



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 April 2020	To	31 March 2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Destiny Children

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1137680

Charity's principal address

1 Manor Crescent

Macclesfield

Cheshire

Postcode

SK10 2EN

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alan Slater	Chair		
2	Deborah Kennerley	Secretary		
3	Judith A F Roper	Treasurer		
4	Colin Cliffe	Accountant		
5	Patrick Roper			
6	Martin Sutcliffe			
7	Nick Burton			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

N/A

## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution - adopted on 23rd November 2009 and revised at a Special General Meeting on 10th August 2010
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The charity elects Trustees, i.e. both the Officers and the other Trustees, in general meetings.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

"The advancement of education of children in Kenya, in particular but not exclusively pupils of Destiny Garden School, Mombasa, by providing and assisting in the provision of educational facilities and materials and the provision of grants."

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Destiny Children's main aim is to support Destiny Garden School, which is located in one of the poorest suburbs of Mombasa. The school was founded in 2009 with 160 children, 6 teachers and 3 support staff, using 6 rented classrooms. It has been growing steadily since then and has now built 11 classrooms on its own land, and employs 11 teachers and 7 support staff, providing a good education for 330 children aged between 3 and 15.

The school currently relies almost totally on Destiny Children for funding. The charity covers the school's basic running costs, paying the salaries of the teachers and support staff and providing the children with a nutritious school lunch and safe drinking water. Destiny Children achieves this by:

- managing a sponsorship programme whereby sponsors choose to pay £15 per month to help educate a child, or to sponsor the school as a whole.
- organising fundraising events to help cover any shortfall in the running costs of the school, to provide lunches, educational materials, and to help with the development of the school.
- encouraging the charity's supporters to raise funds for Destiny Garden School.
- using other initiatives such as 'Gifts That Make A Difference', 'easyfundraising' and collection boxes to raise further funds.
- applying for funding from charitable trusts and other organisations or individuals to support the on-going development of the school, or for special projects agreed by Destiny Garden School and the charity.

Funds are sent to Destiny Garden School, Mombasa, at the end of each month and a breakdown of monies received and how it is spent is provided by the school. 100% of sponsors' and donors' payments, together with the Gift Aid, are sent to Destiny Garden School. The committee members cover all the administrative costs and expenses incurred by the charity.

The charity provides regular feedback on the school's progress to those who sponsor the school or a child and to those who make donations.

Members of the committee regularly liaise with the founder of Destiny Garden School and the School Manager to monitor how the charity's donations are spent. From time to time, members or representatives of the charity visit Destiny Garden School, at their own expense, to assess and monitor the performance of the school.

All the Trustees of Destiny Children abide by the UK Charity Commission's guidelines and have completed their statutory declaration to this effect.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Destiny Children's achievements during the reporting period April 2020 to March 2021 were, of course, dominated by the global pandemic. This caused the charity to temporarily switch from supporting education in Kenya to providing emergency food parcels to the most vulnerable among Destiny Garden School pupils and their families during the 9 months when all schools were closed, and to then support DGS in making the school Covid-safe for the children's return in January 2021.

Achievements are summarised below.

**Financial**

- Maintained a steady income which totalled £104,766 during the reporting year.
- Thanks to sponsors continuing support during the pandemic, transferred sufficient monthly funds to DGS to cover all the staff salaries.
- Raised funds to provide 8 separate emergency food parcel distributions during the period all schools were closed in Kenya – from April 2020 to December 2020. This was thanks to generous donations from supporters.
- Raised enough funds for DGS to make the school Covid secure for the children's return in January 2021. This was thanks to two grants and further generous donations from supporters.
- Although the charity's financial liability under the Sponsorship Protocol is minimal, it continued to maintain a reserve target to cover staff redundancies in the unlikely event the school or charity closes or, more likely, to cover unexpected events such as adverse exchange rate fluctuations. These reserves are held in a Building Society Account to minimise risk.
- Covered all costs, returning annual accounts that demonstrate this is a well-run charity.

