

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

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1084101

Set out on pages

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(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 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):

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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

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

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		31,319	11,191
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Fund		31,319	11,191

S Jarvis
Trustee

Dec 2025

J Shury
Treasurer

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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	5,427	2,464
	74,155	38,521
3.2 Investment Income		
Bank interest	280	168

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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	-	-
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