

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
FOR
THE DUKIES' FOUNDATION**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

TRUSTEES

Dr G Soar (resigned 31.8.24)
A Nunn
C Crowcroft (resigned 31.8.24)
A Foreman
A Thorne (resigned 31.8.24)
Mrs M Williams
D Richmond (resigned 31.12.24)
Ms C Pearsall (appointed 1.11.23)
Rev C Winter

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Duke of York's Royal Military School
Guston
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**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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THE DUKIES' FOUNDATION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. 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 the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the charity are as follows:-

- To provide items, services, grants and facilities (including land and buildings of any kind or tenure) for the Duke of York's Royal Military School.
- To promote the education of students and former students of the School who are in need of financial assistance.
- To advance the education of students attending the School by the award of prizes (or other suitable rewards or marks of distinction).
- Such other charitable purposes as the trustees shall from time to time think fit.

The main activities undertaken during the year were the provision of items, services, facilities and opportunities for the Duke of York's Royal Military School and pupils of the School.

The trustees of the charity have had due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The charity's objectives and aims have been reviewed taking this guidance into account.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Dukies' Foundation (TDF) is the tied charity of the Duke of York's Royal Military School which opened in 1803 by royal decree under HRH Prince Frederick, Duke of York when Commander in Chief of the British Army. He wanted to look after the children of ordinary soldiers, boys, and girls (readmitted in 1994), many of whose fathers fell in the Napoleonic Wars, with Dukies aged 14-22 fighting at Waterloo in 1815. It was a symbol of the enlightenment philanthropy of the time, like the Foundling Hospital, London. The mission continues to this day. Dukie parents have served in all the conflicts of modern times with over 50% of the student roll coming from service families.

The 3 year business plan is being executed. Major on-going work has been focussed on growing the donor base to provide more bursaries, but this is proving to be much more challenging than expected. Increasing feedback from older alumni who never had to pay fees during their time at the school indicates that there is little "emotional" pull when it comes to bursaries and hence new working groups looking specifically at strategy and fund raising have been established to drill into this in greater detail and provide insight for the future. There is a growing view that raising money for capital projects like the recent highly successful Swimming Pool project (£80,000 raised) might be a better use of time and energy. There is current consideration to replace the School Land Rover, which is an integral part of the character building and leadership function of the School. It has also been observed that attendance at recent events has dropped off quite sharply and hence a review of alumni events is included in the working group review.

TDF funds at the start of the year were £288,647 (2023: £427,906), expenditure was £130,126 (2023: £226,101) with net funds at end of year £288,809 (2023: £288,647). TDF's investment portfolio managed by adviser Quilter Cheviot was seriously affected by the initial Covid hit of -15% in 2020 plus 2024 was not a good year for many portfolios, affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. It now stands at £nil (2023: 311,048).

TDF funds a full-time member of staff for the Alumni Relations & Development Officer function and the software package (ToucanTech) designed specifically to aid alumni engagement. The registered number of alumni keeps growing and now stands at over £1,400 (2023: 1,300). However, the cost of this software is quite substantial, and alternatives are going to be looked at, especially more use of the technology used to hold the SocialArchive®.

The key grants over the year have included a wide range of activities: leadership course, matching alumni support for the White Rose Academy hockey, theatre trips and workshops for students to support curricula activity plus multiple expensive graphics computers for video rendering and enabling the art and photography department to be able to successfully use photoshop by the purchase of high specification laptops.

Looking forward the feedback from the strategy and fundraising working groups is going to be important, as this could well change the structure of alumni events and also perhaps broaden the view of the Dukie Family that the school will actively attempt to engage with, drawing in the Friends of the Duke of Yorks (FoDoY) and parents, even after their children have left the school.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total funds held at 31 August 2024 amount to £288,809 (2023 - £288,647) of which £165,332 (2023 - £100,708) is restricted and not available for the general purpose of the charity and £123,477 (2023 - £187,939) is unrestricted.

