



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date						Period end date		
		From						To		
		1	April	2024				31	March	2025

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	Colin Cliff	Treasurer		
3	Judith A F Roper	Secretary		
4	Patrick Roper		1 st April to 25 October 2024	
5	Kathy James			
6	Debi Weir		Joined 16 th July 2024	
7	Hannah Weir		Joined 20 th August 2024	
8	Stephanie Donaldson		Joined 22 nd October 2024	
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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 business 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 paying the staff, the provision of educational facilities & 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)

The main aim of the Destiny Children Charity (DCC) is to support Destiny Garden School (DGS), a primary school in one of the poorest areas of Mombasa, Kenya. DGS expanded from 160 pupils in 6 rented classrooms in 2009 to a purpose built school with 12 classrooms, a kitchen, dining shelter, library and staff room all on its own land, educating children aged 3 to 14.

Following the restructure of the Kenyan education system, DGS currently educates 420 children aged 3 to 11. It employs 10 teachers and 10 support staff: 3 Management, 2 cooks, 1 librarian, 1 cleaner, and 3 security guards.

Spare classrooms now accommodate a Junior Secondary School which is run separately from the DGS Primary School. It does however offer some free places to high-performing DGS pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The school depends almost entirely on the Destiny Children Charity for funding. The charity covers the school's main running costs, paying the salaries of the teachers and support staff, supplying basic educational materials, and providing the DGS children with a nutritious school lunch and safe drinking water. It achieves this by:

- Operating a sponsorship scheme allowing supporters to sponsor a child (£15/month), a class (£45/month), or contribute to the school monthly at no set amount.
- Organising fundraising activities and promoting supporters fundraising efforts to meet DGS's running costs, supply additional educational materials, and assist in the school's development.
- Using other initiatives such as 'Gifts That Make A Difference' and 'easyfundraising' to raise further funds.
- Applying for grants from charitable trusts, and funding from organisations and individuals, for ongoing needs and agreed projects.

Funds are transferred to DGS monthly, with expenditure reports provided by the school. 100% of all sponsors' and donors' payments, together with all Gift Aid, are sent to DGS. The Charity's Trustees cover all the administrative costs and expenses incurred.

The charity provides regular updates to sponsors and supporters on the school's progress, and feedback is given to donors on how their funds were allocated.

Trustees of the charity visit Destiny Garden School, at their own expense, to assess and monitor the performance of the school. Although travel was limited due to the pandemic, illness and floods in Mombasa, quarterly Zoom meetings were held with the DGS and DCC management teams, and two Trustees visited DGS in May and June 2025.

The Trustees of Destiny Children Charity confirm that they have complied with their duty under **section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011** to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

In monitoring the charity's aims and planning its activities, the Trustees have carefully considered how these will contribute to the charity's purposes and provide public benefit. The Trustees are satisfied that all activities undertaken during the reporting year further the charity's objectives and benefit the public by supporting the education, welfare, and development of disadvantaged children at Destiny Garden School in Mombasa, Kenya..

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 Charity's Achievements

During the reporting year, Destiny Children Charity (DCC) maintained strong financial support for Destiny Garden School (DGS) while expanding its team and improving efficiency. The charity and its supporter's main achievements and performance are summarised here.

- Maintained a steady income which totalled £114,543 during the reporting year.
- Transferred £106,206 to DGS and provided £933 of equipment to cover
 - Staff salaries
 - Educational materials
 - Improvements and repairs to the school's facilities
- Secured a grant of £10,800 to provide daily school lunches for all pupils
- Obtained additional donations to:
 - Provide breakfast for the younger children
 - Improve facilities at the school
 - Reduce the ratio of students sharing a text book
 - Purchase educational and sporting items
 - Provide playground equipment
 - Renovate the communal playing field after flooding
 - Provide many other much needed items
- Ensured 100% of supporters' donations and Gift Aid were sent to DGS, with Trustees covering the running costs of the charity.
- Maintained a financial reserve to cover potential staff redundancies; this is held in a Building Society for security.
- Made efforts to reduce its administrative workload and help DGS become more self-sufficient by:
 - Delegating some of the sponsorship work, bookkeeping and secretarial work to DGS staff in Mombasa
 - Moving the accounts to a cloud based accounting system
- Strengthened its team by recruiting 4 new Trustees:
 - 1) Responsible for marketing, the website and social media
 - 2) The UK representative visiting DGS
 - 3) Younger Trustee (aged 18) for youth engagement
 - 4) Nairobi based for in-country support
- Provided DGS staff with a small pay rise in 2024, the first increase since 2018 although a staff bonus of 5% was given in 2023. One of the Charity's aims now is to recruit more sponsors to give another pay increase in 2026.
- Supported 12 students in the DGS Junior Secondary School, 31 former DGS pupils through High School, and 3 through university.

