

Charity Registration No. 1136446

Company Registration No. 7150417 (England and Wales)

**RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING
(A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr T Lake Mr A D H Pearson Ms C Billing Ms A Gupta	(Appointed 18 October 2022) (Appointed 14 September 2022)
Head of centre	Michelle Masters	(Appointed 1 October 2022)
Charity number	1136446	
Company number	7150417	
Registered office	220 Kings Road Reading RG1 4JJ	
Independent examiner	Edwin Smith Chartered Accountants 32 Queen Road Reading Berkshire RG1 4AU	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

Object of the Charity

The object of the charity is to advance the education of children aged 11 to 18 at the Red Balloon Learner Centre, being students who are victims of severe bullying, or by reason of other emotional or mental health trauma, are unable to attend mainstream schools. This is achieved by providing tuition and appropriate support for them in a safe learning environment until they are ready to return to mainstream education or enter employment. The Trustees confirm that they have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Governance

The charity has a Board of Trustees who are responsible for the governance of the charity. The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint new trustees. People who come to the trustee's attention as having relevant experience, interest or expertise are asked if they would consider becoming a trustee, are interviewed by other trustees and, if it is considered appropriate, are introduced to all of the trustees. All trustees are subject to DBS checks.

The Board aims to meet 6 times per year and holds an AGM in the Spring Term. At each meeting student progress is reviewed and regular management accounts are provided for review by the Trustees. Safeguarding is also included as an agenda item at each meeting.

Management

The Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Head of Centre, make decisions on staffing, budgeting, and performance reviews.

Trustees need to raise local public awareness of the need of children who have been so severely bullied that they cannot attend mainstream school. The aim is to draw attention to the fact that such children should be provided with full-time education and Red Balloon offers this service. This is addressed through local fundraising and engaging local businesses and schools in volunteering services or fundraising for us.

Red Balloon Learner Centre Reading is part of the wider Red Balloon Group. This provides a forum for the Trustees and staff to share experiences, discuss common problems and make joint representations to the Board of Red Balloon Learner Centre Group.

Risk analysis

The trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which the charity faces. The two main areas of concern are:

1. Safeguarding and continued education of the students

Safeguarding of students is of the highest priority and is continually monitored. Ongoing staff training in Health & Safety and Child Protection is provided regularly. In addition, a full range of policies are regularly reviewed by staff and trustees.

2. Sourcing of funding for students

Staff, supported by Trustees, continue to make strenuous efforts building and maintaining good relationships with education establishments and local authorities. The Trustees and Head of Centre have developed a fee pricing structure that reflects the varying support and educational needs of each student.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Achievements and Performance of the Charity

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity for the year ending 31 August 2023. The objectives of the charity are only achieved through the skill, hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Red Balloon and as Trustees we are indebted to the team.

The charity supported 25 students during the year. Of these students 18 were still with us at the start of the 2023/24 academic year. Of those who left, four were year 11 or older, three of whom transitioned to further education or training. Four younger students were supported to transition to provision more appropriate to their needs. Two students sat GCSE and/or Functional Skills exams in the summer of 2023.

Students of all ages achieved a range of AQA Unit Award Scheme (UAS) certificates. UAS allows all students to engage with learning and have their achievements recognised. Students primarily achieved certification in Art & Design, Food Technology and English, averaging 9 certificates each.

During the year we received funding to support the development of a sensory circuit providing students with physical activities to aid self-regulation to help them focus and engage in their learning, mentoring or therapy.

Red Balloon is not just about academic results but about giving students a wider learning experience and focusing on wellbeing and personal development. Significant time, energy and expertise is given to ensuring this is achieved.

Wellbeing

Wellbeing provision is central to our support of students and this year in particular we have focussed on developing students' confidence and understanding of dealing with social media. We have made a concerted effort to provide holistic and consistent support to our students to enable them to engage with the ubiquitous social media safely.

The Outreach programme continued to develop with our Outreach Team supporting 14 young people and their families over the year. We also undertook a pilot of a new Outreach programme for primary schools. This involves our outreach team supporting students in discovering their resilience and developing their self-esteem. We realise that our students are struggling in schools at ever younger ages, and have created a program that fits hand in glove with our approach for secondary students for primary students in Years 5 and 6.

We continued to run Circle Time and Challenge Time sessions (with a focus on developing important social skills and life skills) and have involved students in community activities within the Centre. All students have a tutor and at the beginning of the day there is a tutor time session from 9-9.15 am. Eating together is an important part of our wellbeing and pastoral care, with students encouraged to eat together, along with staff in the Community Room.

Wider learning and personal development

We offered a range of enrichment activities for our students this year including trips to Wembley Stadium, Pottery Pals, Wokingham Superbowl & Laser Quest, and Thorpe Park.

During the year we also had a range of cultural activities in the Centre.

Future plans of the Charity

After discussion with several local authorities and the drafting of a business plan, in March of 2021 we began looking in earnest for a location for a second site. Following last year's unsuccessful attempt to secure planning permission for our selected site we remain committed to finding an alternative.

