel cared for. We very much appreciated the thought and care that went into providing the range of cakes, so thank you!'

Pitstop 2

(The lesson) 'hugely overlaps with what the students need to know about Christian views on crime, punishment (including forgiveness). Students have also learned about salvation and atonement as part of their first unit...so it is great to connect it all up to them.'

RE Head of Department

'Just wanted to thank you for the excellent session today- for your time and effort in preparing it, and in your, and your volunteers' time, effort and enthusiasm in delivering it. Thank you. I spoke with (the teacher), and she was hugely positive about the session, and particularly mentioned how powerful one of the video resources you had used was.'

Head of Department

'Your lesson was brilliant, and it is always a pleasure to have you teaching RE at (the school).'

(Teacher)

'There was lots of diversity in activity style, and a range of methods of teaching important points= even the explanation of salvation was done with the props of the cardboard signs hung round necks. I thought the engagement around ranking sins was strong and led well to the surprise

explanation that many Christians believe that all sins are equally sinful in that they are a rejection of God.'

Head of RE Department

'We were all so encouraged to hear of the many open opportunities you have to go into schools and speak about the Christian faith in a whole variety of ways. It was also good to hear of the practical ways to show Christian love in action in mentoring children and in providing help, encouragement and support to teachers in a whole host of ways. In the light of the struggles many children have had with mental health since the pandemic this is particularly valuable.'

Church Leader

Finance on a separate file

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 - 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted General Fund £	2021 Unrestricted General Fund £
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income	3.1	40,562	38,864
Investment Income	3.2	3	25
Total Incoming Resources		40,565	38,889
Resources Expended			
Charitable Activities	4	35,663	47,433
Total Resources Expended		35,663	47,433
Net movement in funds		4,902	(8,544)
Total funds brought forward		15,390	23,934
Total funds carried forward		20,292	15,390

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

Assets		2022 £	2021 £
Debtors	5	2,485	2,600
Cash at Bank	6	17,807	12,790
Creditors			
Creditors and Accruals	7		
Total Assets		20,292	15,390

Represented by:

Unrestricted Fund	20,292	15,390
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S Jarvis
Trustee

J.S. Jarvis

Dec 2022

Janet Shury
Treasurer

J.C. Shury

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Basis of

1 Preparation

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005); and with Accounting Standards.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Accounting

2 Policies

2.1 Incoming Resources

Recognition of incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources.

Incoming resources with related expenditure are reported gross.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

No costs have been incurred for the governance of the charity.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	2022	2021
	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted General Fund
	£	£
3.1 Voluntary Income		
Churches	17,930	18,080
General Donations	13,547	14,543
Trusts	4,100	3,600
Company	2,500	
Income Tax recovered	2,485	2,641
	<hr/> 40,562	<hr/> 38,864
3.2 Investment Income		
Bank interest	3	25

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	2022	2021
	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted General Fund
	£	£
4 Resources expended on Charitable Activities		
Employment costs	31,891	42,430
Training	250	1,350
Resources	290	48
Rent	1,214	800
Publicity/Website	174	588
Office costs	270	69
Telephone	889	832
Computer	72	957
Insurance	304	304
Travel	258	
Other costs	51	55
	35,663	47,433
	2022	2021
	£	£
5 Debtors and prepayments		
Inland Revenue tax claim	2,485	2,600
Prepayments	-	-
	2,485	2,600
6 Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Current Account	704	6,529
Deposit Account	17,103	6,261
	17,807	12,790
7 Creditors and accruals		
PAYE and NIC	-	-
Other	-	-
	-	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Reading Schools Christian Work Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1084101

Set out on pages

1-3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2022.

Responsibilities and
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Independent
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Signed:

Barry Young

Date:

14/3/23

Name:

Barry Young

Address:

21 Southcote Lane

Reading

RG30 3AG

THE READING SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1084101

Accounts

The Reading Schools Christian Work Trust
REACH
Charity No: 1084101
Annual Report September 2020- September 2021

*Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph {leads us in triumph}
and makes manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place*
2 Corinthians 2:14

This last year has been difficult for every one of us and brought many challenges. This is the same for REACH. However the team has pressed on with our aim of making Christ known and His love to schools, pupils and staff in Reading.

We have used every means available to make the most of online opportunities. At Christmas 2020, and again at Easter 2021 the team ran a series of online Christian Union sessions called 'Reach Out', which were well received by some schools. We also attempted to provide online resources for schools and young people through You Tube and Instagram, with mixed success.