The charity's reserves policy is not to pay out any grants or scholarships that would leave the funds in deficit. The charity has very low running costs and, therefore, the trustees do not consider it necessary to set a minimum reserves figure.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is governed by a Charity Commission scheme sealed 5 March 2009 under which the following previous charities were consolidated:-

The Coventry Tupper Trust
The Amenities Fund
28th Divisional Scholarship Fund
6th Division War Memorial Scholarship
Society of St Georges Fund
Prizes, Games and Sports Fund
Old Boy's War Memorial Scholarship Fund
1st East Anglian Regiment (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Fund)

There should be not less than seven trustees including the principal and chair of governors of the School. The chair of governors of the School should not also be the chair of the trustees.

Each appointment must be made for a period not exceeding five years. The principal and chair of governors of the School should be ex-officio trustees and, therefore, not subject to any time limit in their appointments.

In addition to the chair of governors and the principal, no more than two School governors should be trustees and there must not be more than 50% of trustees that are also governors of the School.

The current Trustees have a strong network of contacts from the educational, fundraising, not-for-profit sector and the Alumni of the School to provide the necessary skills and expertise.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30/06/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

C Winter

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Rev C Winter - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE DUKIES' FOUNDATION**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Dukies' Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Dukies' Foundation (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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.

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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Date: 30/06/2025

THE DUKIES' FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	13,755	99,892	113,647	87,400
Investment income	4	8,606	-	8,606	9,404
Total		<u>22,361</u>	<u>99,892</u>	<u>122,253</u>	<u>96,804</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		43,303	-	43,303	37,253
Charitable activities					
Promotion of education		9,260	77,563	86,823	184,934
Other		-	-	-	3,914
Total		<u>52,563</u>	<u>77,563</u>	<u>130,126</u>	<u>226,101</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		8,035	-	8,035	(9,962)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(22,167)	22,329	162	(139,259)
Transfers between funds	13	(42,295)	42,295	-	-
Net movement in funds		(64,462)	64,624	162	(139,259)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		187,939	100,708	288,647	427,906
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>123,477</u>	<u>165,332</u>	<u>288,809</u>	<u>288,647</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE DUKIES' FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	9	44,778	346,748
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	4,135	301
Cash at bank		331,486	145,265
		<u>335,621</u>	<u>145,566</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(91,590)	(203,667)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>244,031</u>	<u>(58,101)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>288,809</u>	<u>288,647</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>288,809</u>	<u>288,647</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		123,477	187,939
Restricted funds		165,332	100,708
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>288,809</u>	<u>288,647</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..30/06/2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:

C Winter

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C Winter - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Dukies' Foundation is a public benefit entity registered as an unincorporated charity in England. The charity's registered number, principal address and nature of operations can be found within the Reference and Administrative Details page and the Report of Trustees.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

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

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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 particular restricted purposes within the objects 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations including gift aid	113,647	87,400

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends	6,150	8,776
Interest	2,456	628
	<u>8,606</u>	<u>9,404</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Promotion of education	1,950

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	Promotion of education	Total activities
	£	£
Accountancy and independent examiner's fees	1,950	2,400
Investment management fees	-	1,514
	<u>1,950</u>	<u>3,914</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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7. STAFF COSTS

The charity does not have any staff, however the charity does contribute towards the cost of a full time member of staff, located at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, who spends a proportion of their time fundraising on behalf of the charity.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	14,498	72,902	87,400
Investment income	9,404	-	9,404
Total	<u>23,902</u>	<u>72,902</u>	<u>96,804</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	37,253	-	37,253
Charitable activities			
Promotion of education	5,842	179,092	184,934
Other	3,914	-	3,914
Total	<u>47,009</u>	<u>179,092</u>	<u>226,101</u>
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(9,962)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,962)</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(33,069)</u>	<u>(106,190)</u>	<u>(139,259)</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>(45,401)</u>	<u>45,401</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>(78,470)</u>	<u>(60,789)</u>	<u>(139,259)</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	266,408	161,498	427,906
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>187,938</u></u>	<u><u>100,709</u></u>	<u><u>288,647</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2023	346,748
Disposals	(310,181)
Revaluations	8,211
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At 31 August 2024	44,778
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2024	44,778
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At 31 August 2023	346,748
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There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Listed investments have been revalued at the balance sheet date to the market value as per investment management valuation reports and stock exchange values.

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid debtor	4,135	301
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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations approved but not yet paid	89,190	201,327
Accrued expenses	2,400	2,340
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	91,590	203,667
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Of the £89,190 donations approved but not yet paid, £37,480 relates to salary recharge. This has been reviewed and is supported by the relevant meeting minutes and documentation.

