



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 April 2022	To	31 March 2023

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	Patrick Roper			
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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 and 17 th June 2022.
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 12 classrooms, a kitchen, dining shelter, library and staff room on its own land. The school employs 10 teachers and 9 support staff, including cooks and security guards, and is providing a good education for 330 children aged between the ages of 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 sponsor a class at £45pm, or sponsor the school as a whole at no set amount.
- 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' and 'easyfundraising' 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, a class or a child and to those who make donations.

Members of the committee regularly liaise with the founder of Destiny Garden School and the Sponsorship Director 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. Unfortunately due to the pandemic and illness it has not been possible to visit the school for some time.

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 and Destiny Garden School's main achievements and performance during the reporting period are summarised here.

Destiny Children Charity

- The charity maintained a steady income which totalled £104,966 during the reporting year.
- Thanks to sponsors continuing support during the year, and the Gift Aid from their donations, the charity transferred sufficient monthly funds to DGS to cover all the staff salaries and some of the basic educational costs.
- Generous donations and a grant of £10,000 enabled the charity to provide enough funds for DGS to give all the children a nutritious school lunch throughout the reporting year. Further donations enabled DGS to reduce the ratio of students sharing a text book; further help is needed as in some subjects there are still 4 students sharing one text book. Gift Aid from general donations provided funds for maintenance and repairs to the schools facilities.
- Although the charity's financial liability under the Sponsorship Protocol is minimal, it continues to maintain a reserve target to cover staff redundancies in the unlikely event the school or charity had to close. These reserves are held in a Building Society account to minimise risk.
- The charity reviewed its long-term aims and put in place plans to help Destiny Garden School become more self-sufficient and reduce the charity's administrative workload. Much of the sponsorship work is now undertaken by one of the DGS Directors in Mombasa which has helped substantially
- To reduce the charity's reliance on one member of its team, it has recruited a new Treasurer who is an experienced accountant and has introduced a new accounting package. The charity has further strengthened its team by recruiting two new members who will be responsible for marketing, the website and social media, with the hopes of recruiting new sponsors.
- The staff at Destiny Garden School has not had a pay increase since 2018 and with inflation during this time they are finding it hard to make ends meet. A very generous donation from one of the charity's sponsors has enabled them to receive a well-earned bonus of 5%. The charity's aim now is to recruit more sponsors so that the DGS staff can have a pay increase in 2024.
- The charity was successful in recruiting more High School sponsors to enable the top performers from DGS to continue their education at good National High Schools in Kenya. It is now supporting 26 former DGS students through High School, 1 through college, and 3 through university.
- The charity continues to run at zero costs, with all administrative expenses being borne by committee members. 100% of funds received including Gift Aid go to DGS.
- After a break from fund raising events due to the pandemic, the charity held a Quiz which proved popular and successfully raised funds for the DGS Feeding Programme.

Destiny Garden School (DGS)

- In Kenya the school year is from January to December with 3 terms; however, due to the pandemic the terms have had to be adjusted and **4 terms** were fitted into 2022 by taking much shorter holidays; a challenge but DGS successfully coped and made up for the lost time. In 2023 the school year reverted back to 3 terms.

- DGS has also coped well with the implementation of a new system of education in Kenya called the 2-6-3-3-3 system which was introduced in January 2023 (2 Pre-Primary Classes, 6 Primary classes, 3 Junior Secondary School classes, 3 Senior Secondary School classes, 3 University years). Since 1985 Primary schools have taken pupils from the age of 4 until 14/15. The new system is more like that in the UK, with a change at the age of 11 years, when DGS's grade 6 pupils join a Junior Secondary School.
- The DGS Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) class of 2022 performed well in their final examinations. It is all credit to the teaching staff that DGS is one of the top performing schools in the Liconi Area. These results for the KCPE paved the way for most of the children to join High School in January 2023, of which 12 achieved sufficient marks to secure places at some of the top Kenyan National High Schools.
- Having adopted the new curriculum introduced by the Kenyan educational authorities, the DGS pupils are now more involved in their studies. More practical classes are in place to enhance the skills of the children.
- Various extra-curricular activities have been taking place, such as games, music, debating, cooking, and guidance and counselling for the pupils. In addition to the existing Scouts and Girl Guide Clubs, new clubs have been formed such as Wildlife, Agriculture and Journalism. A local philanthropic friend of the school's Director funded 4 classes to go on a trip to a game reserve.
- The sponsorship director, school manager, teachers and children compiled a wonderful Christmas and thank you video for the sponsors. Thanks to a generous donation the children and staff were able to have a special Christmas lunch.
- A generous donation from Rotary enabled Destiny Garden School to paint the 2 Pre-Primary classes, providing a more lively, educational and child-friendly environment.
- During the year many useful meetings took place; staff meetings to help build a strong team; Parent Teachers' Association meetings and general parent's meetings to discuss issues and make improvements; school assemblies providing the opportunity for the students to get together. The teachers received individual help and guidance and several attended external training courses. All had a refresher course on child protection and reviewed the school's policy.
- The feeding programme continues to thrive. DGS was able to provide a nutritious lunch for its pupils throughout the year, with fruit on some days and a special meal of vegetable pilau for the pupils every Friday. In addition the pre-primary school children are given 10 o'clock porridge and a snack – this has been funded for a year by one of the charity's supporters.
- In December the Kenyan Government announced that suitable Primary Schools should accommodate a 'Junior Secondary School' (JSS). After a very thorough inspection, the Kenyan Ministry of Education gave Destiny Garden School the go ahead have a JSS, much to their surprise. Therefore the first class of the JSS, class 7, has been established at DGS. Funding and more facilities are required to introduce class 8 and 9 and whether DGS will be able to accommodate a full JSS is being piloted. For now the charity is supporting the primary school (DGS) but not the JSS.
- DGS continues to support vulnerable pupils with pastoral and health care when possible.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As per our reserves policy revised March 2022, the charity maintains a small reserve designed to ensure the charity always retains sufficient cash to cover (in the worst case) DGS liabilities in the event that the school had to close. The charity has no financial liability of its own as all the costs of running the charity are covered by committee donations.

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, a class or the school as a whole. During this reporting period these funds were supplemented by donations and a grant.

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

Signature(s)	<i>Signed paper copy held</i>	<i>Signed paper copy held</i>
Full name(s)	Dr. Alan Peter Slater	Mrs Judith Anne Frances Roper
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	07.06.2023	



Charity Name	No (if any)
Destiny Children	1137680

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2022		31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sponsor income	48,975			48,975	46,113
Donations - general	652	30,591		31,243	30,449
Administration cost covered by donations		433		433	470
Fundraising events		732		732	-
Gift aid	13,561			13,561	14,472
Grants		10,000		10,000	2,500
Bank Interest	22			22	17
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,210	41,756	-	104,966	94,021
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,210	41,756	-	104,966	94,021
A3 Payments					
Destiny Gardens School Mombasa	60,664	41,323		101,987	86,733
Administration costs met by donations		368		368	157
Sub total	60,664	41,691	-	102,355	86,890
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,664	41,691	-	102,355	86,890
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,546	65	-	2,611	7,131
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,933	5,150	-	11,083	11,083
Cash funds this year end	8,479	5,215	-	13,694	18,214

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Nat West current account		12,294	
	Leek United Building Society Account	6,471		
	Total cash funds	6,471	12,294	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	original paper form held and signed.	Alan Slater	07.06.2023	
	original paper form held and signed.	Judith Roper	07.06.2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Destiny Children

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

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 ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 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

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:

D. S. Ward.

Date:

28 May 2023

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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Crewe,
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.