

Company registration number: 07759277

Charity registration number: 1146768

The James Milner Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The James Milner Foundation

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	C J Hudson M A Hovell M Bouchier
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Registered Office	Mills & Reeve 9th Floor 1 New York Street Manchester M1 4HD
Company Registration Number	07759277
Charity Registration Number	1146768
Solicitors:	Mills and Reeve LLP 8th and 9th Floor 1 New York Street Manchester Lancashire M1 4AD
Bankers	Coutts & Co Strand 440 Strand London WC2R 0QS
Independent Examiner	Beever and Struthers Chartered Accountants One Express 1 George Leigh Street Ancoats Manchester M4 5DL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as incorporated on 1 September 2011 and amended by special resolution registered on 29 March 2012.

Organisational structure

The Company is registered as a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered charity number 1146768.

The charitable company is governed by the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the charitable company's rules.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The James Milner Foundation (the JMF) recognises that an effective board of trustees is essential to the charity achieving its objectives. The JMF should seek to have a board that is representative of the people with whom the charity works and should have a balance of the knowledge and skills required to run the charity. Individual Trustees must have sufficient knowledge to enable them to carry out their role and to represent the charity at meetings and events.

Whenever a Trustee departs, a skills audit of the board will be done. Efforts at recruiting a replacement will take account of the skills audit and of the skills being lost by the departure. Consideration must also be given to any specific roles or duties that the individual leaving the board was undertaking.

Where a need has been identified to recruit Trustees, the existing board of Trustees will manage the process. This group has responsibility for ensuring that the recruitment and induction process is carried out. This includes ensuring that new trustees have a clear understanding of the aims and objectives of the charity and of their responsibilities as a trustee. Trustees for the JMF offer their time on a voluntary basis.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The JMF was founded to promote healthy recreation for the benefit of young people in the United Kingdom by the development, improvement and provision of opportunities in sports, in particular football, rugby and cricket. The JMF also endeavours to assist in the preservation of health and the advancement of education among young people in the United Kingdom through financial assistance for young people in need.

By supporting diverse sporting opportunities for boys and girls in major cities across the North of England and working with established charities, the JMF hopes that every child has the opportunity to experience the incredible physical, mental, and social benefits that sport can create.

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The JMF held an annual flagship fundraising event from 2012 to 2019 in the form of a themed ball, designed to attract high-net worth individuals and businesses in order to firstly, achieve the highest possible financial return for the charity and secondly, create significant opportunity for profile raising and publicity for the JMF and its charity beneficiaries. More recently, a series of smaller events have been often held for the purpose of fundraising and/or publicity throughout the year. The JMF is occasionally supported by individuals or organisations that fund raise in its name – for example people running marathons and producing sponsorship income for the JMF. Since the Covid-19 pandemic no large-scale fundraising balls have taken place since 2019 and there was no event charity ball held in 2023.

A smaller-scale fundraising lunch was held in November 2023 of the accounting year.

The JMF has supported the NSPCC, Blood Cancer UK and Help For Heroes in most years since its inception. Other past beneficiaries have included the Motor Neurone Disease Association, the GB Women's Deaf Team, Dominoes Netball Club, Liverpool FC Foundation and Leeds Rhinos Foundation.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Donations

Since the global pandemic through 2020 and 2021 the JMF has reduced its fundraising activities and therefore subsequent donation levels accordingly.

During the 2023 period the James Milner Foundation made donations to the Leeds Rhinos Foundation and the Liverpool FC Foundation to fund (5) sports camps each. Both Foundation's received donations of £15,000 from the James Milner Foundation (£30,000) in total to cover the costs of the sports camps.

These sports camps were held during school holidays for three days per camp. Free of charge places were provided for (100) children, between 8 to 14 years of age. Leeds Rhinos Foundation and Liverpool FC Foundation determined the criteria for the places and use but based the opportunity for children in specially targeted post code areas of low-income households.