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Financial review

Total unrestricted income during the period was £720,324 (2022 - £671,917) an increase of 7.2%. This consisted largely of income from the local authorities which was received to fund the education and wellbeing of the students whilst outside mainstream education. Total restricted donations in the year were £986 (2022 - £6,128), see note 13 for details of these funds.

Total expenditure was £716,524 (2022 - £630,569) and was incurred in performance of the charitable activities of the company, including staffing, direct student costs, rent, utilities and other general running costs.

An unrestricted surplus of £11,722 was recorded, bringing total unrestricted funds to £392,711 and within our targeted reserve policy.

We would like to thank all those that have fundraised, donated and volunteered time during the year.

Reserves policy

The Trustees policy on financial reserves is to ensure a minimum of 3-6 months of reserves are held in the bank account, in addition to any specifically determined requirements.

The investment policy and objectives

The trustees' policy on investment is to retain the surplus funds in interest bearing deposit accounts.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms G T Godwin	(Resigned 30 November 2022)
Mr T Lake	
Dr J A Nicholsby	(Resigned 26 April 2023)
Mr A D H Pearson	
Mr D R Whittle	(Resigned 31 August 2023)
Ms L Preston	(Resigned 6 December 2023)
Ms C Billing	(Appointed 18 October 2022)
Ms A Gupta	(Appointed 14 September 2022)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the Red Balloon Learner Centre Reading for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

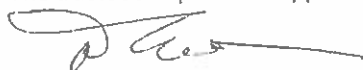
Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the Trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Standards and applicable law. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practices: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2015);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards, comprising FRS102, have been followed, subject to any material differences and explained in the financial statements, and;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act and the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mr A D H Pearson

Trustee

Dated: 24/4/24

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE READING

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Red Balloon Learner Centre Reading (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 2 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Edwin Smith

Chartered Accountants
32 Queen Road
Reading
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RG1 4AU

Dated: 30 April 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	448	986	1,434	-	6,128	6,128
Charitable activities	4	717,203	-	717,203	671,757	-	671,757
Investments	3	2,673	-	2,673	160	-	160
Total income		<u>720,324</u>	<u>986</u>	<u>721,310</u>	<u>671,917</u>	<u>6,128</u>	<u>678,045</u>
Charitable activities	5	<u>708,602</u>	<u>7,922</u>	<u>716,524</u>	<u>624,055</u>	<u>6,514</u>	<u>630,569</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		11,722	(6,936)	4,786	47,862	(386)	47,476
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 September 2022		<u>380,989</u>	<u>29,675</u>	<u>410,664</u>	<u>333,127</u>	<u>30,061</u>	<u>363,188</u>
Fund balances at 31 August 2023		<u><u>392,711</u></u>	<u><u>22,739</u></u>	<u><u>415,450</u></u>	<u><u>380,989</u></u>	<u><u>29,675</u></u>	<u><u>410,664</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		20,592		26,145
Current assets					
Debtors	11	3,594		3,796	
Cash at bank and in hand		411,566		410,103	
		415,160		413,899	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	20,302		29,380	
Net current assets			394,858		384,519
Total assets less current liabilities			415,450		410,664
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	13	22,739		29,675	
Unrestricted funds	14	392,711		380,989	
		415,450		410,664	

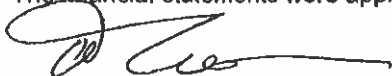
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 24th April 2024



Mr A D H Pearson
Trustee

Company registration number 7150417 (England and Wales)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	17		3,638		62,612
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,848)		(8,288)	
Investment income received		2,673		160	
Net cash used in investing activities			(2,175)		(8,128)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			1,463		54,484
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			410,103		355,619
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			411,566		410,103

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Red Balloon Learner Centre Reading is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 220 Kings Road, Reading, RG1 4JJ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to, and sufficiently certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following policies apply to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable activities are accounted for when earned. Deferred income relates to student fees which relate to future accounting periods.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Expenditure on fixed assets is only capitalised where it exceeds £1,000 and has an expected useful life greater than one year.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	7 years straight line
Computers	3 years straight line
Motor vehicles	5 years straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and cash held at bank current accounts and short term highly liquid investments held on deposit accounts.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transactions value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.10 Leases

Operating leases are recognised over the period of which the lease falls due on a straight line basis.

1.11 Pension Schemes

Employees of the charity are automatically enrolled into a defined contribution scheme unless they have exercised their right to opt out. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 8. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included within unrestricted funds.

1.12 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

1.13 Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Restricted funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	448	986	1,434	6,128

3 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	2,673	160

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Activities	Charitable Activities
	2023	2022
	£	£
Student fees	717,203	671,757

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5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Activities 2023 £	Charitable Activities 2022 £
Staff costs	515,002	439,916
Depreciation and impairment	10,401	8,760
Travel and subsistence	4,139	2,949
Student operating costs	42,064	35,864
Red Balloon of the air costs	4,723	5,405
Other teaching resources	7,813	8,191
Accommodation, food and cleaning	8,170	6,801
Communication	2,390	1,052
Insurance	5,975	4,368
Red Balloon Educational Trust support fees	8,000	8,000
Consumables	9,845	10,048
Rent and rates	27,516	27,596
Training and recruitment	5,424	6,967
Repairs and maintenance	23,513	29,170
Office equipment	2,529	3,420
Utilities	4,208	6,496
Sundry operating expenditure	740	883
Other charitable expenditure	2,609	1,547
	<u>685,061</u>	<u>607,433</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	31,463	23,136
	<u>716,524</u>	<u>630,569</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	708,602	624,055
Restricted funds	7,922	6,514
	<u>716,524</u>	<u>630,569</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