All this has been achieved through sponsors and supporters continuing support during the year, and the Gift Aid from their donations.

Destiny Garden School's Achievements

Destiny Garden School took on board Kenya's new educational framework and curriculum and provides an excellent education for 400 disadvantaged children. The school enhanced student development through extracurricular activities, and continued to provide nutritional and welfare support to all pupils. Its main achievements and performance are summarised here.

- Adjusted to Kenya's new educational structure introduced in 2023 which is similar to the UK's whereby primary school children leave at age 11. Grade 6 leavers now join a Junior Secondary School (JSS).
- Formed a JSS which is run and funded separately from the DGS Primary School and offers some free places to high performing but financially needy DGS pupils.
- Maintained extracurricular activities including
 - ⊖ games, debating, cooking, public speaking, guidance and counselling
 - ⊖ Scouts, Girl Guide, Wildlife, Agriculture, Debating and Journalism Clubs
 - ⊖ Class outings to broaden the children's outlook.
- Promoted Physical Education for fitness and social development which includes athletics and ball games.
- Introduced new playground equipment from sponsor's funding to develop pupils' social skills, emotional wellbeing, giving them a break from the classroom and have some fun.
- Held ongoing assessments to monitor pupils' progress and identify areas that need improvement. Facilitated exams - DGS are qualified to hold the class 6 and 8 National exams, and they do all they can to make the exams as stress free as possible.
- Provided support for all through:
 - Staff meetings and training to help build a strong team
 - Parent Teachers Association (PTA) meetings and general parent's meetings to discuss issues and make improvements
 - School assemblies providing the opportunity for the students to get together
 - One to one meetings with the parent/guardian, teacher and pupil offering individual help and guidance
- Continued to provide daily nutritious lunches for all its pupils throughout the year, with weekly Friday special meals and fruit on some days. In addition the pre-primary school children continued to receive morning porridge and a snack.
- Supported vulnerable pupils with pastoral and basic health care when possible

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's reserves policy was reviewed during the year; it continues to maintain 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	16.06.2025	



Charity Name Destiny Children		No (if any) 1137680
Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To Period end date 31/03/2025

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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	48,597			48,597	41,609
Donations - general	926	12,002		12,928	28,644
Administration cost covered by donations		450		450	186
Fundraising events	7,261	3,708		10,969	12,031
Gift aid	15,447			15,447	13,899
Grants	-	10,800		10,800	10,000
Bank Interest		181		181	139
Further Education		15,171		15,171	16,178
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	72,231	42,312	-	114,543	122,688
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	72,231	42,312	-	114,543	122,688
A3 Payments					
Destiny Gardens School Mombasa	74,248	30,475		104,723	123,354
Administration costs met by donations		550		550	335
Equipment bought for DGS Mombasa		933		933	-
Sub total	74,248	31,958	-	106,206	123,689
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	74,248	31,958	-	106,206	123,689
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,017	10,354	-	8,337	- 1,001
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,439	16,385	-	19,824	20,825
Cash funds this year end	1,422	26,739	-	28,161	19,824

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	1,422	6,328	
	Leek United Building Society Account	-	20,412	
	Total cash funds	1,422	26,739	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	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				
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Original signed, held in file	Alan Slater	14.06.2025
Original signed, held in file	Judith Roper	14.06.2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Destiny Children

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no (if
any)

1197680

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 / 03 / 2025**

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:

19 June 2025

Name:

David Ward

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

(if any):

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Address:

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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.

Not applicable