Fundraising

The previous flagship fundraising charity ball, which created most of the charity's revenue is yet to recommence since the global pandemic. Instead, a fundraising lunch provided the main source of fundraising activity in the accounting period.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to try and maintain unrestricted funds at a level which covers at least three months unrestricted expenditure

At the year end the charity's reserves were £129,934 (2022: £85,110) and are all unrestricted free reserves.

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Trustees' Report

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19/9/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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M A Hovell
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The James Milner Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 19/9/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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M A Hovell
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The James Milner Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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. accounting records were not kept in respect of The James Milner Foundation as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Helen Binns FCA
Chartered Accountants

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Date: 19/09/24

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	25,662	41,858
Other trading activities	4	<u>57,225</u>	<u>33,229</u>
Total income		<u>82,887</u>	<u>75,087</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(6,068)	(9,703)
Charitable activities	6	<u>(31,995)</u>	<u>(1,155)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(38,063)</u>	<u>(10,858)</u>
Net income		<u>44,824</u>	<u>64,229</u>
Net movement in funds		44,824	64,229
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>85,110</u>	<u>20,881</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u><u>129,934</u></u>	<u><u>85,110</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 14.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	12	131,554	88,740
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(1,620)</u>	<u>(3,630)</u>
Net assets		<u>129,934</u>	<u>85,110</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>129,934</u>	<u>85,110</u>
Total funds	14	<u>129,934</u>	<u>85,110</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12/1/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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M A Hovell
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Mills & Reeve
9th Floor
1 New York Street
Manchester
M1 4HD

The principal place of business is:

Mills & Reeve
9th Floor
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2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The James Milner Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue, therefore, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are recognised in different ways dependent on how they are used by the charity:

- (i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.
- (ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.
- (iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations received	20,662	20,662	33,108
Gifts in kind	5,000	5,000	8,750
	<u>25,662</u>	<u>25,662</u>	<u>41,858</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2022 £
Events income;			
Other events income	57,225	57,225	33,229
	<u>57,225</u>	<u>57,225</u>	<u>33,229</u>

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Note			
Marketing and publicity	1,068	1,068	953

b) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising trading costs;			
Ladies Lunch costs	5,000	5,000	8,750
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>8,750</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grant funding of activities	8	30,000	30,000	-
Governance costs	7	1,995	1,995	1,155
		<u>31,995</u>	<u>31,995</u>	<u>1,155</u>

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	1,995	1,995	1,155
	<u>1,995</u>	<u>1,995</u>	<u>1,155</u>

8 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions 2023 £
Analysis	
Grants to Institutions	<u>30,000</u>

The support costs associated with grant-making are £Nil (31 December 2022 - £Nil).

Below are details of material grants made to institutions

Name of institution	2023 £	2022 £
Leeds Rhino Foundation	15,000	-
Liverpool FC Foundation	15,000	-
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,995</u>	<u>1,155</u>

11 Taxation

The income and gains of the charity are exempt from taxation to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives.

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	<u>131,554</u>	<u>88,740</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	<u>1,620</u>	<u>3,630</u>

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>85,110</u>	<u>82,887</u>	<u>(38,063)</u>	<u>129,934</u>

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>20,881</u>	<u>75,087</u>	<u>(10,858)</u>	<u>85,110</u>

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15 Related party transactions

James Milner, the founding patron of the charity, is also the director and shareholder of Entertainment Today Limited, a supplier to the Foundation. This is an events planning and management company and was used to organise a fundraising lunch held during the year. These services were provided free of charge and therefore the Foundation has recognised this cost and donated services in these accounts at a value of £5,000. The figure for 2022 was £8,750. The trustees want to record their thanks to Mr Milner for agreeing to his company to provide these services free of charge.

Entertainment Today collect all income and pay expenditure for the event on behalf of the charity. After the event is held monies are then transferred to the charity. The balance owed by Entertainment Today Limited at the year-end was £ Nil (2022: £Nil).