The summer term 2021 saw further initiatives: the detached sessions in some schools were productive and connections with schools and C.U. leaders were opening. We decided to broaden our work to parents with a REACH parent's event, for students transitioning into Year 7 in the summer. This was accompanied by a new parent focused blog with the aim being to keep communication open with parents. There was also work done on a youth mentoring programme. We are continuing our work supporting C.U. leaders across the town, pioneering a support network to disciple the young leaders of the future.

Staffing

The staffing situation has undergone some changes:

Sherlon has left to get a full time job, due to financial pressure. We are thankful to him for the stirring work he put in, particularly in the detached sessions in some schools.

Consequently Anne has increased her time in taking on Sherlon's hours, so she is now working four days a week in term time.

Phoebe is on maternity leave and is due to return in February 2022. Indy (Ministry Director) and Anne are covering the work in which Phoebe is involved.

We have been delighted to appoint Mrs. Janet Shury onto the trustee board as treasurer. This has allowed the Management team to increase to four: three trustees, (including the Chair and Treasurer) and the Ministry Director.

Public Benefit

The tragic murder of a teenage boy in the Reading area, led to a need for responsive youth work. At REACH we were able to be on the ground working alongside local youth workers in the area. We were able to bring support to young people in the north of Reading throughout that complicated period. This work continued with two regular detached youth work sessions through the winter and spring.

REACH continues to support schools by bringing the love of Jesus to students and staff. This includes offering staff and pupils the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, and explore it for themselves. We have also been privileged to offer a degree of emotional support to pupils and staff struggling in school life, as well as encouraging other school workers in the area.

Developments in 2021/2022

- To continue with the aim of focused regional activity between local schools, Churches and REACH workers.
- To build on the financial resources of REACH by seeking funding from outside funding streams
- To implement a group of 'REACH Friends.' The trustees responsibilities are for higher level decisions e.g. vision and development. Since the work is very dependent on God through His Church locally and individually, it is felt that REACH would benefit from having feedback from another group of supportive individuals/ partners. This group in turn would keep our 'stakeholders' in possession of the work.

Feedback

[student leader] "It has been really helpful having Paul and Anne come into Little Heath CU over the last years and I really appreciate the support that REACH give us when leading the CU."

[teacher] "It was an absolute pleasure to host you today and you went above and beyond the call of duty for the day... You assisted us at such short notice and that was very gracious of you to help and put in so much effort to make the day a success."

[parent after one of our online REACH OUT events]: "They came in last night laughing so much from one of the games. Thank you so much. They have really enjoyed it and [name of child] said he has actually learned some things!"

[Letter from a Headteacher]: “The REACH Team has been providing cake and coffee on a Thursday morning for our staff members for approximately 4 years now. We appreciate the service provided by the team and their volunteers!”

Staff wellbeing is paramount to us and an intervention like this is important. The atmosphere created in our staff room is calm and relaxed. This provides a great opportunity for staff to interact and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate served to them with a slice of delicious home baked cake provided.

Our staff attendance on a Thursday, as you can imagine, is particularly good!”

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 - 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted General Fund £	2020 Unrestricted General Fund £
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Income	3.1	38,864	42,298
Investment Income	3.2	25	-
Total Incoming Resources		38,889	42,298
Resources Expended			
Charitable Activities	4	47,433	33,573
Total Resources Expended		47,433	33,573
Net movement in funds		(8,544)	(8,725)
Total funds brought forward		23,934	15,209
Total funds carried forward		15,390	23,934

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

Assets		2021 £	2020 £
Debtors	5	2,600	520
Cash at Bank	6	12,790	24,097
Creditors			
Creditors and Accruals	7		(683)
Total Assets		15,390	23,934

Represented by:

Unrestricted Fund 15,390 23,934

**S Jarvis
Trustee**

J.S. Jarvis
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March 2022

**Janet Shury
Treasurer**

J.C. Shury

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)

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3.2 Investment Income		
Bank interest	25	

Reach (READING SCHOOLS' CHRISTIAN WORK TRUST)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

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Employment costs	42,430	30,250
Training	1,350	130
Resources	48	236
Rent	800	-
Publicity/Website	588	311
Office costs	69	286
Telephone	832	734
Computer	957	344
Insurance	304	304
Other costs	55	215
	<u>47,433</u>	<u>33,573</u>
5 Debtors and prepayments	2021	2020
	£	£
Inland Revenue tax claim	2600	520
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>2600</u>	<u>520</u>
6 Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Current Account	6,529	17,862
Stewardship Deposit Account	6,261	6,235
	<u>12,790</u>	<u>24,097</u>
7 Creditors and accruals		
PAYE and NIC	-	227
Other	-	456
	<u>-</u>	<u>683</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Reading Schools Christian Work Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Signed:

Date:

25 May 2022

Name:

Barry A Young

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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