



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date						Period end date		
		From						To		
		1	April	2023				31	March	2024

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			
5	Colin Cliff			
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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 Primary 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 all on its own land. The school employs 10 teachers and 11 support staff which include cooks, librarian, cleaner and security guards. It is providing a good education for 360 children aged between the ages of 3 and 11.

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 sponsors and 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.

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 £126,681 during the reporting year.
- Thanks to sponsors' and supporters' 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, provide educational materials, make improvements and repairs to the school's facilities. A total of £127,347 was sent to DGS during the reporting year.
- A grant of £10,000 provided enough funds for DGS to give all the children a nutritious school lunch throughout the reporting year. In addition a generous donation enabled DGS to provide breakfast for the younger children.
- Generous donations and sponsors' fundraising events enabled DGS to make improvements to their facilities, reduce the ratio of students sharing a text book, install facilities for physically challenged children, purchase educational and sporting items, together with many other items.
- 100% of Gift Aid goes to DGS; the cost of running the charity is covered by the committee. Gift Aid from sponsors' donations goes towards the staff salaries and educational materials whilst some from general donations cover maintenance and repairs to the school's facilities.
- Although the charity's financial liability is minimal, it continues to maintain a reserve 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 with further 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 greatly.
- To reduce the charity's reliance on one member of its team, and following the departure of our Treasurer, it is trying to recruit a new Treasurer and a Secretary. It transferred to a new accounting package which is on the cloud and can be shared. The charity has further strengthened its team by recruiting a new Trustee who will be responsible for marketing, the website and social media, with the hopes of recruiting new sponsors.
- The staff at Destiny Garden School had not had a pay increase since 2018 but a very generous donation from a sponsors enabled them to receive a well-earned bonus of 5% in 2023. The charity was then able to introduce a small pay rise in 2024 but with inflation during this time the DGS staff are finding it hard to make ends meet. The Charity's aim now is to recruit more sponsors so they can have a pay increase in 2025.
- 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 31 former DGS students through High School, and 3 through university.
- The Kenyan rainy season begun in November 2023 and the El Nino effect caused devastating floods in Mombasa. Lives were lost and hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless. Many DGS families' houses were submerged, parents lost their livelihood, and the DGS children were risk of malnutrition and starvation. Whilst the

Kenyan government and the Red Cross did their part, very little aid reached Likoni where the school is situated. Destiny Children's appeal received a wonderful response and were able to send enough funds for food parcels to be distributed to 300 DGS families on two occasions.

Destiny Garden School (DGS)

- A new educational structure in Kenya was introduced in January 2023. Since 1985 Primary schools have taken pupils from the age of 4 until 14/15. The new structure is more like the UK whereby primary school children will leave at age 11 and join a Junior Secondary School (JSS). DGS has formed a JSS which is run and funded separately from the DGS Primary School and offers 11 free places for those who cannot afford the fees. For now the charity is supporting the DGS primary school but not the JSS
- The DGS Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) class of 2023 performed well in their final examinations. 12 students achieved good marks to secure places at some of the top Kenyan National High Schools, the rest went on to local High Schools. It is farewell to Class 8 as they are the last cohort to leave DGS.
- Various extra-curricular activities took place, such as games, debating, cooking, public speaking, 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 Debating and Journalism. Two outings took place; a visit to MV Logus Hope to learn about the ship and maritime history, seeing their huge library; and a sponsor funded some students to visit Fort Jesus.
- DGS encourages Physical Education (PE), which includes athletics and ball games. This not only keeps the students fit and healthy but develops their social skills, emotional wellbeing, and gives them a break from the classroom and a chance to have fun.
- Throughout the year the DGS students have exams and assessments to monitor their progress and identify areas that need improvement. DGS are qualified to hold the class 6 and 8 National exams. They do all they can to make the exams as stress free as possible.
- 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.
- 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 by one of the charity's supporters.
- 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)	Original signed, held in file	Original signed, held in file
Full name(s)	Dr. Alan Peter Slater	Mrs Judith Anne Frances Roper
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	18.06.2024	



Charity Name Destiny Children		No (if any) 1137680		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024	

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Sponsor income	41,609			41,609	48,975
Donations - general	3,502	25,143		28,644	31,243
Administration cost covered by donations		186		186	433
Fundraising events		12,031		12,031	732
Gift aid	13,899			13,899	13,561
Grants		10,000		10,000	10,000
Bank Interest	139			139	22
Further Education	16,178			16,178	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	75,328	47,360	-	122,688	104,966
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	75,328	47,360	-	122,688	104,966
A3 Payments					
Destiny Gardens School Mombasa	80,788	42,566		123,354	101,987
Administration costs met by donations		335		335	368
Sub total	80,788	42,901	-	123,689	102,355
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	80,788	42,901	-	123,689	102,355
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,460	4,459	-	- 1,001	2,611
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,899	11,926	-	20,825	18,214
Cash funds this year end	3,439	16,385	-	19,824	20,825

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		13,393	
	Leek United Building Society Account	3,439	2,992	
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	3,439	16,385	

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	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 signed and held on file	Alan Slater	14.05.2024
Original signed and held on file	Judith Roper	21.07.2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Destiny Children

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

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 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

13 July 2024

Name:

David Ward

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (Reg no 7494816)

Address:

2 Ingleton Close,

Holmes Chapel, Crewe,

Cheshire CW4 7LF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.