6 Support costs

There were no support costs during the year or prior year. Governance costs were as follows:

	Governance costs 2023 £	Governance costs 2022 £
Independent examiners fee	960	835
Professional services	30,503	22,301
	<u>31,463</u>	<u>23,136</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>31,463</u>	<u>23,136</u>

7 Trustees

No members of the Board of Trustees and Directors received any remuneration during the year or prior year. Expenses of £329 (2022 - nil) were reimbursed, relating to travel and meeting costs.

No trustee or other person related to the charity has any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year or prior year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	471,579	401,316
Social security costs	30,815	25,782
Other pension costs	10,676	7,800
	<u>513,070</u>	<u>434,898</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Head of Centre and two Deputy Heads. The total employment benefits of the key management personnel of the Trust was £125,780 (2022 - £101,464)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

9 Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arises as the company enjoys charitable status.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2022	1,752	17,126	20,400	39,278
Additions	4,848	-	-	4,848
At 31 August 2023	6,600	17,126	20,400	44,126
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 September 2022	188	6,145	6,800	13,133
Depreciation charged in the year	654	5,667	4,080	10,401
At 31 August 2023	842	11,812	10,880	23,534
Carrying amount				
At 31 August 2023	5,758	5,314	9,520	20,592
At 31 August 2022	1,564	10,981	13,600	26,145

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	3,594	3,796

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	8,693	6,069
Trade creditors	6,681	19,057
Other creditors	2,095	1,519
Accruals and deferred income	2,833	2,735
	20,302	29,380

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bursary	21,600	-	-	21,600	-	(3,867)	17,733
Dark Room	134	-	-	134	-	-	134
Music Therapy	-	630	(224)	406	-	(299)	107
Student Therapy	4,588	-	(2,858)	1,730	-	(1,730)	-
Building work	308	-	-	308	-	-	308
Community	668	-	-	668	-	-	668
Garden	1,368	-	(797)	571	-	-	571
3D Printer	1,095	-	(386)	709	-	(33)	676
SALT	300	4,698	(2,249)	2,749	-	(858)	1,891
Special Events	-	800	-	800	-	(786)	14
Seymour Trust Sensory Circuit	-	-	-	-	986	(349)	637
	<u>30,061</u>	<u>6,128</u>	<u>(6,514)</u>	<u>29,675</u>	<u>986</u>	<u>(7,922)</u>	<u>22,739</u>

Purpose of the restricted funds

- Bursary - Funds to contribute to a Bursary for a student to attend Red Balloon Reading.
- Dark Room - Funds to develop a photography dark room at Red Balloon Reading.
- Music Therapy - Funds to cover the cost of a music therapist.
- Student Therapy - Funds to provide therapeutic provisions to our students, for example equine or canine therapy.
- Building work - Funds to enhance the learner centre to provide our students with the best learning and therapeutic environment.
- Community - Funds to enable the recruitment of an Outreach Worker.
- Minibus - Grant funding to purchase a vehicle for student trips and visits.
- Garden - Grant funding to enhance the outdoor areas of the Centre for students to enjoy.
- 3D Printer - Personal donation to purchase a 3D printer to support teaching and learning.
- SALT & Seymour Trust - Funds to support a newly implemented programme of speech and language therapy.
- Special Events - Funds raised to contribute towards a trip or sporting event.
- Seymour Trust Sensory Circuit - Funds to create movement stations designed to provide sensory input and promote self-regulation in young people.

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14 Designated funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2022	Resources expended
	£	£	£	£	£
Expansion	178,560	-	(10,373)	168,187	(1,654)
	<u>178,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,373)</u>	<u>168,187</u>	<u>(1,654)</u>
	<u><u>178,560</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(10,373)</u></u>	<u><u>168,187</u></u>	<u><u>(1,654)</u></u>

Purpose of the designated funds

- Expansion - Funds to support the opening of a second centre in the Reading area.

15 Events after the reporting date

During the year the trustees were in negotiations for a new rental lease agreement which was signed just after the year end date on 28 September 2023. The lease runs for a term of 7 years from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2030, with a break date of 1 September 2028. The commitment up to this break clause date is £160,000.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions outside of those transactions with other Red Balloon entities.

The members of the Company comprise the trustees and Red Balloon Educational Trust (company number 05385341). Copies of its consolidated accounts, which include the Company, are available from its registered address Willow Lodge, 37 High Street, Milton, Cambridge, England, CB24 6DF.

17	Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
	Surplus for the year	4,786	47,476
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,673)	(160)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	10,401	8,760
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease in debtors	202	174,071
	(Decrease) in creditors	(9,078)	(167,535)
	Cash generated from operations	<u><u>3,638</u></u>	<u><u>62,612</u></u>