**Destiny Children Charity**

- Reviewed the charity's long-term plans and put in place a transition plan to help Destiny Garden School become more self-sufficient, and reduce the charity's administrative workload.
- Supported the running of the 'child' sponsorship work which is now undertaken by one of the DGS Directors in Mombasa. This activity was limited due to the pandemic.
- Continued to run at zero costs, with all administrative costs and expenses being borne by committee members.
- Due to the pandemic the charity was unable to hold any fundraising events.
- Sent regular reports to all sponsors to update them on the situation.

**Destiny Garden School**

- Provided distance learning during the 9 months the school was closed due to the pandemic. This was achieved via WhatsApp as families in this area do not have home computers; those with mobile phones shared the lessons with those families with no modern technology at all.
- Distributed 8 rounds of emergency food parcels from April 2020 onwards. These distributions provided 275 disadvantaged families with enough basic foodstuffs to enable them to survive for a month at a time. The cost of each parcel averaged £14 and included rice, oil, maize flour, peas and soap. The school's staff worked hard to purchase, make up and distribute the food parcels.
- Purchased and organised items needed to make the school Covid-safe for the children's return. These included individual desks, extra textbooks, sanitiser units, masks, better water supplies, hand basins and soap.
- Reopened the school in November 2020 in line with Kenyan government regulations, to allow the two year groups who were due to take external examinations to return to school on a phased basis (about 80 pupils).
- Reopened the school fully in January 2021 to the remaining 270 pupils who were able to return to a safe environment.
- Supported vulnerable pupils with pastoral and health care when possible



## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has maintained a small reserve and its reserves policy is designed to ensure that the charity always retains sufficient cash to cover (in the worst case) DGS liabilities in the event that the school had to close, or (more likely) unexpected events such as adverse exchange rate fluctuations.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sponsorship is the charity's principal regular source of income, with sponsors choosing to sponsor a child or the school as a whole. During this reporting period these funds were supplemented by donations and grants.

Since the charity first started it has been able to send 100% of sponsors' and donors' funds, together with the Gift Aid, to Destiny Garden School. The committee members have met all the expenses and administrative costs involved in running the charity.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Original form held and signed via email ivo COVID-19</i>	<i>Original form held and signed via email ivo COVID-19</i>
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Dr. Alan Peter Slater	Mrs Judith Anne Frances Roper
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	17.05.2021	





Charity Name Destiny Children		No (if any) 1137680		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021	

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Sponsor income	48,081			48,081	51,594
Donations - general	444	30,864		31,309	14,941
Administration cost covered by donations		215		215	1,325
Fundraising events				-	4,000
Gift aid	17,143			17,143	13,068
Grants		8,000		8,000	-
Bank Interest	18			18	-
Bank Refund				-	284
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>65,686</b>	<b>39,080</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,766</b>	<b>85,212</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>65,686</b>	<b>39,080</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,766</b>	<b>85,212</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Destiny Gardens School Mombasa	107,212			107,212	83,267
Administration costs met by donations		207		207	1,396
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>107,212</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,419</b>	<b>84,663</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>107,212</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,419</b>	<b>84,663</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 41,526</b>	<b>38,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,653</b>	<b>549</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,641	7,095		13,736	13,187
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,933</b>	<b>5,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,083</b>	

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Nat West current account	30	5,150	-
	Leek United Building Society Account	5,903		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,933</b>	<b>5,150</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	original form held and signed via email ivo Covid-19	Alan Slater	17-May-21	
	original form held and signed via email ivo Covid-19	Judith Roper	17-May-21	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Destiny Children

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1137680

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2021.

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 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:

D S Ward.

Date:

16/05/2021

Name:

David Ward

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (No. 7494816)

Address:

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Holmes Chapel
Cheshire CW4 7LF

**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.**