

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

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023**

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

**Represented by:**

Unrestricted Fund	20,125	20,292
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**S Jarvis  
Trustee**

*J-S. Jarvis*

**March 2024**

**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

2023

2022

##### Unrestricted General Fund

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##### 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

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Unrestricted General Fund</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Fund</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>4 Resources expended on Charitable Activities</b>		
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
	<hr/> <b>44,125</b>	<hr/> <b>35,663</b>
<b>5 Debtors and prepayments</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Inland Revenue tax claim	2,799	2,485
Debtor	3,000	-
	<hr/> <b>5,799</b>	<hr/> <b>2,485</b>
<b>6 Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>		
Current Account	329	704
Deposit Account	14,585	17,103
	<hr/> <b>14,914</b>	<hr/> <b>17,807</b>
<b>7 Creditors and accruals</b>		
PAYE and NIC	588	-
Other	-	-
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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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023

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

[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:

- 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.

\* 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):