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Investments	44,778	-	44,778	346,748
Current assets	170,289	165,332	335,621	145,566
Current liabilities	(91,590)	-	(91,590)	(203,667)
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	123,477	165,332	288,809	288,647
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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	187,939	(22,167)	(42,295)	123,477
Restricted funds				
Student Support	33,744	(7,063)	-	26,681
School Heritage	29,603	47,802	24,296	101,701
A Winning Edge	33,323	(16,200)	17,999	35,122
School Events	4,038	(2,210)	-	1,828
	<u>100,708</u>	<u>22,329</u>	<u>42,295</u>	<u>165,332</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>288,647</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,809</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	22,361	(52,563)	8,035	(22,167)
Restricted funds				
Student Support	31,354	(38,417)	-	(7,063)
School Heritage	52,705	(4,903)	-	47,802
A Winning Edge	12,924	(29,124)	-	(16,200)
School Events	2,909	(5,119)	-	(2,210)
	<u>99,892</u>	<u>(77,563)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,329</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>122,253</u>	<u>(130,126)</u>	<u>8,035</u>	<u>162</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	266,408	(33,068)	(45,401)	187,939
Restricted funds				
Student Support	21,906	11,838	-	33,744
School Heritage	120,916	(91,313)	-	29,603
A Winning Edge	18,624	(28,702)	43,401	33,323
School Events	52	1,986	2,000	4,038
	<u>161,498</u>	<u>(106,191)</u>	<u>45,401</u>	<u>100,708</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>427,906</u>	<u>(139,259)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,647</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	23,902	(47,008)	(9,962)	(33,068)
Restricted funds				
Student Support	35,550	(23,712)	-	11,838
School Heritage	17,611	(108,924)	-	(91,313)
A Winning Edge	17,725	(46,427)	-	(28,702)
School Events	2,016	(30)	-	1,986
	<u>72,902</u>	<u>(179,093)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(106,191)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>96,804</u>	<u>(226,101)</u>	<u>(9,962)</u>	<u>(139,259)</u>

Student Support

Donations including gift aid were received for the purposes of providing funding and opportunities for students when financial circumstances were a barrier to them continuing at the School. At the year end £26,681 remained unspent.

School Heritage

Donations including gift aid were received for the purpose of restoring, developing and maintaining of ceremonial activities, memorials, research, archives, collections and other iconic features of the School. At the end of the year a total of £101,701 remained unspent which is split as follows:

- War Memorial £5,510
- Arboretum £2,573
- School Heritage £18,023
- Athletic Benches £342
- School Events £1,250
- Sword £2,018
- Hadleigh £118
- Watt £870
- Swimming pool £70,997

A Winning Edge

Donations including gift aid were received for the purpose of providing targeted support to specific student programmes across the full range of school activities, from academic to sporting, performing arts and adventure activities, personal development and life skills. At the end of the year a total of £35,122 remained unspent which is split as follows:

- Hockey £10,572
- Leadership £7,843
- Music Department £759
- Science Department £746
- CERN Trip £1,616
- Art Department £57
- Computer Science £2,091
- DT Department £774
- Drama Department £160
- Duke Box £4,210
- English Department £3,425
- MFL Department £1,424
- Maths Department £2,574

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

School Events

Donations including gift aid were received for the purposes of providing funding and opportunities for students.
At the year end £1,828 remained unspent.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustees made donations (excluding gift aid) to the charity of £3,295 (2023 - £2,421).

THE DUKIES' FOUNDATION

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations including gift aid	113,647	87,400
Investment income		
Dividends	6,150	8,776
Interest	2,456	628
	<u>8,606</u>	<u>9,404</u>
Total incoming resources	122,253	96,804
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Contribution towards fundraising officer	43,303	37,253
Charitable activities		
Donations payable	84,873	184,934
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and independent examiner's fees	1,950	2,400
Investment management fees	-	1,514
	<u>1,950</u>	<u>3,914</u>
Total resources expended	<u>130,126</u>	<u>226,101</u>
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(7,873)	(129,297)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	<u>8,035</u>	<u>(9,962)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>162</u></u>	<u><u>(139,259)</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements