

THE SHEILING SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1149264

Details

Other names THE SHEILING RINGWOOD

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [08116370](#)

Registered 2012-10-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE 2.1 TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, PARTICULARLY (WITHOUT LIMITATION) BY ESTABLISHING, MAINTAINING, CARRYING ON, MANAGING AND DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WITH SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR SPECIAL CARE NEEDS; AND 2.2 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS, PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH, PROVIDE CARE TO AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY (WHETHER MENTAL OR PHYSICAL), THE YOUNG, THE OLD, OR PEOPLE OTHERWISE IN NEED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF DR RUDOLF STEINER (AS SUMMARISED IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THESE ARTICLES), PARTICULARLY (WITHOUT LIMITATION) BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES IN THE FORM OF VILLAGES, RESIDENTIAL HOUSES, DAY CENTRES, KINDERGARTENS, SCHOOLS, COLLEGES OR OTHER TYPES OF SOCIAL AND/OR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY, IN WHICH BENEFICIARIES LIVE AND/OR WORK AND/OR TO WHICH THEY OTHERWISE RESORT, IN COMMUNITY WITH PERSONS PROVIDING SUPPORT.

Activities: Our school and college offer an individualised and flexible approach to placements. 38-week, day, extended day, weekly and termly boarding for students aged from 6-25 years. We provide a living, working and learning environment that is comfortable, beautiful and natural, befitting of a home away from home with extensive SEND facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£8,829,670	£8,624,616	£12,759,552	237
2023-08-31	£8,810,518	£8,060,591	£12,554,498	249
2022-08-31	£8,907,755	£7,752,409	£11,804,571	239
2021-08-31	£8,641,103	£7,218,275	£10,649,225	256
2020-08-31	£8,182,691	£6,783,442	£9,226,397	250

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR J FREEMAN	Chair	2012-10-05
Alice Copp		2020-04-28
David Ronald Kent Lincoln		2023-09-05
ELAINE ANNE PEACHEY		2025-01-06
JANET KENWARD BSC PGCE		2017-03-03
JONATHAN RUPERT BOWDEN BLAKE		2024-12-20
MR J PYZER		2013-08-02

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The Sheiling Ringwood

A learning and caring community
where individuals are valued



THE SHEILING SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered company number: 08116370 (England and Wales)

Registered charity number: 1149264

Principle address and Registered Office:

The Shelling Special Education Trust
Horton Road
Ashley, Ringwood
Hampshire
BH24 2EB

Trustees

Mr J Freeman
Mr N Johnson (resigned 14.05.2024)
Mr J Pyzer
Mrs J Kenward
Mr D Keeton
Mrs J Dampney
Mrs A Copp
Mr D Lincoln (appointed 05.09.2023)
Mrs V North

Auditors

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Corine van Barneveld, Principal
Andy Walters, Head of School
Mike Gamble, Head of College
Katy Kerr, Head of Finance & Premises
Katie Francis, Head of Health & Therapies
Heidi Hom Rasmussen, Head of Residential Services

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (YEAR ENDED 31/08/24)

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

The former Trust, the Sheiling School was established in 1951. The current charity, The Sheiling Special Education Trust, commenced its activities on 1 September 2012 when provision was widened to include further education at the Sheiling College.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities and are satisfied that The Sheiling Special Education Trust's activities provide public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is an Independent Special School, which is registered as Residential Special School and an Independent Specialist College. It specialises in severe and moderate learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and communication difficulties. Its objectives are as follows:

- To provide a learning, caring environment where the educational, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of the individual student are valued and met.
- To promote a nurturing culture where each student receives the support, guidance and care relevant to their individual needs.
- To promote positive approaches to behaviour and individual sensory and therapeutic needs.
- To support students to develop functional skills and independence which can then be transferred to the wider community.
- To offer students a foundation for developing their confidence and their sense of belonging and achievement.
- To offer clear rhythms and routines to promote a healthy lifestyle which includes good eating and sleeping habits and an active physical and social lifestyle.

ACTIVITIES

Education Provision

An individual approach to education and residential provision is offered to both School and College students including:

- Day placements – students attend from 9am to 4pm
- Weekly boarders – students attend from Monday morning to Friday afternoon.
- Termly boarders – students attend for the full 38-week term, including weekends.

The curriculum, based on the Steiner Waldorf curriculum, is a broad and balanced developmental curriculum which is grounded in the stages and milestones of child development. The Steiner Waldorf curriculum aims to support the individual student's rounded development – physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual. It includes all the subjects found in the National Curriculum including English, Maths, Science, PHSE&C, Computing, Art & Design and PE.

The 45-acre site with grassy open areas and woodland mean that learning outside the classroom is an integral part of the curriculum and it also benefits from an on-site pool, gym and 143-capacity hall with stage. Neighbouring the site is Moors Valley Country Park making it a great location for walking and cycling. Ringwood is a short walk away and the beaches of Bournemouth, Boscombe, Southbourne and Muford are all within easy reach. This helps ensure students benefit from many different on-site and off-site activities and outings.

The school offers the nationally recognised ASDAN qualification and the college offers the Ascentis Entry 1 Personal Progress & the OCR Life & Living Skills Accredited learning course.

Targeted therapeutic intervention is highly effective and promoted throughout the school and college with an extensive range of therapies including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, music therapy, massage therapy, art counselling, eurythmy therapy and colour light therapy.

The residential students live on site in large, family-style houses of which there is one for the school age students, two for college students and a fourth available for a mix of upper school and college students. The houses act as extended family groups with each house sharing meals, including a freshly cooked midday meal. Everyone is expected to contribute to the running of the house; for example the setting of tables, taking out the compost and helping with the washing up. Each house functions as an autonomous group under the supervision of a dedicated House Manager. Each student is accommodated in a single room and allocated to a house according to their need, with a mix of gender and ages, carefully considering all issues regarding safeguarding. The Managers of the different houses work together regularly to assure positive outcomes for all students.

Where appropriate, students have an opportunity for work experience placements in the local community with local businesses and organisations along with supported attendance for specific courses in local organisations.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Sheiling Special Education Trust strives to attain the highest standards regarding the aims and objectives, with a view to providing for the charity's beneficiaries.

These aims are:

- To maximise opportunities in school, college, supported living and beyond to support our students and residents in gaining knowledge, acquiring skills, and developing their personal qualities and confidence.
- To provide a safe, inclusive, and uplifting environment which meets the needs of the whole person.
- To maximise an inclusive environment to enable each student and resident to discover and realise their full potential.
- To promote communication and social skills which support making of relevant choices.



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STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Key achievements and notable performance during the period included the following:

School

- School numbers remain steady state with 33 on roll. There is a healthy level of referrals of potential new students who the school are assessing.
- Academic achievement across the school remains strong, with excellent progress across all groups as evidenced through progress towards EHCP outcomes, Sheiling Assessment Framework and accreditation.
- The school is extending its offer into Functional Skills qualifications to offer more stretch and challenge for the most able students.
- Student numbers can be increased within our current registered capacity. We are designing and building additional / replacement classrooms in the form of a new double classroom building (Parsifal).
- The curriculum has continued to develop through subjects such as PE, Reading/ Phonics and Mathematics. This gives the curriculum more scope, ensures it is better sequenced and continues to meet the needs of all students within the cohort

College

- Each student's co-created study programme forms their bespoke curriculum; this degree of person-centred focus enables stretching and meaningful outcomes for our students both at college and thereafter.
- We received a long-awaited (six years since) Ofsted inspection where the college received a strong 'Good' grading
- We introduced level 3 and level 4 qualifications for our teaching assistants alongside a pathway to senior teaching assistant posts
- All students achieved their accredited learning outcomes and attended a presentation ceremony for receipt of their certificates
- All students took part in an activity week at the end of term including our own college 'Olympics' and craft activities which led to the creation of a willow sculpture and clay totem

Other

- Safeguarding is central to everything we do as an organisation. All trustees and staff continue to be trained in safeguarding and abuse prevention, recognition and reporting. This is backed up by a close relationship with the local children and adult safeguarding teams.
- Our strong positive behaviour support team, linking in with Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy, provide excellent support to staff and students ensuring that behaviours which challenge are minimised.
- Opportunities are available for staff to develop their skills through external training, liaison with other schools and colleges and through a broad range of in-house staff training.
- The Human Resources department continues to strengthen employment protocols and processes to ensure robust systems for Safer Recruitment of staff.
- Further development of the Staff Recruitment and Retention Strategy has been undertaken, focussing on terms and conditions, working patterns, benefits, wellbeing and recruitment advertising.
- Robust induction and training programmes have been strengthened for all new and existing staff throughout the year.
- Mandatory INSET days continued to be developed and are well attended. This is part of an ongoing development of staff via extensive training both in-house and via external trainers.
- The fee model has continued to be developed to help ensure a robust system for ensuring the

fees are linked to costs incurred.

- Throughout the year, committee and working group meetings take place for Safeguarding, Finance, Teaching and Learning, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and Parent Forum.
- Regular review and updating of policies by the Senior Management Team, including Trustee involvement, continues to ensure policies and procedures remain robust.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A school education Ofsted inspection took place in November 2024 and was graded 'Good'
- An Ofsted inspection for the residential element of our special school provision took place in June 2023 and was graded 'Outstanding'.
- A college education Ofsted inspection took place in May 2024 and was graded 'Good'.
- A Care Quality Commission inspection occurred in March 2019 regarding the college residential provision and was graded 'Good'. Remote monitoring from CQC continues and can be viewed on the CQC website under Sheiling Special Education Trust.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Various projects were undertaken during the period to both maintain and develop the site for school and college provision. Fundraising is carried out for the benefit of capital projects with funding applications submitted to external trusts, charities and companies. Significant projects included the following:

- College External Learning Hub £23.5K
- Watchmoor House windows, fascia's & external paint £70K.
- Sheiling House kitchen refurbishment £71K
- Outdoor play equipment £48K
- IT upgrades £33K
- New 9-seater vehicle £23K
- Various bedrooms and communal rooms redecorated in all houses
- Capital spend in the year (including the above) totalled £422K



A LOVELY DAY TRIP TO ARNE NATURE RESERVE

FINANCIAL POSITION & REVIEW

The financial performance for the year is summarised below:

	2024		2023	
	Total - £'000	Excluding capital grants £'000	Total - £'000	Excluding capital grants £'000
Total Income	8,830	8,796	8,811	8,757
Total Expenditure	8,625	8,591	8,061	8,061
Net Income	205	205	750	696

Income has increased marginally by £19K in total compared with the previous year (0.2% increase). Our student numbers decreased to 71 from 76 in the prior year. The increase in income compared to student numbers decreasing is due to a change in the day/residential mix of our students' packages. The decrease in capital grants and donations is due to funding some of our capital projects from our reserves.

The main source of income is student fees received from Local Authorities with an element received directly from the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for College students - these fees equated to 100% (2023: 100%) of total income excluding capital funding. Overall student numbers decreased on prior year to 71 (2023: 76) with school numbers decreasing from 37 to 36 (3% decrease), college numbers also decreasing from 39 to 35 (10% decrease).

The largest expenditure heading continues to be staffing £6.9M (2023: £6.7M) which equates to 81% of expenditure (2023: 83%). In relation to income, staff costs represent 76% (2023: 76%) of total income excluding capital grants and donations.

Tangible fixed asset additions in the year totalled £422K which related largely to the refurbishment of building facilities & IT upgrades across the site. The net book value of fixed assets remained at £6.93M mostly due to in-year disposals at the end of the accounting period.

The 'Cash at bank and in hand' figure increased during the year, largely due to tighter credit control measures and interest generated from funds under investment which increased the balance from £6.01M at the start of the year to £6.37M as at 31st August 2024. Similarly, the net current assets also increased from £5.62M to £5.83M over the same period.

Total reserves have increased to £12.8M from £12.5M during the year with a £NIL balance (2023: £NIL) on restricted funds, previously being restricted in relation to ESFA and other capital monies received for capital projects that have since been completed.

RISKS & UNCERTAINTIES

A risk register is maintained to identify risks, assess their likelihood of occurring and quantify the potential impact. Outlined below is a description of the key principle risk factors which may affect the Charity. Other factors besides funding sources may also adversely affect the Charity and are detailed within the risk register itself.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

The Charity is, in effect, solely reliant on continued government funding, whether this comes directly to us from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) or via individual Local Authorities. In 2023/24 100% (2022/23 100%) of revenue was ultimately publicly funded. There can be no assurance that central government and Local Authority policy and practice, will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. Whilst the current government continues its plans to address the issue of public sector debt this will have a significant impact on available funding within the sector and how the limited funding is distributed to providers.

The risk is mitigated in a number of ways including:

- Ensuring we deliver high quality care and education in order to remain a preferred provider for Local Authorities whilst providing 'value for money' to students and Local Authorities.
- Focus and investment placed on maintaining and managing key relationships with various funding bodies and local authorities.
- Regular dialogue with ESFA, Local Authorities, NASS, NATSPEC and other networking partnerships.
- Tight control over staff and non-pay costs.
- Regular review of our fee structure to ensure our fees remain competitive whilst allowing us to provide the necessary high quality care and education. Inclusion, where appropriate, on the various Local Authority Provider Frameworks.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees monitor and review the level of reserves held by the charity in line with the guidance set out by the Charity Commission and this also forms the basis of our own Reserves Policy document which is reviewed every two years. The Trustees consider that the aim should be to build up the free reserves of the charity, represented by working capital, to equate between two to four months' expenditure. This has been built into the three-year financial plan which will be achieved via control of our future surplus and capital investment decisions. During the course of the past two financial years, we have built up sufficient reserves to enable us to fund capital projects and progress with development of the site to align with our new strategic plans. We are therefore holding reserves to fund this capital programme. In addition, whilst the reserves levels currently sit above our suggested policy levels, Trustees consider this prudent given the significant risks posed by the current economic climate.

FUTURE PLANS

- Student placements for School (33) and College (36) are as expected going into 2024/2025 with the potential for further placements to be offered later in the academic year.
- Close liaison and working with Local Authority commissioners to ensure placements for students whose needs can be best met by an environment such as The Sheiling Ringwood.

- Close liaison with funding bodies and Local Authorities to ensure we can plan and react to national or local changes in funding, policies or procedures.
- Continue to ensure close working between all departments of The Sheiling Special Education Trust.
- Continue to improve links with other schools and colleges to work collaboratively with regards to positive behaviour support and data collection.
- Continue to improve close links with those who can provide work experience and work placements within the local area.
- Continue to strengthen the ethos of the Sheiling via staff training sessions.
- Continued tight financial control over staff and non-pay costs to ensure spending is kept within budgets.
- To keep under review the Terms and Conditions of staff including review of pay scales, pension review as well as holiday entitlements.
- Continue to find ways to recruit adequate support staff via recruitment strategy and thus minimising the use of agency staff.
- Continue to appoint new Trustees, with relevant experience, to support all areas of education, care and administration.
- Continue to develop and improve our estate, including site security.
- Continue to implement the Property Strategy.
- National and local marketing drive to improve awareness of The Sheiling Special Education Trust.

OVERVIEW

- Overall student numbers remained stable under the new registration; however, due to staffing constraints, the proportion of residential places offered was lower. It is intended to maintain the proportion of residential students at around 40% of overall student numbers, subject to appropriate staffing being available.
- Recruitment and retention of staff remains the greatest operational and strategic challenge. The focus of Trustees continues to be the development of care and education provided through monitoring, planning and challenge to help maintain and drive improvements across all areas of provision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was established on 22 June 2012 under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Decision making

The Board of Trustees meets at least 4 times a year. Regular meetings are held and minutes taken with Trustees chairing committees for Finance and Safeguarding. In addition there are working groups for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Teaching and Learning and Parent Forum.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are selected across a broad range of professions to ensure a wealth of experience. The current Board of Trustees include experience within Business, SEN Schools/Colleges, Care, Finance, Personal Relations/Marketing.

Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Trustee. All Trustees are suitably assessed through DBS and, if appointed, shall hold office for 3 years but are eligible for reappointment at the end of that period. All trustees write a pen portrait as part of their selection process which helps identify suitability and any potential conflicts of interest. Trustees are expected to undertake induction training within their first three months in role although mandatory safeguarding training (covering Child Protection and Adults at Risk training) must be attended within one month of appointment. Bespoke training is also arranged, as required, and can be informed by analysis of the Trustees Skills Audit, which is undertaken periodically. Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the charity in the event of winding up.

Charity Governance Code

Trustees fully understand the importance of good governance and see it as vital to the success of the organisation. Trustees have all seen the Charity Governance Code and are aware of the 7 sections contained within it including Organisational Purpose, Leadership, Integrity, Decision Making, Risk & Control, Board effectiveness, Diversity and Openness and accountability.

Trustees see the Code as a tool which will be used to help drive continuous improvement for good governance.

Key management remuneration

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees, Principal, Head of School, Head of College, Head of Residential Services, Head of Finance and Premises and the Head of Health & Therapies to comprise the key management personnel of the charity as listed on page 9. All members of the Board of Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity. Remuneration of key management personnel during the year, other than the Trustees, totalled £524,756 (2023: £506,082) for

the year with employer pension contributions totalling £69,198 (2023: £65,715). Key management personnel (excluding Trustees) are referred to as the Senior Management Team (SMT). A Pay & Remuneration Policy, approved by the full Board, is used by Trustees to help determine pay for the SMT which is based around benchmarking data for the sector whilst also considering affordability.

Related parties

The charity continues to maintain informal links with The Lantern Community, The Ringwood Waldorf School and Sturts Farm. The charity devolved fully from The Sheiling Trust on 13 July 2015.

Risk management

The charity continues to develop and embed a system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the charity's assets and reputation. A Risk Register is available which identifies specific risks and assesses their likelihood of occurring and potential impact regarding financial, operational and reputational areas. Risks are scored using a consistent scoring methodology and are regularly reviewed by the Senior Management Team and Trustees. The Risk Register identifies the controls in place to help mitigate risks to an acceptable level.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Sheiling Special Education Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Ward Goodman, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ... *19 December 2024* ... and signed on the board's behalf by:



Mr J Freeman - Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sheiling Special Education Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 on pages eighteen to thirty-one. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page thirteen, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.



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Date: 20 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities
August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	8,252	33,757	42,009	54,150
Other trading activities	4	8,454,912	-	8,454,912	8,657,113
Investment income	5	332,749	-	332,749	98,121
Other income		-	-	-	1,134
Total		8,795,913	33,757	8,829,670	8,810,518
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Education		8,590,859	33,757	8,624,616	8,060,591
NET INCOME		205,054	-	205,054	749,927
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		12,554,498	-	12,554,498	11,804,571
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12,759,552	-	12,759,552	12,554,498

**Balance Sheet
31 August 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	6,933,423	-	6,933,423	6,933,407
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	3,045,253	-	3,045,253	2,548,987
Cash at bank and in hand		6,369,475	-	6,369,475	6,014,878
		9,414,728	-	9,414,728	8,563,865
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(3,588,599)	-	(3,588,599)	(2,942,774)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		5,826,129	-	5,826,129	5,621,091
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		12,759,552	-	12,759,552	12,554,498
NET ASSETS					
		12,759,552	-	12,759,552	12,554,498
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	16			12,759,552	12,554,498
TOTAL FUNDS					
				12,759,552	12,554,498

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J Freeman - Trustee



Mr D Lincoln - Trustee

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	511,823	1,042,058
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>511,823</u>	<u>1,042,058</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(288,264)	(405,313)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	2,153	1,750
Interest received	128,885	38,438
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(157,226)</u>	<u>(365,125)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	354,597	676,933
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>6,014,878</u>	<u>5,337,945</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u><u>6,369,475</u></u>	<u><u>6,014,878</u></u>

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	205,054	749,927
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	293,369	251,461
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	131,819	(1,134)
Interest received	(128,885)	(38,438)
Interest paid	34,918	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(496,266)	108,605
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	471,814	(28,363)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>511,823</u>	<u>1,042,058</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.23	Cash flow	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	6,014,878	354,597	6,369,475
	<u>6,014,878</u>	<u>354,597</u>	<u>6,369,475</u>
Total	<u>6,014,878</u>	<u>354,597</u>	<u>6,369,475</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

1. LEGAL FORM

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is noted on page 10.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, which are described below, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

These estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following are areas that are considered to be key sources of estimation uncertainty, there are no significant judgements to note.

The economic useful life of tangible fixed assets and the expected residual value on future disposal is estimated by the Trustees based on their knowledge and experience.

Income and debtors

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where fees are raised in advance, the income is deferred until the period to which it relates. These deferred amounts are shown on the balance sheet within creditor: amounts falling due within one year.

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted capital fund.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property - 1% on cost

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Included within the Freehold Property asset class is £1.78 million of land which is not depreciated.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension commitments

The charity operates two pension schemes. A defined contribution scheme in accordance with National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) and a defined benefit scheme in relation to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS).

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of the pensions over employees' working lives with the charity in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. Contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme.

Contributions payable to these schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	8,252	6,962
Grants	33,757	47,188
	<u>42,009</u>	<u>54,150</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
ESFA capital grant	<u>33,757</u>	<u>47,188</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		2024	2023
		£	£
Fundraising events		14,045	1,726
Fees		8,387,623	8,616,683
Other		53,244	38,704
		<u>8,454,912</u>	<u>8,657,113</u>
5. INVESTMENT INCOME		2024	2023
		£	£
Rents received		58,364	59,683
Deposit account interest		274,385	38,438
		<u>332,749</u>	<u>98,121</u>
6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
	Direct	Support	Totals
	Costs	costs (see	
	£	note 7)	£
Education	<u>8,528,685</u>	<u>95,931</u>	<u>8,624,616</u>
7. SUPPORT COSTS		Governance	Totals
	Finance	costs	£
	£	£	£
Education	<u>38,924</u>	<u>57,007</u>	<u>95,931</u>
8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
		2024	2023
		£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		293,371	251,459
(Deficit)/surplus on disposal of fixed assets		131,819	(1,134)
Auditors remuneration for audit services		6,600	6,264
Auditors remuneration for non-audit services		4,957	4,753
		<u></u>	<u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, one trustee was reimbursed travel and accommodation expenses of £274 (2023: £154).

10. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,967,233	5,797,228
Social security costs	529,884	494,044
Other pension costs	447,696	388,776
	<u>6,944,813</u>	<u>6,680,048</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Employees	<u>237</u>	<u>249</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	2	-
£70,001 - £80,000	3	3
£90,001 - £100,000	1	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

The senior management team received remuneration of £524,756 (2023: £468,057).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	54,150	-	54,150
Other trading activities	8,657,113	-	8,657,113
Investment income	98,121	-	98,121
Other income	1,134	-	1,134
Total	<u>8,810,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,810,518</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Education	8,060,591	-	8,060,591

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	749,927	-	749,927
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	11,804,571	-	11,804,571
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>12,554,498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,554,498</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Assets under construction £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 September 2023	6,386,072	-	28,926
Additions	-	99,031	810
Disposals	(143,333)	-	-
At 31 August 2024	<u>6,242,739</u>	<u>99,031</u>	<u>29,736</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2023	407,500	-	19,479
Charge for year	46,061	-	1,944
Eliminated on disposal	(10,033)	-	-
At 31 August 2024	<u>443,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,423</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2024	<u>5,799,211</u>	<u>99,031</u>	<u>8,313</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>5,978,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,447</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2023	1,509,446	210,195	576,542	8,711,181
Additions	254,518	23,420	49,580	427,359
Disposals	-	(8,380)	-	(151,713)
	<u>1,763,964</u>	<u>225,235</u>	<u>626,122</u>	<u>8,986,827</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2023	745,116	95,261	510,418	1,777,774
Charge for year	172,295	32,563	40,508	293,371
Eliminated on disposal	-	(7,708)	-	(17,741)
	<u>917,411</u>	<u>120,116</u>	<u>550,926</u>	<u>2,053,404</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2024	<u>846,553</u>	<u>105,119</u>	<u>75,196</u>	<u>6,933,423</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>764,330</u>	<u>114,934</u>	<u>66,124</u>	<u>6,933,407</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	2,716,676	2,385,901
Other debtors	32,000	32,635
Prepayments and accrued income	296,577	130,451
	<u>3,045,253</u>	<u>2,548,987</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	305,478	274,874
Social security and other taxes	113,477	99,336
Other creditors	72,995	57,161
Accruals and deferred income	3,096,649	2,511,403
	<u>3,588,599</u>	<u>2,942,774</u>

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	8,346	8,354
Between one and five years	14,605	22,973
	<u>22,951</u>	<u>31,327</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	12,554,498	205,054	(2,000,000)	10,759,552
Capital fund	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
	<u>12,554,498</u>	<u>205,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,759,552</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,554,498</u>	<u>205,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,759,552</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,795,913	(8,590,859)	205,054
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	33,757	(33,757)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,829,670</u>	<u>(8,624,616)</u>	<u>205,054</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,804,571	749,927	12,554,498
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,804,571</u>	<u>749,927</u>	<u>12,554,498</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,810,518	(8,060,591)	749,927
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,810,518</u>	<u>(8,060,591)</u>	<u>749,927</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	11,804,571	954,981	(2,000,000)	10,759,552
Capital fund	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
	<u>11,804,571</u>	<u>954,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,759,552</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,804,571</u>	<u>954,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,759,552</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,606,431	(16,651,450)	954,981
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	33,757	(33,757)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>17,640,188</u>	<u>(16,685,207)</u>	<u>954,981</u>

Designated funds

Capital fund - the board of trustees have designated funds to enable a planned programme of capital works to be undertaken.

Restricted funds

ESFA capital funding - funding to keep school buildings in good condition so students can learn in a safe and effective environment. Capital funding is allocated from the ESFA which is used to fund specific college capital projects.

Transfers between funds

During the year, a transfer of funds was completed from general funds to a designated capital fund as the board of trustees wish to recognise a set level of reserves which are to enable a planned programme of capital works to be undertaken.

17. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity contributes to two pension schemes, a defined contribution scheme and a defined benefit scheme. During the year, the charity made contributions to the defined contribution scheme of £267,065 (2023: £242,358) and contributions to the defined benefit scheme of £180,631 (2023: £146,418). Contributions totalling £32,288 (2023: £31,525) were payable to the defined contribution scheme and £21,618 (2023: £16,981) were payable to the defined benefit scheme at the balance sheet date and are included within other creditors.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, The Sheiling Special Education Trust purchased items of £nil (2023: £500) from a supplier in which a trustee has controlling interest.

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	8,252	6,962
Grants	33,757	47,188
	<u>42,009</u>	<u>54,150</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	14,045	1,726
Fees	8,387,623	8,616,683
Other	53,244	38,704
	<u>8,454,912</u>	<u>8,657,113</u>
Investment income		
Rents received	58,364	59,683
Deposit account interest	274,385	38,438
	<u>332,749</u>	<u>98,121</u>
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	1,134
	<u>8,829,670</u>	<u>8,810,518</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	5,967,233	5,797,228
Social security	529,884	494,044
Pensions	447,696	388,776
Advertising	7,535	5,951
Sundries	29,931	47,888
Teaching materials and equipment	180,259	179,434
Utilities and running costs	765,908	740,288
Underpaid tax on pension contribution	175,051	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	293,369	251,461
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	131,819	-
	<u>8,528,685</u>	<u>7,905,070</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	4,006	3,836
Carried forward	4,006	3,836

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Finance		
Brought forward	4,006	3,836
Interest payable	34,918	-
	<u>38,924</u>	<u>3,836</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	57,007	151,685
Total resources expended	<u>8,624,616</u>	<u>8,060,591</u>
Net income	<u>205,054</u>	<u>749,927</u>



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THE SHEILING SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered company number: 08116370 (England and Wales)

Registered charity number: 1149264

Principle address and Registered Office:

The Shelling Special Education Trust
Horton Road
Ashley, Ringwood
Hampshire
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Trustees

Mr J Freeman
Mr N Johnson
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Mrs M Rigg (resigned 12.03.2023)
Mr J Pyzer
Mrs J Kenward
Mr D Keeton
Mrs J Dampney
Mrs A Copp
Mr D Lincoln (appointed 05.09.2023)
Mrs V North (appointed 16.03.2023)

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Andy Walters, Head of School
Mike Gamble, Head of College
Katy Kerr, Head of Finance & Premises
Susan Harvey, Head of Residential Services (resigned 26.05.2023)
Katie Francis, Head of Health & Therapies
Heidi Hom Rasmussen, Head of Residential Services (appointed 01.06.2023)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (YEAR ENDED 31/08/23)

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

The former Trust, the Sheiling School was established in 1951. The current charity, The Sheiling Special Education Trust, commenced its activities on 1 September 2012 when provision was widened to include further education at the Sheiling College.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities and are satisfied that The Sheiling Special Education Trust's activities provide public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is an Independent Special School, which is registered as a Children's Home and an Independent Specialist College. It also provides a supported living service. It specialises in severe and moderate learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and communication difficulties. Its objectives are as follows:

- To provide a learning, caring environment where the educational, physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of the individual student and resident are valued and met.
- To promote a nurturing culture where each student and resident receives the support, guidance and care relevant to their individual needs.
- To promote positive approaches to behaviour and individual sensory and therapeutic needs.
- To support students and residents to develop functional skills and independence which can then be transferred to the wider community.
- To offer students and residents a foundation for developing their confidence and their sense of belonging and achievement.
- To offer clear rhythms and routines to promote a healthy lifestyle which includes good eating and sleeping habits and an active physical and social lifestyle.

ACTIVITIES

Education Provision

An individual approach to education and residential provision is offered to both School and College students including:

- Day placements – students attend from 9am to 4pm
- Weekly boarders – students attend from Monday morning to Friday afternoon.
- Termly boarders – students attend for the full 38-week term, including weekends.

Education provided ensures the national curriculum is followed and allows for a broad and balanced program which includes English, Maths, Science, ICT, Personal, Health, Social Education and Citizenship (PHSE&C), Art and PE. Horticulture, craft workshops including estate work, garden work, weaving and candle making are all offered ensuring the curriculum extends beyond lessons into life within the houses, enabling learning in school and college to be supported outside of the classroom.

The 45-acre site with grassy open areas and woodland mean that learning outside the classroom is an integral part of the curriculum and it also benefits from an on-site swimming pool, gym and 143 capacity hall with stage. Neighbouring the site is Moors Valley Country Park making it great location for walking and cycling. Ringwood is a short walk away and the beaches of Bournemouth, Boscombe, Southbourne and Mudeford are all within easy reach. This helps ensure students benefit from many different on-site and off-site activities and outings.

The school offers the nationally recognised ASDAN qualifications and the college offers the Ascentis Entry-1 Personal Progress & the OCR Life & Living Skills Accredited learning course.

Targeted therapeutic intervention is highly effective and promoted throughout the school and college with an extensive range of therapies including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, music therapy, massage therapy, art therapy, eurythmy therapy and colour light therapy.

The residential students live on site in large, family-style houses of which there is one for the school age students and two for college students and a fourth available for a mix of upper school and college students. The houses act as extended family groups with each house sharing meals, including a freshly cooked midday meal. Everyone is expected to contribute to the running of the house, for example the setting of tables, taking out the compost and helping with the washing up. Each house functions as an autonomous group under the supervision of a dedicated House Manager. Each student is accommodated in a single room and allocated to a house according to their need, with a mix of gender and ages, carefully taking into account all issues regarding safeguarding. The Managers of the different houses work together regularly to assure outcomes for all students.

Where appropriate students have an opportunity for work experience placements in the local community with local businesses and organisations along with supported attendance for specific courses in local colleges.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Sheiling Special Education Trust strives to attain the highest standards regarding the aims and objectives, with a view to providing for the charity's beneficiaries.

These aims are:

- To maximise opportunities in school, college, supported living and beyond to support our students and residents in gaining knowledge, acquiring skills, and developing their personal qualities and confidence.
- To provide a safe, inclusive, and uplifting environment which meets the needs of the whole person.
- To maximise an inclusive environment to enable each student and resident to discover and realise their full potential.
- To promote communication and social skills which support making of relevant choices.



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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Section 172(1) statement

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the directors to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the charity to achieve its charitable purposes. The Act states that in doing so, the directors should have regard, amongst other matters, to:

The likely consequence of any decision in the long term: We make all key decision in the context of our medium term strategic plans and budgets, including our capital programmes. This strategy is focussed on improving outcomes for our students and is regularly reviewed.

The interests of the company's employees: Our employees are central to our capacity to deliver high quality learning and care to our students and their welfare is a key organisational priority. We invest in high levels of training and support including a 9 day induction programme and access to a range of well-being services (counselling, yoga sessions, etc).

The need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers, and others: Our relationships with partners and suppliers are key to our effectiveness. We have long term relationships with small local businesses and foster positive relationships with our provider Local Authorities.

The impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment: We recognise our responsibility to care for the environment and aim to minimise our environmental impact in all our activities. We actively manage our 40 acre site and maintain areas of habitat to support wildlife and have recently been awarded a bronze award by the Hedgehog Preservation Society. We encourage all staff and students to participate in initiatives to reduce environmental impacts including for example the promotion of recycling of waste and actions to maximise efficiency in energy consumption.

The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct: Our reputation is fundamental to our future success. Our core values inform our recruitment initiatives and training for our employees to ensure that we maintain high standards.

The need to act fairly as between members of the company: We continue to work towards a transparent culture providing staff with regular updates through face to face briefings, newsletters and direct communications from the Principal. We aim to be a fully inclusive organisation and we will not unfairly discriminate against our students, staff or any other member of our community

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Key achievements and notable performance during the period included the following:

School

- School numbers have increased with time to 37 students at the beginning of 2022-23. The overall increase is due to additional day placements. All school leavers progressed onto the college.
- Academic achievement across the school remains strong, with students making excellent progress.
- Development and updates to the curriculum has taken place this year to ensure it meets the needs of the widening range of abilities including those with complex sensory needs.
- Better recognition and achievement of attainment for school students through more accurate assessment, target setting, planning and ongoing monitoring has been implemented.

College

- Each student's co-created study programme forms their bespoke curriculum, this degree of person-centred focus enables stretching and meaningful outcomes for our students both at college and thereafter. Last year we hosted a very successful achievement ceremony for all students and their families in Tobias Hall for the first time since the pandemic; it was a packed and emotional event giving our leavers a great send off.
- Community integration work is integral to all study programmes. This includes students working closely with two local railway stations to maintain flower beds and general upkeep of the station, as well as a recent very successful Duke of Edinburgh expedition.
- Last academic year saw a record number of leavers from college and all leavers reached suitable destinations in terms of living and daytime activities from volunteer work to structured recreational activities.
- This year college is holding parent training on Deputyship concurrently with our second Transition Event bringing together students, families and providers.

Other

- Safeguarding is central to everything we do as an organisation. All Trustees, staff and vocational workers continue to be trained in safeguarding and abuse prevention, recognition and reporting. This is backed up by a close relationship with the local children and adult safeguarding teams.
- Our strong positive behaviour support team, linking in with Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy, provides excellent support to staff ensuring that behaviours which challenge are minimised.
- Opportunities are available for staff to develop their skills through liaison with other schools and colleges to share good practice along with a broad range of in-house staff training.
- The HR department continues to strengthen employment protocols and processes to ensure robust systems for Safer Recruitment of staff.
- Further development of the Staff Recruitment and Retention Strategy has been undertaken focussing on terms and conditions, working patterns, benefits, wellbeing and recruitment advertising.
- The fee model has continued to be developed to help ensure a robust system for ensuring the fees are linked to costs incurred.
- Robust induction and training programmes have been strengthened for all new and existing staff throughout the year.
- Mandatory INSET days continued to be developed and are well attended. This is part of an ongoing development of staff via extensive training both in-house and via external trainers.
- Throughout the year committee and working group meetings take place for Safeguarding, Finance, Teaching and Learning and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and Parent Forum.
- Regular review and updating of policies by the Senior Management Team, including Trustee involvement, continues to ensure policies and procedures remain robust.

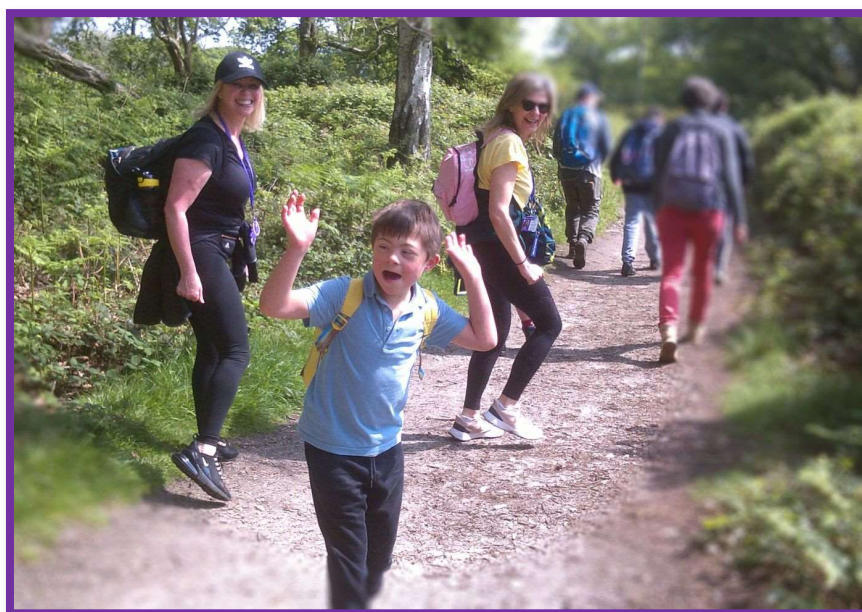
QUALITY ASSURANCE

- The Ofsted Care inspection for our Residential Special School provision took place in June 2023 and was graded 'Outstanding'.
- A school Ofsted inspection took place in November 2021 and was graded 'Good' with outstanding Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development.
- A Care Quality Commission inspection occurred in March 2019 regarding the college residential provision and was graded 'Good'.
- A college Ofsted inspection took place in February 2018 and was graded 'Good'.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Various projects were undertaken during the period to both maintain and develop the site for school and college provision. Larger projects and site development are being driven by the 5 year Property Strategy (2020 – 2023) document previously approved by the Board. Fundraising is carried out for the benefit of capital projects with funds being requested from external trusts, charities and companies. Although works had to pause during the COVID-19 lockdown. Significant projects included the following:

- Albion Building Refurbishment incl. Windows £37k
- Sheiling House Windows £12k.
- Outdoor Play Equipment £21.5k
- Martin & Feirefis Refurbishment £33k
- Site wide external lighting installed £16K
- Various bedrooms and communal rooms redecorated in all houses.
- Capital spend in the year (including the above) totalled £135K



A LOVELY DAY TRIP TO ARNE NATURE RESERVE

FINANCIAL POSITION & REVIEW

The financial performance for the year is summarised below:

	2023		2022	
	Total - £'000	Excluding capital grants £'000	Total - £'000	Excluding capital grants £'000
Total Income	8,811	8,757	8,908	8,829
Total Expenditure	8,061	8,061	7,752	7,752
Net Income	750	696	1,156	1,077

Income has decreased by £97K in total compared with the previous year (1% decrease). Our student numbers increased to 76 from 72 in the prior year. The decrease in income is due to a change in the mix of our students' packages, with a (planned) lower proportion of students on residential placements. The decrease in capital grants and donations is due to funding our some of our capital projects from our reserves.

The main source of income are student fees received from Local Authorities with an element received directly from the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for College students - these fees equated to 100% (2022: 100%) of total income excluding capital funding. Overall student numbers increased on prior year to 76 (2022: 72) with school numbers increasing from 33 to 37 (9% increase), college numbers remained consistent at 39.

The largest expenditure heading continues to be staffing £6.7M (2022: £6.6M) which equates to 83% of expenditure (2022: 76%). In relation to income, staff costs represent 76% (2022: 74%) of total income excluding capital grants and donations.

Tangible fixed asset additions in the year totalled £405K which related largely to the refurbishment of building facilities & IT upgrades across the site. The net book value of fixed assets increased from £6.78M to £6.93M (2% increase) at the end of the accounting period.

The 'Cash at bank and in hand' figure increased during the year, largely due to tighter credit control measures which increased the balance from £5.33M at the start of the year to £6.01M as at 31st August 2023. Similarly, the net current assets also increased from £5.02M to £5.62M over the same period.

Total reserves have increased to £12.5M from £11.8M during the year with a £NIL balance (2022: £NIL) on restricted funds, previously being restricted in relation to ESFA and other capital monies received for capital projects that have since been completed.

RISKS & UNCERTAINTIES

A risk register is maintained to identify risks, assess their likelihood of occurring and quantify the potential impact. Outlined below is a description of the key principal risk factors which may affect the Charity. Other factors besides funding sources may also adversely affect the Charity and are detailed within the risk register itself.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

The Charity is, in effect, solely reliant on continued government funding, whether this comes directly to us from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) or via individual Local Authorities. In 2022/23 100% (2021/22 100%) of revenue was ultimately publicly funded. There can be no assurance that central government and Local Authority policy and practice, will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. Whilst the current government continues its plans to address the issue of public sector debt this will have a significant impact on available funding within the sector and how the limited funding is distributed to providers.

The risk is mitigated in a number of ways including:

- Ensuring we deliver high quality care and education in order to remain a preferred provider for Local Authorities whilst providing 'value for money' to students and Local Authorities.
- Focus and investment placed on maintaining and managing key relationships with various funding bodies and local authorities.
- Regular dialogue with ESFA, Local Authorities, NASS, NATSPEC and other networking partnerships.
- Tight control over staff and non-pay costs.
- Regular review of our fee structure to ensure our fees remain competitive whilst allowing us to provide the necessary high quality care and education. Inclusion, where appropriate, on the various Local Authority Provider Frameworks.

COVID-19

The impact of the pandemic has continued to be felt, especially during the autumn/winter months where cases are higher. We have remained consistent in our offer despite significant levels of absence due to Covid-19.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees monitor and review the level of reserves held by the charity in line with the guidance set out by the Charity Commission and this also forms the basis of our own Reserves Policy document which is reviewed every two years. The Trustees consider that the aim should be to build up the free reserves of the charity, represented by working capital, to equate between two to four months' expenditure. This has been built into the three-year financial plan which will be achieved via control of our future surplus and capital investment decisions. During the course of the past two financial years, we have built up sufficient reserves to enable us to fund capital projects and progress with development of the site to align with our new strategic plans. We are therefore holding reserves to fund this capital programme. In addition, whilst the reserves levels currently sit above our suggested policy levels, Trustees consider this prudent given the significant risks posed by the current economic climate.

FUTURE PLANS

- Student placements for School (37) and College (34) are as expected going into 2023/2024 with the potential for further placements to be offered later in the year.
- Close liaison and working with Local Authority commissioners to ensure placements for students whose needs can be best met by an environment such as The Sheiling Ringwood.
- Close liaison with funding bodies and Local Authorities to ensure we can plan and react to national or local changes in funding, policies or procedures.
- Continue to ensure close working between all departments of The Sheiling Special Education Trust.
- Continue to improve links with other schools and colleges to work collaboratively with regards to positive behaviour support and data collection.
- Continue to improve close links with those who can provide work experience and work placements within the local area.
- Continue to strengthen the ethos of the Sheiling via staff training sessions.
- Continued tight financial control over staff and non-pay costs to ensure spending is kept within budgets.
- To keep under review the Terms and Conditions of staff including review of pay scales, pension review as well as holiday entitlements.
- Continue to find ways to recruit adequate support staff via recruitment strategy and thus minimising the use of agency staff.
- Continue to appoint new Trustees, with relevant experience, to support all areas of education, care and administration.
- Continue to develop and improve our estate, including site security.
- Continue to implement the Property Strategy.
- National and local marketing drive to improve awareness of The Sheiling Special Education Trust.

OVERVIEW

- Overall student numbers remained stable under the new registration; however, due to staffing constraints the proportion of residential places offered was lower. It is intended for the proportion of residential students to increase back to around 40% of overall student numbers subject to appropriate staffing being available.
- Recruitment and retention of staff remains the greatest operational and strategic challenge. The focus of Trustees continues to be the development of care and education provided through monitoring, planning and challenge to help maintain and drive improvements across all areas of provision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was established on 22 June 2012 under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Decision making

The Board of Trustees meets at least 4 times a year. Regular meetings are held and minutes taken with Trustees chairing committees for Finance and Safeguarding. In addition there are working groups for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Teaching and Learning and Parent Forum.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are selected across a broad range of professions to ensure a wealth of experience. The current Board of Trustees include experience within Business, SEN Schools/Colleges, Care, Finance, Personal Relations/Marketing.

Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Trustee. All Trustees are suitably assessed through DBS and, if appointed, shall hold office for 3 years but are eligible for reappointment at the end of that period. All trustees write a pen portrait as part of their selection process which helps identify suitability and any potential conflicts of interest. Trustees are expected to undertake induction training within their first three months in role although mandatory safeguarding training (covering Child Protection and Adults at Risk training) must be attended within one month of appointment. Bespoke training is also arranged, as required, and can be informed by analysis of the Trustees Skills Audit, which is undertaken periodically. Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the charity in the event of winding up.

Charity Governance Code

Trustees fully understand the importance of good governance and see it as vital to the success of the organisation. Trustees have all seen the Charity Governance Code and are aware of the 7 sections contained within it including Organisational Purpose, Leadership, Integrity, Decision Making, Risk & Control, Board effectiveness, Diversity and Openness and accountability.

Trustees see the Code as a tool which will be used to help drive continuous improvement for good governance.

Key management remuneration

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees, Principal, Head of School, Head of College, Head of Residential Services, Head of Finance and Premises and the Head of Health & Therapies to comprise the key management personnel of the charity as listed on page 9. All members of the Board of Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity. Remuneration of key management personnel during the year, other than the Trustees, totalled £506,082 (2022: £486,885) for

the year with employer pension contributions totalling £65,715 (2022: £62,776). Key management personnel (excluding Trustees) are referred to as the Senior Management Team (SMT). A Pay & Remuneration Policy, approved by the full Board, is used by Trustees to help determine pay for the SMT which is based around benchmarking data for the sector whilst also considering affordability.

Related parties

The charity continues to maintain informal links with The Lantern Community, The Ringwood Waldorf School and Sturts Farm. The charity devolved fully from The Sheiling Trust on 13 July 2015.

Risk management

The charity continues to develop and embed a system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the charity's assets and reputation. A Risk Register is available which identifies specific risks and assesses their likelihood of occurring and potential impact regarding financial, operational and reputational areas. Risks are scored using a consistent scoring methodology and are regularly reviewed by the Senior Management Team and Trustees. The Risk Register identifies the controls in place to help mitigate risks to an acceptable level.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Sheiling Special Education Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Ward Goodman, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on08/12/2023..... and signed on the board's behalf by:



.....
Mr N K Johnson - Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sheiling Special Education Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 on pages eighteen to thirty-one. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

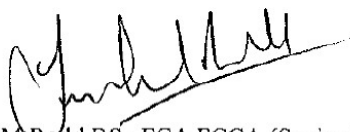
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page thirteen, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.



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Date: *5* December 2023

**Statement of Financial Activities
August 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	54,150	-	54,150	77,831
Other trading activities	4	8,657,113	-	8,657,113	8,809,447
Investment income	5	98,121	-	98,121	19,234
Other income		1,134	-	1,134	1,243
Total		<u>8,810,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,810,518</u>	<u>8,907,755</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Education		8,060,591	-	8,060,591	7,752,409
NET INCOME		<u>749,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>749,927</u>	<u>1,155,346</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		11,804,571	-	11,804,571	10,649,225
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>12,554,498</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>12,554,498</u></u>	<u><u>11,804,571</u></u>

**Balance Sheet
31 August 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	6,933,407	-	6,933,407	6,780,169
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	2,548,987	-	2,548,987	2,657,592
Cash at bank and in hand		6,014,878	-	6,014,878	5,337,945
		<u>8,563,865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,563,865</u>	<u>7,995,537</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,942,774)	-	(2,942,774)	(2,971,135)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>5,621,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,621,091</u>	<u>5,024,402</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>12,554,498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,554,498</u>	<u>11,804,571</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>12,554,498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,554,498</u>	<u>11,804,571</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				12,554,498	11,804,571
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>12,554,498</u>	<u>11,804,571</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 08/12/2023
and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr N K Johnson - Trustee



Mr J Freeman - Trustee

**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	1,042,058	2,036,194
Interest paid		-	(159)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>1,042,058</u>	<u>2,036,035</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(405,313)	(406,130)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		1,750	1,600
Interest received		38,438	2,346
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(365,125)</u>	<u>(402,184)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		-	(67,916)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(67,916)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		5,337,945	3,772,010
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>6,014,878</u>	<u>5,337,945</u>

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	749,927	1,155,346
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	251,461	167,889
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(1,134)	(1,243)
Interest received	(38,438)	(2,346)
Interest paid	-	159
Decrease in debtors	108,605	876,966
Decrease in creditors	(28,363)	(160,577)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>1,042,058</u>	<u>2,036,194</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	5,337,945	676,933	6,014,878
	<u>5,337,945</u>	<u>676,933</u>	<u>6,014,878</u>
Total	<u>5,337,945</u>	<u>676,933</u>	<u>6,014,878</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

1. LEGAL FORM

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is noted on page 10.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, which are described below, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

These estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following are areas that are considered to be key sources of estimation uncertainty, there are no significant judgements to note.

The economic useful life of tangible fixed assets and the expected residual value on future disposal is estimated by the Trustees based on their knowledge and experience.

Income and debtors

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where fees are raised in advance, the income is deferred until the period to which it relates. These deferred amounts are shown on the balance sheet within creditor: amounts falling due within one year.

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted capital fund.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property - 1% on cost

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension commitments

The charity operates two pension schemes. A defined contribution scheme in accordance with National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) and a defined benefit scheme in relation to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS).

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of the pensions over employees' working lives with the charity in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. Contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme.

Contributions payable to these schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	6,962	26,256
Grants	47,188	51,575
	<u>54,150</u>	<u>77,831</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
ESFA capital grant	47,188	31,825
Talbot Village Trust	-	15,000
SEND Partnership	-	2,500
Nineveh Trust	-	2,000
The Shelling Ringwood College	-	250
	<u>47,188</u>	<u>51,575</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		2023	2022
		£	£
Fundraising events		1,726	1,010
Fees		8,616,683	8,741,504
Other		38,704	66,933
		<u>8,657,113</u>	<u>8,809,447</u>
5. INVESTMENT INCOME		2023	2022
		£	£
Rents received		59,683	16,888
Deposit account interest		38,438	2,346
		<u>98,121</u>	<u>19,234</u>
6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Education	<u>7,905,070</u>	<u>155,521</u>	<u>8,060,591</u>
7. SUPPORT COSTS		Governance costs	Totals
	Finance	£	£
Education	<u>3,836</u>	<u>151,685</u>	<u>155,521</u>
8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
		2023	2022
		£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		251,459	167,889
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets		(1,134)	(1,243)
Auditors remuneration for audit services		9,954	9,300
		<u>259,279</u>	<u>175,946</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, one trustee was reimbursed travel expenses of £154 (2022: £nil).

10. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,797,228	5,793,200
Social security costs	494,044	465,837
Other pension costs	388,776	353,588
	<u>6,680,048</u>	<u>6,612,625</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Employees	<u>249</u>	<u>239</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
£60,001 - £70,000	5	3
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

The senior management team received remuneration of £468,057 (2022: £486,885).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	31,006	46,825	77,831
Other trading activities	8,809,447	-	8,809,447
Investment income	19,234	-	19,234
Other income	1,243	-	1,243
Total	<u>8,860,930</u>	<u>46,825</u>	<u>8,907,755</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Education	7,752,409	-	7,752,409

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	1,108,521	46,825	1,155,346
Transfers between funds	455,006	(455,006)	-
Net movement in funds	1,563,527	(408,181)	1,155,346
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	10,241,044	408,181	10,649,225
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>11,804,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,804,571</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 September 2022	6,386,072	28,926	1,288,219
Additions	-	-	221,227
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	<u>6,386,072</u>	<u>28,926</u>	<u>1,509,446</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2022	361,439	17,118	582,583
Charge for year	46,061	2,361	162,533
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	<u>407,500</u>	<u>19,479</u>	<u>745,116</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2023	<u>5,978,572</u>	<u>9,447</u>	<u>764,330</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>6,024,633</u>	<u>11,808</u>	<u>705,636</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2022	100,351	509,128	8,312,696
Additions	116,672	67,414	405,313
Disposals	(6,828)	-	(6,828)
At 31 August 2023	<u>210,195</u>	<u>576,542</u>	<u>8,711,181</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2022	83,475	487,912	1,532,527
Charge for year	17,998	22,506	251,459
Eliminated on disposal	(6,212)	-	(6,212)
At 31 August 2023	<u>95,261</u>	<u>510,418</u>	<u>1,777,774</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2023	<u>114,934</u>	<u>66,124</u>	<u>6,933,407</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>16,876</u>	<u>21,216</u>	<u>6,780,169</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	2,385,901	2,510,471
Other debtors	32,635	33,133
Prepayments and accrued income	130,451	113,988
	<u>2,548,987</u>	<u>2,657,592</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	274,874	148,025
Social security and other taxes	99,336	104,213
Other creditors	57,161	77,041
Accruals and deferred income	2,511,403	2,641,856
	<u>2,942,774</u>	<u>2,971,135</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	8,354	17,411
Between one and five years	22,973	31,327
	<u>31,327</u>	<u>48,738</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,804,571	749,927	12,554,498
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,804,571</u>	<u>749,927</u>	<u>12,554,498</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,810,518	(8,060,591)	749,927
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,810,518</u>	<u>(8,060,591)</u>	<u>749,927</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	9,741,044	1,858,448	955,006	12,554,498
COVID-19 reponse	500,000	-	(500,000)	-
	<u>10,241,044</u>	<u>1,858,448</u>	<u>455,006</u>	<u>12,554,498</u>
Restricted funds				
ESFA capital funding	174,416	31,825	(206,241)	-
College double classroom	202,286	-	(202,286)	-
Other capital projects	31,479	-	(31,479)	-
Sensory Garden	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
	<u>408,181</u>	<u>46,825</u>	<u>(455,006)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,649,225</u>	<u>1,905,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,554,498</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,671,448	(15,813,000)	1,858,448
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	31,825	-	31,825
Sensory Garden	15,000	-	15,000
	<u>46,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,825</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>17,718,273</u>	<u>(15,813,000)</u>	<u>1,905,273</u>

Restricted funds

ESFA capital funding - funding to keep school buildings in good condition so students can learn in a safe and effective environment. Capital funding is allocated from the ESFA which is used to fund specific college capital projects.

College double classroom funding - A new double classroom was constructed in 2016/17 which was part-financed by grants received from 8 separate organisations. Funding went towards the cost of two new classrooms including furnishings and equipment.

Other capital projects funding - grants received from organisations towards the costs of smaller capital projects including mini-bus, college shelter, play equipment and hall chairs.

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Sensory garden - grants received to fund the sensory garden project at the Sheiling premises, this project has been delayed due to the pandemic but is now completed.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, The Sheiling Special Education Trust purchased items of £500 (2022: £2,500) from a supplier in which a trustee has controlling interest.

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	6,962	26,256
Grants	47,188	51,575
	<u>54,150</u>	<u>77,831</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,726	1,010
Fees	8,616,683	8,741,504
Other	38,704	66,933
	<u>8,657,113</u>	<u>8,809,447</u>
Investment income		
Rents received	59,683	16,888
Deposit account interest	38,438	2,346
	<u>98,121</u>	<u>19,234</u>
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,134	1,243
	<u>1,134</u>	<u>1,243</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>8,810,518</u>	<u>8,907,755</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	5,797,228	5,793,200
Social security	494,044	465,837
Pensions	388,776	353,588
Advertising	5,951	7,231
Sundries	47,888	21,923
Teaching materials and equipment	179,434	140,294
Utilities and running costs	740,288	663,544
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	251,461	167,889
Bank loan interest	-	159
	<u>7,905,070</u>	<u>7,613,665</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	3,836	-

	2023 £	2022 £
Finance		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	151,685	138,744
Total resources expended	<u>8,060,591</u>	<u>7,752,409</u>
Net income	<u><u>749,927</u></u>	<u><u>1,155,346</u></u>



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Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022
for
The Sheiling Special Education Trust**

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The Sheiling Special Education Trust

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The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

The former Trust, the Sheiling School was established in 1951. The current charity, The Sheiling Special Education Trust, commenced its activities on 1 September 2012 when provision was widened to include further education at the Sheiling College.

The legal and administrative information set out on pages 8-10 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities and are satisfied that The Sheiling Special Education Trust's activities provide public benefit.

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Objectives

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is an Independent Special School, which is registered as Residential Special School and an Independent Specialist College. It also provides a supported living service. It specialises in severe and moderate learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and communication difficulties. Its objectives are as follows:

- To provide a learning, caring environment where the educational, physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of the individual student and resident are valued and met.
- To promote a nurturing culture where each student and resident receives the support, guidance and care relevant to their individual needs.
- To promote positive approaches to behaviour and individual sensory and therapeutic needs.
- To support students and residents to develop functional skills and independence which can then be transferred to the wider community.
- To offer students and residents a foundation for developing their confidence and their sense of belonging and achievement.
- To offer clear rhythms and routines to promote a healthy lifestyle which includes good eating and sleeping habits and an active physical and social lifestyle.

Activities

Education Provision

An individual approach to education and residential provision is offered to both School and College students including:

- Day placements - students attend from 9am to 4pm (4.30pm for college students) and are attached to residential houses for lunches and other activities.
- Weekly boarders - students attend from Monday morning to Friday afternoon.
- Termly boarders - students attend for the full 38 week term, including weekends.

Education provided ensures the national curriculum is followed and allows for a broad and balanced program which includes English, Maths, Science, ICT, Personal, Health, Social Education and Citizenship (PHSE&C), Art and PE. Horticulture, craft workshops including estate work, garden work, weaving and candle making are all offered ensuring the curriculum extends beyond lessons into life within the houses, enabling learning in school and college to be supported outside of the classroom.

The 50 acre site with grassy open areas and woodland mean that learning outside the classroom is an integral part of the curriculum and it also benefits from an on-site swimming pool, gym and 193 capacity hall with stage. Neighbouring the site is Moors Valley Country Park making it great for walking and cycling. Ringwood is a short walk away and the beaches of Bournemouth, Boscombe, Southbourne and Mudeford are all within easy reach. This helps ensure students benefit from many different on-site and off-site activities and outings.

The school offers the nationally recognised ASDAN qualifications and the college offers the OCR Life & Living Skills Accredited learning course.

Targeted therapeutic intervention is highly effective and promoted throughout the school and college with an extensive range of therapies including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, music therapy, massage therapy, art therapy, curative eurythmy and colour light therapy.

The residential students live on site in large, family-style houses of which there is 1 for the school age students and 3 for college students. The houses act as extended family groups with each house sharing meals, including a freshly cooked midday meal. Everyone is expected to contribute to the running of the house, for example the setting of tables, taking out the compost and helping with the washing up. Each house functions as an autonomous group under the supervision of a dedicated House Manager. Each student is accommodated in a single room and allocated to a house according to their need, with a mix of gender and ages, carefully taking into account all issues regarding safeguarding. The Managers of the different houses work together regularly to assure outcomes for all students.

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

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Where appropriate students have an opportunity for work experience placements in the local community with local businesses and organisations along with supported attendance for specific courses in local colleges.

Public benefit

The Sheiling Special Education Trust strives to attain the highest standards regarding the aims and objectives, with a view to providing for the charity's beneficiaries.

These aims are:

- To maximise opportunities in school, college, supported living and beyond to support our students and residents in gaining knowledge, acquiring skills, and developing their personal qualities and confidence.
- To provide a safe, inclusive, and uplifting environment which meets the needs of the whole person.
- To maximise an inclusive environment to enable each student and resident to discover and realise their full potential.
- To promote communication and social skills which support making of relevant choices.

These benefits are directly related to the aims of the Charity and are fully compliant with the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Section 172(1) statement

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the directors to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the charity to achieve its charitable purposes. The Act states that in doing so, the directors should have regard, amongst other matters, to:

The likely consequence of any decision in the long term: We make all key decision in the context of our medium term strategic plans and budgets, including our capital programmes. This strategy is focussed on improving outcomes for our students and is regularly reviewed.

The interests of the company's employees: Our employees are central to our capacity to deliver high quality learning and care to our students and their welfare is a key organisational priority. We invest in high levels of training and support including a 9 day induction programme and access to a range of well-being services (counselling, yoga sessions, etc).

The need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers, and others: Our relationships with partners and suppliers are key to our effectiveness. We have long term relationships with small local businesses and foster positive relationships with our provider Local Authorities.

The impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment: We recognise our responsibility to care for the environment and aim to minimise our environmental impact in all our activities. We actively manage our 40 acre site and maintain areas of habitat to support wildlife and have recently been awarded a bronze award by the Hedgehog Preservation Society. We encourage all staff and students to participate in initiatives to reduce environmental impacts including for example the promotion of recycling of waste and actions to maximise efficiency in energy consumption.

The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct: Our reputation is fundamental to our future success. Our core values inform our recruitment initiatives and training for our employees to ensure that we maintain high standards.

The need to act fairly as between members of the company: We continue to work towards a transparent culture providing staff with regular updates through face to face briefings, newsletters and direct communications from the Principal. We aim to be a fully inclusive organisation and we will not unfairly discriminate against our students, staff or any other member of our community

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Key achievements and notable performance during the period included the following:

School

- School numbers have increased with time to 37 students at the beginning of 2022-23. The overall increase is due to additional day placements. The school had no leavers in 2021-22.
- Academic progress across the school remains strong, with students making excellent progress
- Updating and development the curriculum throughout the school has taken place this year to ensure it meets the needs of the widening range of abilities including those with complex sensory needs.
- Better recognition and achievement of attainment for school students through more accurate assessment, target setting, planning and ongoing monitoring has been implemented.

College

- Each student's co-created study programme forms their bespoke curriculum, this degree of person centred focus is enabling some great outcomes for our students both at college and thereafter.
- Community integration work is integral to all study programmes and includes the recent 'adoption' of Hinton Admiral Railway station
- All leavers reached suitable destinations in terms of living and daytime activities from volunteer work to structured recreational activities.
- This year College held its first 'Transition Event' bringing together Students, Families, and Providers
- The college has enhanced its reputation across the sector being a key contributor to Natspec events, including winning a Natspec national award for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.

Other

- Safeguarding is central to everything we do as an organisation. All Trustees, staff and vocational workers continue to be trained in safeguarding and abuse prevention, recognition and reporting. This is backed up by a close relationship with the local children and adult safeguarding team.
- Our strong behaviour team, linking in with Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy, provide excellent support to staff ensuring that behaviours which challenge are minimised.
- Opportunities are available for staff to develop their skills through liaison with other schools to share good practice along with a broad range of in-house staff training
- The HR department continues to strengthen employment protocols and processes to ensure robust systems for Safer Recruitment of staff, supported by the introduction of a new HR system .
- Further development of the Staff Recruitment and Retention Strategy has been undertaken focussing on terms and conditions, working patterns, benefits and recruitment advertising.
- The fee model has continued to be developed to help ensure a robust system for ensuring the fees are linked to costs incurred.
- Robust induction and training programmes have been strengthened for all new and existing staff throughout the year.
- Compulsory Inset days continued to be developed and well attended. This is part of an ongoing development in staff via extensive training both in-house and via external trainers.
- Throughout the year committee and working group meetings take place for Safeguarding, Finance and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.
- Regular review and updating of policies by the Senior Management Team, including Trustee involvement, continues to ensure policies and procedures remain robust.

Quality Assurance

- The first Ofsted Care inspection for the new Residential Special School provision (which started in September 2021) took place in September 2022 with a grade of Good with outstanding Leadership and Management.
- A school Ofsted inspection took place in November 2021 and was graded 'Good' with outstanding Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development.
- A Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection occurred in March 2019 regarding the college residential provision and was graded 'Good'.
- A college Ofsted inspection took place in February 2018 and was graded 'good'.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Capital Development

Various projects were undertaken during the period to both maintain and develop the site for school and college provision. Larger projects and site development are being driven by the 5 year Property Strategy (2020 - 2023). Fundraising is carried out for the benefit of capital projects with funds being sought from external trusts, charities and companies. Although works had to pause during the COVID-19 lockdown significant projects were completed during the period, including:

- Albion school education building refurbishment including windows roof improvements to the Gym and classrooms and new LED lighting £128K
- IT Upgrades 23K
- Purchase of two electric vehicles £5K
- Sheiling House refurbishment to expand and improve bedroom and bathroom provision £22K
- New car park £216K
- Capital spend in the year (including the above) totalled £406k.

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Financial position

The financial performance for the year is summarised below:

	2022		2021	
	Total £'000	Excluding Capital Grants £'000	Total £'000	Excluding Capital Grants £'000
Total Income	8,908	8,829	8,641	8,577
Total Expenditure	7,752	7,752	7,218	7,218
Net Income	1,156	1,077	1,423	1,359

Income has increased by £267K in total compared with the previous year (3% increase). The increase was due to a change in the mix of our students' packages as some students moved onto their next placements. Overall student numbers remained comparable to last year. The slight increase in capital grants and donations is due to fundraising for a Sensory Garden which has had to be put on hold due to COVID restrictions.

The main source of income are student fees received from Local Authorities with an element received directly from the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for College students - these fees equated to 100% (2021: 100%) of total income excluding capital funding. Overall student numbers increased slightly on prior year to 71 (2021: 70) with school numbers remaining at 32, college numbers also increased from 38 to 39 (3% increase).

The largest expenditure heading continues to be staffing £6.6M (2021: £6M) which equates to 85% of expenditure (2021: 85%). In relation to income, staff costs represent 74% (2021: 70%) of total income excluding capital grants and donations.

Tangible fixed asset additions in the year totalled £406K which related largely to building of a new car park and the refurbishment of building facilities across the site. The net book value of fixed assets increased from £6.54M to £6.78M (4% increase) at the end of the accounting period.

The 'Cash at bank and in hand' figure increased during the year, largely to tighter credit control measures. Consequently the balance increased from £3.77M at the start of the year to £5.33M as at 31st August 2022. Similarly, the net current assets also increased from £4.16M to £5.02M over the same period.

A £116K loan was received in December 2016 to finance work carried out to the Maple classroom in 2015/16. This is a 10 year variable repayment loan. As a result of a better cash position the balance was paid in full in January 2022.

Total reserves have increased from £10.6M to £11.8M during the year with a £NIL balance (2021: £408K) previously being restricted in relation to ESFA and other capital monies received for capital projects that have since been completed.

Risks & Uncertainties

A risk register is maintained to identify risks, assess their likelihood of occurring and quantify the potential impact. Outlined below is a description of the key principal risk factors which may affect the Charity. Other factors besides funding sources may also adversely affect the Charity and are detailed within the risk register itself.

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The Charity is, in effect, solely reliant on continued government funding, whether this comes directly to us from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) or via individual Local Authorities. In 2021/22 100% (2020/21 99%) of revenue was ultimately publicly funded. There can be no assurance that central government and Local Authority policy and practice, will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. Whilst the current government continue their plans to address the issue of public sector debt this will have a significant impact on available funding within the sector and how the limited funding is distributed to providers.

The risk is mitigated in a number of ways including:

- Ensuring we deliver high quality care and education in order to remain a preferred provider for Local Authorities whilst providing 'value for money' to students and Local Authorities.
- Focus and investment placed on maintaining and managing key relationships with various funding bodies and local authorities.
- Regular dialogue with ESFA, Local Authorities, NASS, NATSPEC and other networking partnerships.
- Tight control over staff and non-pay costs.
- Regular review of our fee structure to ensure our fees remain competitive whilst allowing us to provide the necessary high quality care and education. Inclusion, where appropriate, on the various Local Authority Provider Frameworks.

COVID-19

The impact of the pandemic has continued to be felt, especially during the early part of the financial year where we remained open despite significant levels of absence due to Covid-19.

Reserves policy

The Trustees monitor and review the level of reserves held by the charity in line with the guidance set out by the Charity Commission and this also forms the basis of our own Reserves Policy document which is reviewed annually. The Trustees consider that the aim should be to build up the free reserves of the charity, represented by working capital, to equate between two to four months' expenditure. This has been built into the three year financial plan which will be achieved via control of our future surplus and capital investment decisions. During the course of the past two financial years we have built up sufficient reserves to enable us to fund the car park project and progress with development of the site to align with our new strategic plans. We are therefore holding reserves to fund this capital programme. In addition, whilst the reserves levels currently sit above our suggested policy levels Trustees consider this prudent given the significant risks posed by the current economic climate.

The charity has total free reserves of £5,024,403 (2021: £4,040,960) being Unrestricted funds of £11,804,571 (2021: £10,241,044) less tangible assets £6,780,168 (2021: £6,542,285).

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

- Student placements for School (37) and College (38) are as expected going into 2022/2023 with the potential for further placements be offered later in the year. The Sheiling Special Education Trust decided in July 2020 to cease its registration as a Childrens Home from September 2021 and re-registered as a Residential Special School offering 38 (rather than 52) week residential placements.
- Close liaison and working with Local Authority commissioners to ensure placements for students whose needs can be best met by an environment such as The Sheiling Ringwood.
- Close liaison with funding bodies and Local Authorities to ensure we can plan and react to national or local changes in funding, policies or procedures.
- Continue to ensure close working between all departments of The Sheiling Special Education Trust.
- Continue to improve links with other schools and colleges to work collaboratively with regard to behaviour and data collection.
- Continue to improve close links with those who can provide work experience and work placements within the local area.
- Continue to strengthen the ethos of the Sheiling via staff training sessions.
- Continued tight financial control over staff and non-pay costs to ensure spending is kept within budgets.
- To keep under review the Terms and Conditions of staff including review of pay scales, pension review as well as holiday entitlements.
- Continue to find ways to recruit adequate support staff via recruitment strategy and thus minimising the use of agency staff.
- Continue to appoint new Trustees, with relevant experience, to support all areas of education, care and administration.
- Continue to develop and improve our estate including site security.
- Continue to implement the Property Strategy.
- National and local marketing drive to improve awareness of The Sheiling Special Education Trust.

Overview

- Overall student numbers remained the stable under the new registration.
- A surplus for the year totalling £1.1M has been reported largely due to lower than planned staffing levels and a lack of access to agency staff. Recruitment and retention of staff remains the greatest operational and strategic challenge. The focus of Trustees continues to be the development of care and education provided through monitoring, planning and challenge to help maintain and drive improvements across all areas of provision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was established on 22 June 2012 under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Decision making

The Board of Trustees meets at least 4 times a year. Regular meetings are held and minutes taken with Trustees chairing committees for Finance and Safeguarding. In addition there are working groups for Estates, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Education Standards, Marketing and Health & Safety.

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are selected across a broad range of professions to ensure a wealth of experience. The current Board of Trustees include experience within Business, SEN Schools/Colleges, Care, Finance, Personal Relations/Marketing and representation from parents of students.

Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Trustee. All Trustees are suitably assessed through DBS and, if appointed, shall hold office only until the next AGM. All trustees write a pen portrait as part of their selection process which helps identify suitability and any potential conflicts of interest. Trustees are expected to undertake induction training within their first three months in role although mandatory safeguarding training (covering Child Protection and Adults at Risk training) must be attended within one month of appointment. Bespoke training is also arranged, as required, informed by analysis of the annual Trustees Skills Audit. Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, to the charity in the event of winding up.

Charity Governance Code

Trustees fully understand the importance of good governance and see it as vital to the success of the organisation. Trustees have all seen the Charity Governance Code and are aware of the 7 sections contained within it including Organisational Purpose, Leadership, Integrity, Decision Making, Risk & Control, Board effectiveness, Diversity and Openness and accountability.

Trustees see the Code as a tool which will be used to help drive continuous improvement for good governance. Trustees attend an annual strategy day specifically to discuss in detail the code and help develop an action plan in relation to the specific outcomes contained within the document.

Key management remuneration

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees, Principal, Head of School, Head of College, Heads of Care, Head of Finance and Premises and the Head of Health & Therapies to comprise the key management personnel of the charity as listed on page 10. All members of the Board of Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity. Remuneration of key management personnel during the year, other than the Trustees, totalled £486,885 (2021: £479,839) for the year with employer pension contributions totalling £62,776 (2021: £60,154). Key management personnel (excluding Trustees) are referred to as the Senior Management Team (SMT). A Pay & Remuneration Policy, approved by full Board, is used by Trustees to help determine pay for the SMT which is based around benchmarking data for the sector whilst also taking into account affordability.

Related parties

The charity continues to maintain informal links with The Lantern Community, The Ringwood Waldorf School and Sturts Farm. The charity devolved fully from The Sheiling Trust on 13 July 2015.

Risk management

The charity continues to develop and embed a system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the charity's assets and reputation. A Risk Register is available which identifies specific risks and assesses their likelihood of occurring and potential impact with regard to financial, operational and reputational. All risks are scored using a consistent scoring methodology and significant risks are transferred to a Risk Reduction Plan which is regularly reviewed by the Senior Management Team and Trustees. The Risk Register (and Risk Reduction Plan) identifies the controls in place to help mitigate risks to an acceptable level. The Risk Register continues to be reviewed and updated.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08116370 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1149264

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

Registered office

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Trustees

Mr J Freeman
Mr N K Johnson
Mr J Morris
Mrs M Rigg
Mr J Pyzer
Ms J Kenward
Mr D Keeton
Mrs J E M Dampney
Mrs A Copp

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Susan Harvey, Head of Residential Services
Katy Kerr, Head of Finance & Premises
Katie Francis, Head of Health & Therapies

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Sheiling Special Education Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

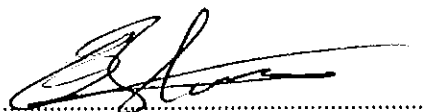
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Ward Goodman, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on2-12-22..... and signed on the board's behalf by:



.....
Mr J Morris - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Sheiling Special Education Trust**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sheiling Special Education Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the sector in which they operate.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquires of management
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charities financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

1. Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud
2. Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process
3. Challenging assumptions and judgments made by management in its accounting estimates
4. Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations; and
5. Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant law and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Sheiling Special Education Trust**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Miss J Richardson BA (Hons) ACA FCCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ward Goodman
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Date: *2nd December 2022*

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	31,006	46,825	77,831	67,484
Other trading activities	4	8,809,447	-	8,809,447	8,550,783
Investment income	5	19,234	-	19,234	22,836
Other income		1,243	-	1,243	-
Total		<u>8,860,930</u>	<u>46,825</u>	<u>8,907,755</u>	<u>8,641,103</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Education		7,752,409	-	7,752,409	7,218,275
NET INCOME		<u>1,108,521</u>	<u>46,825</u>	<u>1,155,346</u>	<u>1,422,828</u>
Transfers between funds	19	455,006	(455,006)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>1,563,527</u>	<u>(408,181)</u>	<u>1,155,346</u>	<u>1,422,828</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>10,241,044</u>	<u>408,181</u>	<u>10,649,225</u>	<u>9,226,397</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>11,804,571</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>11,804,571</u></u>	<u><u>10,649,225</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Balance Sheet
31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	6,780,169	-	6,780,169	6,542,285
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	2,657,592	-	2,657,592	3,534,558
Cash at bank and in hand		5,337,945	-	5,337,945	3,772,010
		<u>7,995,537</u>	-	<u>7,995,537</u>	<u>7,306,568</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,971,135)	-	(2,971,135)	(3,143,342)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>5,024,402</u>	-	<u>5,024,402</u>	<u>4,163,226</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>11,804,571</u>	-	<u>11,804,571</u>	<u>10,705,511</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	-	-	(56,286)
NET ASSETS					
		<u>11,804,571</u>	-	<u>11,804,571</u>	<u>10,649,225</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	19			11,804,571	10,241,044
Restricted funds				-	408,181
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>11,804,571</u>	<u>10,649,225</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on2-12-22..... and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J Morris - Trustee



Mr J Freeman - Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	2,036,194	1,042,812
Interest paid		(159)	(2,562)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>2,036,035</u>	<u>1,040,250</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(406,130)	(173,712)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		1,600	-
Interest received		2,346	190
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(402,184)</u>	<u>(173,522)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(67,916)	(11,229)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(67,916)</u>	<u>(11,229)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>3,772,010</u>	<u>2,916,511</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>5,337,945</u></u>	<u><u>3,772,010</u></u>

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,155,346	1,422,828
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	167,889	157,503
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(1,243)	-
Interest received	(2,346)	(190)
Interest paid	159	2,562
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	876,966	(1,025,948)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(160,577)	486,057
Net cash provided by operations	<u>2,036,194</u>	<u>1,042,812</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.21	Cash flow	At 31.8.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	3,772,010	1,565,935	5,337,945
	<u>3,772,010</u>	<u>1,565,935</u>	<u>5,337,945</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(11,631)	11,631	-
Debts falling due after 1 year	(56,286)	56,286	-
	<u>(67,917)</u>	<u>67,917</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>3,704,093</u>	<u>1,633,852</u>	<u>5,337,945</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. LEGAL FORM

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is noted on page 10.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, which are described below, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

These estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following are areas that are considered to be key sources of estimation uncertainty, there are no significant judgements to note.

The economic useful life of tangible fixed assets and the expected residual value on future disposal is estimated by the Trustees based on their knowledge and experience.

Income and debtors

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where fees are raised in advance, the income is deferred until the period to which it relates. These deferred amounts are shown on the balance sheet within creditor: amounts falling due within one year.

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted capital fund.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

The Sheiling Special Education Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold property	- Straight line over 50 years
Assets under construction	- Straight line over 50 years
Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension commitments

The charity operates two pension schemes. A defined contribution scheme in accordance with National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) and a defined benefit scheme in relation to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS).

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of the pensions over employees' working lives with the charity in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. Contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme.

Contributions payable to these schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	26,256	3,685
Grants	51,575	63,799
	<u>77,831</u>	<u>67,484</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
EFA capital grant	31,825	33,799
Talbot Village Trust	15,000	-
The Edward Gostling Foundation	-	5,000
Wooden Spoon Society	-	25,000
SEND Partnership	2,500	-
Nineveh Trust	2,000	-
The Sheiling Ringwood College	250	-
	<u>51,575</u>	<u>63,799</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,010	78
Fees	8,741,504	8,290,135
Camps and respite	-	194,211
Other	66,933	66,359
	<u>8,809,447</u>	<u>8,550,783</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rents received	16,888	22,646
Deposit account interest	2,346	190
	<u>19,234</u>	<u>22,836</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Education	<u>7,613,665</u>	<u>138,744</u>	<u>7,752,409</u>

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Education	<u>138,744</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	167,889	157,503
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(1,243)	-
Auditors remuneration for audit services	<u>7,750</u>	<u>7,300</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,793,200	5,358,860
Social security costs	465,837	387,258
Other pension costs	<u>353,588</u>	<u>329,660</u>
	<u>6,612,625</u>	<u>6,075,778</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Employees	<u>239</u>	<u>256</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2022	2021
£60,001 - £70,000	3	-
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

The senior management team received remuneration of £486,885 (2021: £479,839).

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	3,685	63,799	67,484
Other trading activities	8,550,783	-	8,550,783
Investment income	22,836	-	22,836
Total	8,577,304	63,799	8,641,103
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Education	7,172,202	46,073	7,218,275
NET INCOME	1,405,102	17,726	1,422,828
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	8,835,942	390,455	9,226,397
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	10,241,044	408,181	10,649,225

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Assets under construction £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 September 2021	6,386,072	57,927	22,932
Additions	-	196,016	5,994
Disposals	-	-	-
Transfer to ownership	-	(253,943)	-
At 31 August 2022	6,386,072	-	28,926
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2021	315,379	-	14,416
Charge for year	46,060	-	2,702
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 August 2022	361,439	-	17,118
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2022	6,024,633	-	11,808
At 31 August 2021	6,070,693	57,927	8,516

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2021	858,069	98,517	486,109	7,909,626
Additions	176,207	4,894	23,019	406,130
Disposals	-	(3,060)	-	(3,060)
Transfer to ownership	253,943	-	-	-
At 31 August 2022	<u>1,288,219</u>	<u>100,351</u>	<u>509,128</u>	<u>8,312,696</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2021	478,250	80,717	478,579	1,367,341
Charge for year	104,333	5,461	9,333	167,889
Eliminated on disposal	-	(2,703)	-	(2,703)
At 31 August 2022	<u>582,583</u>	<u>83,475</u>	<u>487,912</u>	<u>1,532,527</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2022	<u>705,636</u>	<u>16,876</u>	<u>21,216</u>	<u>6,780,169</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>379,819</u>	<u>17,800</u>	<u>7,530</u>	<u>6,542,285</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	2,510,471	3,386,737
Other debtors	33,133	32,205
Prepayments and accrued income	113,988	115,616
	<u>2,657,592</u>	<u>3,534,558</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 16)	-	11,631
Trade creditors	148,025	432,465
Social security and other taxes	104,213	83,120
Other creditors	77,041	68,873
Accruals and deferred income	2,641,856	2,547,253
	<u>2,971,135</u>	<u>3,143,342</u>

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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 16)	-	56,286
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

16. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	-	11,631
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	-	12,044
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	-	44,242
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

A variable bank loan at 3% above base rate is repayable by instalments falling due between December 2016 and December 2026, repaid in January 2022.

17. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	17,411	27,769
Between one and five years	31,327	10,331
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	48,738	38,100
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

18. SECURED DEBTS

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	9,741,044	1,108,521	955,006	11,804,571
COVID-19 reponse	500,000	-	(500,000)	-
	<u>10,241,044</u>	<u>1,108,521</u>	<u>455,006</u>	<u>11,804,571</u>
Restricted funds				
ESFA capital funding	174,416	31,825	(206,241)	-
College double classroom	202,286	-	(202,286)	-
Other capital projects	31,479	-	(31,479)	-
Sensory Garden	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
	<u>408,181</u>	<u>46,825</u>	<u>(455,006)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,649,225</u>	<u>1,155,346</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,804,571</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,860,930	(7,752,409)	1,108,521
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	31,825	-	31,825
Sensory Garden	15,000	-	15,000
	<u>46,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,825</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,907,755</u>	<u>(7,752,409)</u>	<u>1,155,346</u>

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,335,942	1,405,102	9,741,044
COVID-19 reponse	500,000	-	500,000
	<u>8,835,942</u>	<u>1,405,102</u>	<u>10,241,044</u>
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	141,045	33,371	174,416
College double classroom	204,386	(2,100)	202,286
Other capital projects	38,024	(6,545)	31,479
Sensory Garden	7,000	(7,000)	-
	<u>390,455</u>	<u>17,726</u>	<u>408,181</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,226,397</u>	<u>1,422,828</u>	<u>10,649,225</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,577,304	(7,172,202)	1,405,102
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	33,799	(428)	33,371
College double classroom	-	(2,100)	(2,100)
Other capital projects	-	(6,545)	(6,545)
Sensory Garden	30,000	(37,000)	(7,000)
	<u>63,799</u>	<u>(46,073)</u>	<u>17,726</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,641,103</u>	<u>(7,218,275)</u>	<u>1,422,828</u>

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	8,335,942	2,513,623	955,006	11,804,571
COVID-19 reponse	500,000	-	(500,000)	-
	<u>8,835,942</u>	<u>2,513,623</u>	<u>455,006</u>	<u>11,804,571</u>
Restricted funds				
ESFA capital funding	141,045	65,196	(206,241)	-
College double classroom	204,386	(2,100)	(202,286)	-
Other capital projects	38,024	(6,545)	(31,479)	-
Sensory Garden	7,000	8,000	(15,000)	-
	<u>390,455</u>	<u>64,551</u>	<u>(455,006)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,226,397</u>	<u>2,578,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,804,571</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,438,234	(14,924,611)	2,513,623
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	65,624	(428)	65,196
College double classroom	-	(2,100)	(2,100)
Other capital projects	-	(6,545)	(6,545)
Sensory Garden	45,000	(37,000)	8,000
	<u>110,624</u>	<u>(46,073)</u>	<u>64,551</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>17,548,858</u>	<u>(14,970,684)</u>	<u>2,578,174</u>

Restricted funds

ESFA capital funding - funding to keep school buildings in good condition so students can learn in a safe and effective environment. Capital funding is allocated from the ESFA which is used to fund specific college capital projects.

College double classroom funding - A new double classroom was constructed in 2016/17 which was part-financed by grants received from 8 separate organisations. Funding went towards the cost of two new classrooms including furnishings and equipment.

Other capital projects funding - grants received from organisations towards the costs of smaller capital projects including mini-bus, college shelter, play equipment and hall chairs.

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Sensory garden - grants received to fund the sensory garden project at the Sheiling premises, this project has been delayed due to the pandemic but is now completed.

Transfers between funds

A transfer of funds has been completed from the Covid-19 response fund to the general fund due to the fund provision set by the trustee board in the previous period not being relevant moving forward.

A transfer of funds was completed from all restricted funds to general as management have decided to recognise the fulfilment of the restriction of the funds by transferring all assets to hold in the general fund. This is the same for any additions made within the year with resources restricted for this purpose.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, The Sheiling Special Education Trust purchased items of £2,500 from a supplier in which a trustee has controlling interest on an arms length basis.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	26,256	3,685
Grants	51,575	63,799
	<u>77,831</u>	<u>67,484</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,010	78
Fees	8,741,504	8,290,135
Camps and respite	-	194,211
Other	66,933	66,359
	<u>8,809,447</u>	<u>8,550,783</u>
Investment income		
Rents received	16,888	22,646
Deposit account interest	2,346	190
	<u>19,234</u>	<u>22,836</u>
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,243	-
	<u>1,243</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>8,907,755</u>	<u>8,641,103</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	5,793,200	5,358,860
Social security	465,837	387,258
Pensions	353,588	329,660
Advertising	7,231	4,972
Sundries	21,923	37,760
Teaching materials and equipment	140,294	130,514
Utilities and running costs	663,544	747,762
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	167,889	157,503
Bank loan interest	159	2,562
	<u>7,613,665</u>	<u>7,156,851</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	138,744	61,424
	<u>138,744</u>	<u>61,424</u>
Total resources expended	<u>7,752,409</u>	<u>7,218,275</u>
Net income	<u><u>1,155,346</u></u>	<u><u>1,422,828</u></u>

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THE SHEILING SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1149264

Accounts



A learning and caring community
where individuals are valued



THE SHEILING SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered company number: 08116370 (England and Wales)

Registered charity number: 1149264

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (YEAR ENDED 31/08/21)

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

The former Trust, the Sheiling School was established in 1951. The current charity, The Sheiling Special Education Trust, commenced its activities on 1 September 2012 when provision was widened to include further education at the Sheiling College.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities and are satisfied that The Sheiling Special Education Trust's activities provide public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is an Independent Special School, which is registered as a Children's Home and an Independent Specialist College. It also provides a supported living service. It specialises in severe and moderate learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and communication difficulties. Its objectives are as follows:

- To provide a learning, caring environment where the educational, physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of the individual student and resident are valued and met.
- To promote a nurturing culture where each student and resident receives the support, guidance and care relevant to their individual needs.
- To promote positive approaches to behaviour and individual sensory and therapeutic needs.
- To support students and residents to develop functional skills and independence which can then be transferred to the wider community.
- To offer students and residents a foundation for developing their confidence and their sense of belonging and achievement.
- To offer clear rhythms and routines to promote a healthy lifestyle which includes good eating and sleeping habits and an active physical and social lifestyle.

ACTIVITIES

Education Provision

An individual approach to education and residential provision is offered to both School and College students including:

- Day placements – students attend from 9am to 4pm (4.30pm for college students) and are attached to residential houses for lunches and other activities.
- Weekly boarders – students attend from Monday morning to Friday afternoon.
- Termly boarders – students attend for the full 38 week term, including weekends.
- Yearly boarders (school only) – students are able to access a 52 week year round residential provision including holidays. This provision ended on 31 August 2021.
- Respite provision (college only) – respite packages are available to college students during mid-week, weekends and during holidays. This provision ended on 31 August 2021, however College offers up to 4 weeks respite through the year.

Education provided ensures the national curriculum is followed and allows for a broad and balanced program which includes English, Maths, Science, ICT, Personal, Health, Social Education and Citizenship (PHSE&C), Art and PE. Horticulture, craft workshops including estate work, garden work, weaving and candle making are all offered ensuring the curriculum extends beyond lessons into life within the houses, enabling learning in school and college to be supported outside of the classroom.

The 50 acre site with grassy open areas and woodland mean that learning outside the classroom is an integral part of the curriculum and it also benefits from an on-site swimming pool, gym and 193 capacity hall with stage. Neighbouring the site is Moors Valley Country Park making it great for walking and cycling. Ringwood is a short walk away and the beaches of Bournemouth, Boscombe, Southbourne and Mudeford are all within easy reach. This helps ensure students benefit from many different on-site and off-site activities and outings.

The school offers the nationally recognised ASDAN qualifications and the college offers the OCR Life & Living Skills Accredited learning course.

Targeted therapeutic intervention is highly effective and promoted throughout the school and college with an extensive range of therapies including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, music therapy, massage therapy, art therapy, curative eurythmy and colour light therapy.

The residential students live on site in large, family-style houses of which there are 4 for the school age students and 2 for college students. The houses act as extended family groups with each house sharing meals, including a freshly cooked midday meal. Everyone is expected to contribute to the running of the house, for example the setting of tables, taking out the compost and helping with the washing up. Each house functions as an autonomous group under the supervision of a dedicated House Manager. Each student is accommodated in a single room and allocated to a house according to their need, with a mix of gender and ages, carefully taking into account all issues regarding safeguarding. The Managers of the different houses work together regularly to assure outcomes for all students.

Where appropriate students have an opportunity for work experience placements in the local community with local businesses and organisations along with supported attendance for specific courses in local colleges.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Sheiling Special Education Trust strives to attain the highest standards regarding the aims and objectives, with a view to providing for the charity's beneficiaries.

These aims are:

- To maximise opportunities in school, college, supported living and beyond to support our students and residents in gaining knowledge, acquiring skills, and developing their personal qualities and confidence.
- To provide a safe, inclusive, and uplifting environment which meets the needs of the whole person.
- To maximise an inclusive environment to enable each student and resident to discover and realise their full potential.
- To promote communication and social skills which support making of relevant choices.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Section 172(1) statement

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the directors to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the charity to achieve its charitable purposes. The Act states that in doing so, the directors should have regard, amongst other matters, to:

The likely consequence of any decision in the long term: We make all key decision in the context of our medium term strategic plans and budgets, including our capital programmes. This strategy is focussed on improving outcomes for our students and is regularly reviewed.

The interests of the company's employees: Our employees are central to our capacity to deliver high quality learning and care to our students and their welfare is a key organisational priority. We invest in high levels of training and support including a 9 day induction programme and access to a range of well-being services (counselling, yoga sessions, etc).

The need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers, and others: Our relationships with partners and suppliers are key to our effectiveness. We have long term relationships with small local businesses and foster positive relationships with our provider Local Authorities.

The impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment: We recognise our responsibility to care for the environment and aim to minimise our environmental impact in all our activities. We actively manage our 40 acre site and maintain areas of habitat to support wildlife and have recently been awarded a bronze award by the Hedgehog Preservation Society. We encourage all staff and students to participate in initiatives to reduce environmental impacts including for example the promotion of recycling of waste and actions to maximise efficiency in energy consumption.

The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct: Our reputation is fundamental to our future success. Our core values inform our recruitment initiatives and training for our employees to ensure that we maintain high standards.

The need to act fairly as between members of the company: We continue to work towards a transparent culture providing staff with regular updates through face to face briefings, newsletters and direct communications from the Principal. We aim to be a fully inclusive organisation and we will not unfairly discriminate against our students, staff or any other member of our community

Key achievements and notable performance during the period included the following:

School

- School numbers have remained stable, in terms of pupils on roll, with numbers in the range 30-33 students
- Academic progress across the school remains positive in 2020-21 and almost without exception, students continue to meet and exceed challenging targets for their achievements across a range of curriculum subjects.
- In academic year 2020-21, the Sheling obtained a 100% pass rate with all graduating students leaving the school with accreditation at Entry 1 and 2.
- Updating and development the curriculum throughout the school has taken place this year to ensure it meets the needs of the widening range of abilities including those with complex sensory needs.
- Better recognition and achievement of attainment for school students through more accurate assessment, target setting, planning and ongoing monitoring has been implemented.

College

- Expansion of College residential to include a third residential house 'Sheiling House' with the highest number of learners planned, 39.
- All leavers reached suitable destinations in terms of living and daytime activities from volunteer work to structured recreational activities
- Each learners Co-created study programme forms their bespoke curriculum, this degree of person centred focus is enabling some great outcomes for our learners
- Community integration work has restarted with considerable success, work placements are beginning to be set up again and many community based activities both as before Covid-19 and new are being enjoyed
- The college has enhanced its reputation across the sector being a key contributor to Natspec events, including 2 shortlisted nominations for Natspec Awards in the categories of Curriculum innovation - The Resilience Curriculum and Assessment Tool, and Home Learning – A Self Audit Tool

Other

- Strong behaviour team, linking in with Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy, providing excellent support to staff ensuring that behaviours which challenge are minimised. Therapists are now allocated to School and College to improve integration in education programmes.
- Opportunities are available for staff to develop their skills through liaison with other schools to share good practice and along with increased opportunities for staff training, both on and off site.
- Safeguarding is central to everything done as an organisation. All Trustees, staff and vocational workers continue to be trained in safeguarding and abuse prevention, recognition and reporting. This is backed up by a close relationship with the local children and adult safeguarding team.
- HR department continues to strengthen employment protocols and processes to ensure robust systems for Safer Recruitment of staff.
- A new HR system was introduced in 2020. The system will be used to strengthen controls and improve reporting surrounding the Single Central Record and bring about further efficiencies.
- Further development of the Staff Recruitment and Retention Strategy has been undertaken focussing on terms and conditions, working patterns, benefits and recruitment advertising.
- The fee model has continued to be developed to help ensure a robust system for determining fees linked to costs incurred.
- Robust induction and training programmes have been strengthened for all new and existing staff throughout the year.
- Compulsory Inset days continued to be developed and well attended. This is part of an ongoing development in staff via extensive training both in-house and via external trainers.
- Regular committee and working group meetings take place for Safeguarding, Finance, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and H&S.
- Regular review and updating of policies by the Senior Management Team, including Trustee involvement, continue to help ensure policies and procedures remain robust.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A school Ofsted inspection took place in November 2017 and was graded 'Good'. This was supported up by a follow-up one day visit in May 2018 which was also graded as 'Good'.
- A college Ofsted inspection took place in February 2018 and was graded 'good'.
- A Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection occurred in March 2019 regarding the college residential provision and was graded 'Good'.
- Ofsted Care inspection (regarding school residential provision) took place in July 2019 and was

graded 'Requires Improvement'. Action has been taken to rectify this position. A one day follow up visit in February 2020 recognised positive change and improvements as did an assurance visit which was undertaken in November 2020.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Various projects were undertaken during the period to both maintain and develop the site for school and college provision. Larger projects and site development are being driven by the 5 year Property Strategy (2020 – 2023) document previously approved by the Board. Fundraising is carried out for the benefit of capital projects with funds being requested from external trusts, charities and companies. Although works had to pause during the COVID-19 lockdown. Significant projects included the following:

- Albion Building Refurbishment incl. Windows £37k
- Sheiling House Windows £12k.
- Outdoor Play Equipment £21.5k
- Martin & Feirefis Refurbishment £33k
- Site wide external lighting installed £16K
- Various bedrooms and communal rooms redecorated in all houses.
- Capital spend in the year (including the above) totalled £135K

FINANCIAL POSITION & REVIEW

The financial performance for the year is summarised below:

	2021		2020	
	Total - £'000	Excluding capital grants £'000	Total - £'000	Excluding capital grants £'000
Total Income	8,641	8,577	8,183	8,151
Total Expenditure	7,218	7,218	6,737	6,737
Net Income	(1,423)	(1,359)	(1,446)	(1,414)

Income has increased by £458K in total compared with the previous year (6% increase). The increase was due to a change in the mix of our students packages as some students moved onto their next placements, and increase in respite offered covering the COVID-19 lockdown. Overall student numbers remained the same compared to last year. The slight increase in capital grants and donations is due to fundraising for a Sensory Garden which has had to be put on hold due to COVID restrictions.

The main source of income are student fees received from Local Authorities with an element received directly from the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for College students - these fees equated to 100% (2019: 99%) of total income excluding capital funding. Overall student numbers increased slightly on prior year to 70 (2020: 68) with school numbers increasing from 31 to 32, college numbers also increased from 37 to 38 (3% increase).

The largest expenditure heading continues to be staffing £6M (2020: £5.63M) which equates to 85% of expenditure (2020: 82%). In relation to income, staff costs represent 70% (2020: 69%) of total income excluding capital grants and donations.

Tangible fixed asset additions in the year totalled £174K which related largely to the refurbishment of building facilities across the site. The net book value of fixed assets increased slightly from £6.52M to £6.54M at the end of the accounting period.

The 'Cash at bank and in hand' figure increased during the year, largely as a result of decreased spending due to Covid restrictions. Consequently the balance increased from £2.92M at the start of the year to £3.77M as at 31st August 2021. Similarly, the net current assets also increased from £2.77M to £4.16M over the same period.

A £116K loan was received in December 2016 to finance work carried out to the Maple classroom in 2015/16. This is a 10 year variable repayment loan. The balance at the year-end is £56K.

Total reserves have increased from £9.2M to £10.6M during the year with £408K (2020: £367K) being restricted in relation to ESFA and other capital monies received for capital projects.

RISKS & UNCERTAINTIES

A risk register is maintained to identify risks, assess their likelihood of occurring and quantify the potential impact. Outlined below is a description of the key principal risk factors which may affect the Charity. Other factors besides funding sources may also adversely affect the Charity and are detailed within the risk register itself.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

The Charity is, in effect, solely reliant on continued government funding, whether this comes directly to us from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) or via individual Local Authorities. In 2019/20 99% (2018/19 99%) of revenue was ultimately publicly funded. There can be no assurance that central government and Local Authority policy and practice, will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. Whilst the current government continue their plans to address the issue of public sector debt this will have a significant impact on available funding within the sector and how the limited funding is distributed to providers.

The risk is mitigated in a number of ways including:

- Ensuring we deliver high quality care and education in order to remain a preferred provider for Local Authorities whilst providing 'value for money' to students and Local Authorities.
- Focus and investment placed on maintaining and managing key relationships with various funding bodies and local authorities.
- Regular dialogue with ESFA, Local Authorities, NASS, NATSPEC and other networking partnerships.
- Tight control over staff and non-pay costs.
- Regular review of our fee structure to ensure our fees remain competitive whilst allowing us to provide the necessary high quality care and education.
- Inclusion, where appropriate, on the various Local Authority Provider Frameworks.

COVID-19

The impact of the pandemic has continued to be felt throughout the year, despite which we have remained fully open. The medium term impact of COVID-19 on Local Authority funding has yet to be understood but is a risk we continue to monitor along with the impact of related legislation, for example on compelling staff in CQC registered care homes to be fully vaccinated.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees monitor and review the level of reserves held by the charity in line with the guidance set out by the Charity Commission and this also forms the basis of our own Reserves Policy document which is reviewed annually. The Trustees consider that the aim should be to build up the free reserves of the charity, represented by working capital, to equate between two to four months' expenditure. This has been built into the 3 year financial plan which will be achieved via control of our future surplus and capital investment decisions. During the course of the past two financial years we have built up sufficient reserves to enable us to consider development of the site to align with our new strategic plans. This means that whilst the reserves levels currently sit above our suggested policy levels we intend to consider how we allocate the funds to major projects during the upcoming financial year.

FUTURE PLANS

- Student placements for School (30) and College (38) are as expected going into 2021/2022 with further placements expected to be offered later in the year.
- The Sheiling Special Education Trust decided in July 2020 to cease its registration as a Childrens Home from September 2021 and to re-register as a Residential Special School offering 38 (rather than 52) week residential placements.
- Close liaison and working with LA commissioners to ensure placements for students whose needs can be best met by an environment such as The Sheiling.
- Close liaison with funding bodies and LA's to ensure we can plan and react to national or local changes in funding, policies or procedures.
- Continue to ensure close working between all departments of the SSET.
- Continue to improve links with other schools and colleges to work collaboratively with regard to behaviour and data collection.
- Continue to improve close links with those who can provide work experience and work placements within the local area.
- Continue to strengthen the ethos of the Sheiling via staff training sessions.
Continued tight financial control over staff and non-pay costs to ensure spending is kept within budgets.
- To keep under review the Terms and Conditions of staff including review of pay scales, pension review as well as holiday entitlements.
- Continue to find ways to recruit adequate support staff via recruitment strategy and thus minimising the use of agency staff.
- Continue to appoint new Trustees, with relevant experience, to support all areas of education, care and administration.
- Continue to develop and improve our estate including site security.
- Continue to implement the Property Strategy.
- National and local marketing drive to improve awareness of The Sheiling Special Education Trust.

OVERVIEW

- Overall student numbers remained the stable under the new registration with additional new students joining in January 2022.
- A surplus for the year totalling £1.4M has been reported largely due to a decreased spending on and lesser need for agency in the year.
- The focus of Trustees continues to be the development of care and education provided through monitoring, planning and challenge to help maintain and drive improvements across all areas of provision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was established on 22 June 2012 under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Decision making

The Board of Trustees meets at least 4 times a year. Regular meetings are held and minutes taken with Trustees chairing committees for Finance and Safeguarding. In addition there are working groups for Estates, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Education Standards, Marketing and Health & Safety.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are selected across a broad range of professions to ensure a wealth of experience. The current Board of Trustees include experience within Business, SEN Schools/Colleges, Care, Finance, Personal Relations/Marketing and representation from parents of students.

Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Trustee. All Trustees are suitably assessed through DBS and, if appointed, shall hold office only until the next AGM. All trustees write a pen portrait as part of their selection process which helps identify suitability and any potential conflicts of interest. Trustees are expected to undertake induction training within their first three months in role although mandatory safeguarding training (covering Child Protection and Adults at Risk training) must be attended within one month of appointment. Bespoke training is also arranged, as required, informed by analysis of the annual Trustees Skills Audit. Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, to the charity in the event of winding up.

Charity Governance Code

Trustees fully understand the importance of good governance and see it as vital to the success of the organisation. Trustees have all seen the Charity Governance Code and are aware of the 7 sections contained within it including Organisational Purpose, Leadership, Integrity, Decision Making, Risk & Control, Board effectiveness, Diversity and Openness and accountability.

Trustees see the Code as a tool which will be used to help drive continuous improvement for good governance. Trustees attend an annual strategy day specifically to discuss in detail the code and help develop an action plan in relation to the specific outcomes contained within the document – this will be further developed during 2021/22.

Key management remuneration

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees, Principal, Head of School, Head of College, Heads of Care, Head of Finance and Premises and the Head of Health & Therapies to comprise the key management personnel of the charity as listed on page 9. All members of the Board of Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity. Remuneration of key management personnel during the year, other than the Trustees, totalled £479,839 (2020: £472,064) for the year with employer pension contributions totalling £60,154 (2020: £59,469). Key management personnel (excluding Trustees) are referred to as the Senior Management Team (SMT). A Pay & Remuneration Policy, approved by full Board, is used by Trustees to help determine pay for the SMT which is based around benchmarking data for the sector whilst also taking into account affordability.

Related parties

The charity continues to maintain informal links with The Lantern Community, The Ringwood Waldorf School and Sturts Farm. The charity devolved fully from The Sheiling Trust on 13 July 2015.

Risk management

The charity continues to develop and embed a system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the charity's assets and reputation. A Risk Register is available which identifies specific risks and assesses their likelihood of occurring and potential impact with regard to financial, operational and reputational. All risks are scored using a consistent scoring methodology and significant risks are transferred to a Risk Reduction Plan which is regularly reviewed by the Senior Management Team and Trustees. The Risk Register (and Risk Reduction Plan) identifies the controls in place to help mitigate risks to an acceptable level. The Risk Register continues to be reviewed and updated.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Sheiling Special Education Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Ward Goodman, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on13 May 2022..... and signed on the board's behalf by:



.....
Mr J Morris - Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sheiling Special Education Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2021 on pages seventeen to thirty one. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2018 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

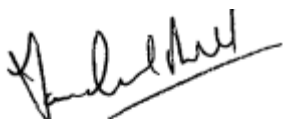
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page thirteen, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.



I M Rodd (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ward Goodman
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 15 May 2022

**Statement of Financial Activities
August 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	3,685	63,799	67,484	34,867
Other trading activities	4	8,550,783	-	8,550,783	8,126,060
Investment income	5	22,836	-	22,836	21,764
Total		8,577,304	63,799	8,641,103	8,182,691
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Education		7,172,202	46,073	7,218,275	6,783,442
NET INCOME		1,405,102	17,726	1,422,828	1,399,249
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		8,835,942	390,455	9,226,397	7,827,148
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,241,044	408,181	10,649,225	9,226,397

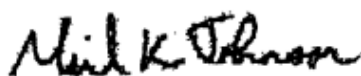
**Balance Sheet
31 August 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	6,200,084	342,201	6,542,285	6,526,076
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	3,534,558	-	3,534,558	2,508,610
Cash at bank and in hand		3,706,030	65,980	3,772,010	2,916,511
		<u>7,240,588</u>	<u>65,980</u>	<u>7,306,568</u>	<u>5,425,121</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(3,143,342)	-	(3,143,342)	(2,656,885)
		<u>4,097,246</u>	<u>65,980</u>	<u>4,163,226</u>	<u>2,768,236</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>4,097,246</u>	<u>65,980</u>	<u>4,163,226</u>	<u>2,768,236</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>10,297,330</u>	<u>408,181</u>	<u>10,705,511</u>	<u>9,294,312</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(56,286)	-	(56,286)	(67,915)
		<u>10,241,044</u>	<u>408,181</u>	<u>10,649,225</u>	<u>9,226,397</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>10,241,044</u>	<u>408,181</u>	<u>10,649,225</u>	<u>9,226,397</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	19			10,241,044	8,835,942
Restricted funds				408,181	390,455
				<u>10,649,225</u>	<u>9,226,397</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>10,649,225</u>	<u>9,226,397</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 May 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J Morris - Trustee



Mr N K Johnson - Trustee

**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	1,042,812	1,938,099
Interest paid		(2,562)	(3,987)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>1,040,250</u>	<u>1,934,112</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(173,712)	(71,277)
Interest received		190	2,335
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(173,522)</u>	<u>(68,942)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(11,229)	(9,878)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(11,229)</u>	<u>(9,878)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>855,499</u>	<u>1,855,292</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>2,916,511</u>	<u>1,061,219</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>3,772,010</u></u>	<u><u>2,916,511</u></u>

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2021	2020	
	£	£	
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,422,828	1,399,249	
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	157,503	230,485	
Interest received	(190)	(2,335)	
Interest paid	2,562	3,987	
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,025,948)	135,704	
Increase in creditors	486,057	171,009	
Net cash provided by operations	<u>1,042,812</u>	<u>1,938,099</u>	
2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
	At 1.9.20	Cash flow	At 31.8.21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	2,916,511	855,499	3,772,010
	<u>2,916,511</u>	<u>855,499</u>	<u>3,772,010</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(11,231)	(400)	(11,631)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(67,915)	11,629	(56,286)
	<u>(79,146)</u>	<u>11,229</u>	<u>(67,917)</u>
Total	<u>2,837,365</u>	<u>866,728</u>	<u>3,704,093</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

1. LEGAL FORM

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is noted on page 10.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, which are described below, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

These estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following are areas that are considered to be key sources of estimation uncertainty, there are no significant judgements to note.

The economic useful life of tangible fixed assets and the expected residual value on future disposal is estimated by the Trustees based on their knowledge and experience.

Income and debtors

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where fees are raised in advance, the income is deferred until the period to which it relates. These deferred amounts are shown on the balance sheet within creditor: amounts falling due within one year.

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted capital fund.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- Straight line over 50 years
Assets under construction	- Straight line over 50 years

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension commitments

The charity operates two pension schemes. A defined contribution scheme in accordance with National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) and a defined benefit scheme in relation to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS).

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of the pensions over employees' working lives with the charity in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. Contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme.

Contributions payable to these schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	3,685	2,103
Grants	63,799	32,764
	<u>67,484</u>	<u>34,867</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	78	30
Fees	8,290,135	7,351,247
Camps and respite	194,211	730,176
Other	66,359	44,607
	<u>8,550,783</u>	<u>8,126,060</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

5. INVESTMENT INCOME		2021	2020
		£	£
Rents received		22,646	19,429
Deposit account interest		190	2,335
		<u>22,836</u>	<u>21,764</u>
6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
	Direct	Support	Totals
	Costs	costs (see	
	£	note 7)	£
Education	<u>7,156,851</u>	<u>61,424</u>	<u>7,218,275</u>
7. SUPPORT COSTS			Governance
			costs
			£
Education			<u>61,424</u>
8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
		2021	2020
		£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		157,503	230,485
Auditors remuneration for audit services		<u>7,300</u>	<u>7,000</u>
9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS			
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.			
Trustees' expenses			
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.			
10. STAFF COSTS		2021	2020
		£	£
Wages and salaries		5,358,860	4,980,490
Social security costs		387,258	334,465
Other pension costs		329,660	315,440
		<u>6,075,778</u>	<u>5,630,395</u>
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:			
		2021	2020
Employees		<u>256</u>	<u>250</u>

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10. STAFF COSTS - continued

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2021	2020
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The senior management team received remuneration of £479,839 (2020: £472,064).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2,102	32,765	34,867
Other trading activities	8,126,060	-	8,126,060
Investment income	21,764	-	21,764
Total	<u>8,149,926</u>	<u>32,765</u>	<u>8,182,691</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Education	6,755,496	27,946	6,783,442
NET INCOME	<u>1,394,430</u>	<u>4,819</u>	<u>1,399,249</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward			
As previously reported	7,530,249	385,637	7,915,886
Prior year adjustment	(88,738)	-	(88,738)
As restated	<u>7,441,511</u>	<u>385,637</u>	<u>7,827,148</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>8,835,941</u></u>	<u><u>390,456</u></u>	<u><u>9,226,397</u></u>

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Assets under construction £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 September 2020	6,386,072	39,881	22,932
Additions	-	38,282	-
Transfer to ownership	-	(20,236)	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>6,386,072</u>	<u>57,927</u>	<u>22,932</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2020	269,319	-	12,286
Charge for year	46,060	-	2,130
At 31 August 2021	<u>315,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,416</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2021	<u>6,070,693</u>	<u>57,927</u>	<u>8,516</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>6,116,753</u>	<u>39,881</u>	<u>10,646</u>

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2020	702,403	98,517	486,109	7,735,914
Additions	135,430	-	-	173,712
Transfer to ownership	20,236	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>858,069</u>	<u>98,517</u>	<u>486,109</u>	<u>7,909,626</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2020	407,881	74,783	445,569	1,209,838
Charge for year	70,369	5,934	33,010	157,503
At 31 August 2021	<u>478,250</u>	<u>80,717</u>	<u>478,579</u>	<u>1,367,341</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2021	<u>379,819</u>	<u>17,800</u>	<u>7,530</u>	<u>6,542,285</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>294,522</u>	<u>23,734</u>	<u>40,540</u>	<u>6,526,076</u>

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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,386,737	2,356,551
Other debtors	32,205	32,000
Prepayments and accrued income	115,616	120,059
	<u>3,534,558</u>	<u>2,508,610</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 16)	11,631	11,231
Trade creditors	432,465	201,173
Social security and other taxes	83,120	80,063
Other creditors	68,873	60,241
Accruals and deferred income	2,547,253	2,304,177
	<u>3,143,342</u>	<u>2,656,885</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 16)	<u>56,286</u>	<u>67,915</u>

16. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>11,631</u>	<u>11,231</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>12,044</u>	<u>11,631</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>44,242</u>	<u>38,352</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	-	17,932

A variable bank loan at 3% above base rate is repayable by instalments falling due between December 2016 and December 2026.

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17. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	27,769	28,016
Between one and five years	10,331	38,100
	<u>38,100</u>	<u>66,116</u>

18. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>67,917</u>	<u>79,146</u>

The loan shall be secured by the following in favour of the bank to be the 1st legal charge over the freehold property at Westmount, The Sheiling, Horton Road, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, Hants BH24 2EB.

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,335,942	1,405,102	9,741,044
COVID-19 reponse	500,000	-	500,000
	<u>8,835,942</u>	<u>1,405,102</u>	<u>10,241,044</u>
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	141,045	33,371	174,416
College double classroom	204,386	(2,100)	202,286
Other capital projects	38,024	(6,545)	31,479
Sensory Garden	7,000	(7,000)	-
	<u>390,455</u>	<u>17,726</u>	<u>408,181</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,226,397</u>	<u>1,422,828</u>	<u>10,649,225</u>

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,577,304	(7,172,202)	1,405,102
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	33,799	(428)	33,371
College double classroom	-	(2,100)	(2,100)
Other capital projects	-	(6,545)	(6,545)
Sensory Garden	30,000	(37,000)	(7,000)
	<u>63,799</u>	<u>(46,073)</u>	<u>17,726</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,641,103</u>	<u>(7,218,275)</u>	<u>1,422,828</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Prior year adjustment £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	7,530,249	(88,738)	1,394,431	(500,000)	8,335,942
COVID-19 reponse	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
	<u>7,530,249</u>	<u>(88,738)</u>	<u>1,394,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,835,942</u>
Restricted funds					
ESFA capital funding	115,564	-	25,481	-	141,045
College double classroom	209,160	-	(4,774)	-	204,386
Other capital projects	58,756	-	(20,732)	-	38,024
Hedley Foundation	2,157	-	(2,157)	-	-
Sensory Garden	-	-	7,000	-	7,000
	<u>385,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,455</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,915,886</u>	<u>(88,738)</u>	<u>1,399,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,226,397</u>

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,149,926	(6,755,495)	1,394,431
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	25,764	(283)	25,481
College double classroom	-	(4,774)	(4,774)
Other capital projects	1	(20,733)	(20,732)
Hedley Foundation	-	(2,157)	(2,157)
Sensory Garden	7,000	-	7,000
	<u>32,765</u>	<u>(27,947)</u>	<u>4,818</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,182,691</u>	<u>(6,783,442)</u>	<u>1,399,249</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.19 £	Prior year adjustment £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	7,530,249	(88,738)	2,799,533	(500,000)	9,741,044
COVID-19 reponse	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
	<u>7,530,249</u>	<u>(88,738)</u>	<u>2,799,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,241,044</u>
Restricted funds					
ESFA capital funding	115,564	-	58,852	-	174,416
College double classroom	209,160	-	(6,874)	-	202,286
Other capital projects	58,756	-	(27,277)	-	31,479
Hedley Foundation	2,157	-	(2,157)	-	-
	<u>385,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>408,181</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,915,886</u>	<u>(88,738)</u>	<u>2,822,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,649,225</u>

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,727,230	(13,927,697)	2,799,533
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	59,563	(711)	58,852
College double classroom	-	(6,874)	(6,874)
Other capital projects	1	(27,278)	(27,277)
Hedley Foundation	-	(2,157)	(2,157)
Sensory Garden	37,000	(37,000)	-
	<u>96,564</u>	<u>(74,020)</u>	<u>22,544</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,823,794</u>	<u>(14,001,717)</u>	<u>2,822,077</u>

Restricted funds

ESFA capital funding - funding to keep school buildings in good condition so students can learn in a safe and effective environment. Capital funding is allocated from the ESFA which is used to fund specific college capital projects.

College double classroom funding - A new double classroom was constructed in 2016/17 which was part-financed by grants received from 8 separate organisations. Funding went towards the cost of two new classrooms including furnishings and equipment.

Other capital projects funding - grants received from organisations towards the costs of smaller capital projects including mini-bus, college shelter, play equipment and hall chairs.

Sensory garden - grants received to fund the sensory garden project at the Sheiling premises, this project has been delayed due to the pandemic.

Designated funds

COVID-19 Response - set aside to provide additional resources to support our operational response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021.



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THE SHEILING SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered company number: 08116370 (England and Wales)

Registered charity number: 1149264

Principle address and Registered Office:

The Shelling Special Education Trust
Horton Road
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Hampshire
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Trustees

Mr J. Freeman
Mr N. Johnson (appointed 3 October 2019)
Mr J. Morris (Chair)
Mr J. Pyzer
Mr M. Gleed (resigned 15 May 2020)
Mrs J. Kenward
Mr D. Keeton
Mrs J Dampney
Mrs M. Rigg
Mrs A Copp (appointed 28 April 2020)

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Senior Management Team

Corine van Barneveld, Principal
Andy Walters, Head of School
Mike Gamble, Head of College
Nick Sabin, Bursar (resigned 12 April 2019)
Katy Kerr, Head of Finance & Premises (appointed 3 June 2019)
Susan Harvey, Head of Residential Services
Katie Francis, Head of Health & Therapies (appointed 26 September 2019)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (YEAR ENDED 31/08/20)

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

The former Trust, the Sheiling School was established in 1951. The current charity, The Sheiling Special Education Trust, commenced its activities on 1 September 2012 when provision was widened to include further education at the Sheiling College.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities and are satisfied that The Sheiling Special Education Trust's activities provide public benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is an Independent Special School, which is registered as a Children's Home and an Independent Specialist College. It also provides a supported living service. It specialises in severe and moderate learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and communication difficulties. Its objectives are as follows:

- To provide a learning, caring environment where the educational, physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of the individual student and resident are valued and met.
- To promote a nurturing culture where each student and resident receives the support, guidance and care relevant to their individual needs.
- To promote positive approaches to behaviour and individual sensory and therapeutic needs.
- To support students and residents to develop functional skills and independence which can then be transferred to the wider community.
- To offer students and residents a foundation for developing their confidence and their sense of belonging and achievement.
- To offer clear rhythms and routines to promote a healthy lifestyle which includes good eating and sleeping habits and an active physical and social lifestyle.

ACTIVITIES

Education Provision

An individual approach to education and residential provision is offered to both School and College students including:

- Day placements – students attend from 9am to 4pm (4.30pm for college students) and are attached to residential houses for lunches and other activities.
- Weekly boarders – students attend from Monday morning to Friday afternoon.
- Termly boarders – students attend for the full 38 week term, including weekends.
- Yearly boarders (school only) – students are able to access a 52 week year round residential provision including holidays.
- Respite provision (college only) – respite packages are available to college students during mid-week, weekends and during holidays. College offers up to 4 weeks respite through the year.

Education provided ensures the national curriculum is followed and allows for a broad and balanced program which includes English, Maths, Science, ICT, Personal, Health, Social Education and Citizenship (PHSE&C), Art and PE. Horticulture, craft workshops including estate work, garden work, weaving and candle making are all offered ensuring the curriculum extends beyond lessons into life within the houses, enabling learning in school and college to be supported outside of the classroom.

The 50 acre site with grassy open areas and woodland mean that learning outside the classroom is an integral part of the curriculum and it also benefits from an on-site swimming pool, gym and 193 capacity hall with stage. Neighbouring the site is Moors Valley Country Park making it great for walking and cycling. Ringwood is a short walk away and the beaches of Bournemouth, Boscombe, Southbourne and Mudeford are all within easy reach. This helps ensure students benefit from many different on-site and off-site activities and outings.

The school offers the nationally recognised ASDAN qualifications and the college offers the OCR Life & Living Skills Accredited learning course.

Targeted therapeutic intervention is highly effective and promoted throughout the school and college with an extensive range of therapies including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, music therapy, massage therapy, art therapy, curative eurythmy and colour light therapy.

The residential students live on site in large, family-style houses of which there are 4 for the school age students and 2 for college students. The houses act as extended family groups with each house sharing meals, including a freshly cooked midday meal. Everyone is expected to contribute to the running of the house, for example the setting of tables, taking out the compost and helping with the washing up. Each house functions as an autonomous group under the supervision of a dedicated House Manager. Each student is accommodated in a single room and allocated to a house according to their need, with a mix of gender and ages, carefully taking into account all issues regarding safeguarding. The Managers of the different houses work together regularly to assure outcomes for all students.

Where appropriate students have an opportunity for work experience placements in the local community with local businesses and organisations along with supported attendance for specific courses in local colleges.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Sheiling Special Education Trust strives to attain the highest standards regarding the aims and objectives, with a view to providing for the charity's beneficiaries.

These aims are:

- To maximise opportunities in school, college, supported living and beyond to support our students and residents in gaining knowledge, acquiring skills, and developing their personal qualities and confidence.
- To provide a safe, inclusive, and uplifting environment which meets the needs of the whole person.
- To maximise an inclusive environment to enable each student and resident to discover and realise their full potential.
- To promote communication and social skills which support making of relevant choices.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Key achievements and notable performance during the period included the following:

School

- School numbers have remained stable, in terms of pupils on roll, with numbers in the range 30-33 students
- Academic progress across the school remains positive in 2019-2020 and almost without exception, students continue to meet and exceed challenging targets for their achievements across a range of curriculum subjects.
- In academic year 2019/20, the Sheiling obtained a 100% pass rate with all graduating students leaving the school with accreditation at Entry 1 and 2.
- Updating and development the curriculum throughout the school has taken place this year to ensure it meets the needs of the widening range of abilities including those with complex sensory needs.
- Better recognition and achievement of attainment for school students through more accurate assessment, target setting, planning and ongoing monitoring has been implemented.

College

- College numbers (including day and residential) remained stable at 37 a slight increase on previous year of 36, which remains above the target of 33.
- For 2019/20 the tracking of targets across the last term was not possible due to the nature of enforced changes due to Covid-19. However, all students apart from 2 achieved their Accredited Learning qualifications, with those two continuing this year and expected to catch up.
- New curriculum framework for College that reflects EHC plans and Preparation for Adulthood aims is now embedded, it forms the structure of each study programme.
- College continued to expand its work experience opportunities prior to COVID-19. Next year, significant elements of our study programme such as community integration, work experience and placement will be very significantly reduced. Our 'off site' trips are being restricted to activities such as forest/beach walks with isolated small, other trips for those students most able to socially distance
- The use of the College Vocational Learning Hub which prepares students for community access and work has been utilised as an alternative.

Other

- Level 3 Supporting Disabled Learners course offered to Teaching Assistants across School and College.
- Sheiling kitchen garden has now been re-established following the appointment of an organic gardener. This is used by both school and college students.
- Strong behaviour team, linking in with Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy, providing excellent support to staff ensuring that behaviours which challenge are minimised. Therapists are now allocated to School and College to improve integration in education programmes.
- Further development of occupational, speech & language, music, art, physiotherapy, colour light and eurythmy therapy to help promote coordinated working towards holistic outcomes.
- When possible, during the year, teams have visited local schools, colleges and career events promoting what we do.
- Opportunities are available for staff to develop their skills through liaison with other schools to share good practice and along with increased opportunities for staff training, both on and off site.

- Safeguarding is central to everything done as an organisation. All Trustees, staff and vocational workers continue to be trained in safeguarding and abuse prevention, recognition and reporting. This is backed up by a close relationship with the local children and adult safeguarding team.
- HR department continues to strengthen employment protocols and processes to ensure robust systems for Safer Recruitment of staff.
- A new HR system was introduced at the start of 2017/18 which has been further developed during 2019/20. The system will strengthen controls and improve reporting surrounding the Single Central Record and bring about further efficiencies with regard to recruitment, rota scheduling, staff training and absence reporting.
- Further development of the Staff Recruitment and Retention Strategy has been undertaken focussing on terms and conditions, working patterns, benefits and recruitment advertising.
- The fee model has continued to be developed to help ensure a robust system for determining fees linked to costs incurred.
- Robust induction and training programmes have been strengthened for all new and existing staff throughout the year.
- Compulsory Inset days continued to be developed and well attended. This is part of an ongoing development in staff via extensive training both in-house and via external trainers.
- Regular committee and working group meetings take place for Safeguarding, Finance, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and H&S.
- Regular review and updating of policies by the Senior Management Team, including Trustee involvement, continue to help ensure policies and procedures remain robust.
- Continued ICT upgrades were implemented across the whole site including 2 new state of the art Smart Board screens for classrooms.
- An internal 'GDPR Compliance Team' was put in place to assist with the successful implementation of the new GDPR regulations.
- A woodland management plan was developed in 2017/18 and been developed with the assistance of a consultancy service to help maintain and improve our estate. Works have been ongoing with this into 2018/19.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A school Ofsted inspection took place in November 2017 and was graded 'Good'. This was supported up by a follow-up one day visit in May 2018 which was also graded as 'Good'.
- A college Ofsted inspection took place in February 2018 and was graded 'good'.
- A Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection occurred in March 2019 regarding the college residential provision and was graded 'Good'.
- Ofsted Care inspection (regarding school residential provision) took place in July 2019 and was graded 'Requires Improvement'. Action has been taken to rectify this position. A one day follow up visit in February 2020 recognised positive change and improvements as did an assurance visit which was undertaken in November 2020.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Various projects were undertaken during the period to both maintain and develop the site for school and college provision. Larger projects and site development are being driven by the 5 year Property Strategy (2016 – 2021) document previously approved by the Board. Fundraising is carried out for the benefit of capital projects with funds being requested from external trusts, charities and companies. Although works had to pause during the COVID-19 lockdown. Significant projects included the following:

- VR Headset & Musical Instruments to aid learning £7k

- Refitting Toilets & Refurbishing Kitchens £10K.
- Upgrades to Electrics & heating in various buildings £14K
- New Windows for Sheiling House, Albion & Briery 17k
- Site wide external lighting installed £7K
- Various bedrooms and communal rooms redecorated in all houses.
- Capital spend in the year (including the above) totalled £70K

FINANCIAL POSITION & REVIEW

The financial performance for the year is summarised below:

	2020		2019	
	Total - £'000	Excluding capital grants £'000	Total - £'000	Excluding capital grants £'000
Total Income	8,183	8,151	7,857	7,822
Total Expenditure	6,737	6,737	7,948	7,931
Net Income	(1,446)	(1,414)	(90)	(109)

Income has increased by £326K in total compared with the previous year (4% increase). The increase was due to a change in the mix of our students packages as some students moved onto their next placements, and increase in respite offered covering the COVID-19 lockdown. Overall student numbers remained the same compared to last year. The slight increase in capital grants and donations is due to fundraising for a Sensory Garden which has had to be put on hold due to COVID restrictions.

The main source of income are student fees received from Local Authorities with an element received directly from the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for College students - these fees equated to 99% (2019: 99%) of total income excluding capital funding. Overall student numbers remained the same as prior year at 68 with school numbers decreased from 32 to 31 while the college number increased from 36 to 37 (3% increase).

Although the first half of the year we carefully budgeted our expenditure the latter half and the COVID-19 restrictions meant that our non-staff costs dropped significantly: £286K (20% decrease) compared with the previous year. The largest expenditure heading continues to be staffing £5.54M (2019: £6.63M) which equates to 82% of expenditure (2019: 83%). In relation to income, staff costs represent 69% (2019: 85%) of total income excluding capital grants and donations.

Tangible fixed asset additions in the year totalled £71K which related largely to the refurbishment of building facilities across the site. The net book value of fixed assets decreased from £6.7M to £6.6M at the end of the accounting period.

The 'Cash at bank and in hand' figure increased during the year, largely as a result of decreased spending during the last 6 months of the year during lockdown. Consequently the balance increased from £1.06M at the start of the year to £2.92M as at 31st August 2020. Similarly, the net current assets also decreased from £1.22M to £2.77M over the same period.

A £116K loan was received in December 2016 to finance work carried out to the Maple classroom in 2015/16. This is a 10 year variable repayment loan. The balance at the year-end is £79K.

Total reserves have increased from £7.9M to £9.4M during the year with £367K (2019: £385K) being restricted in relation to ESFA and other capital monies received for capital projects.

RISKS & UNCERTAINTIES

A risk register is maintained to identify risks, assess their likelihood of occurring and quantify the potential impact. Outlined below is a description of the key principal risk factors which may affect the Charity. Other factors besides funding sources may also adversely affect the Charity and are detailed within the risk register itself.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

The Charity is, in effect, solely reliant on continued government funding, whether this comes directly to us from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) or via individual Local Authorities. In 2019/20 99% (2018/19 99%) of revenue was ultimately publicly funded. There can be no assurance that central government and Local Authority policy and practice, will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. Whilst the current government continue their plans to address the issue of public sector debt this will have a significant impact on available funding within the sector and how the limited funding is distributed to providers.

The risk is mitigated in a number of ways including:

- Ensuring we deliver high quality care and education in order to remain a preferred provider for Local Authorities whilst providing 'value for money' to students and Local Authorities.
- Focus and investment placed on maintaining and managing key relationships with various funding bodies and local authorities.
- Regular dialogue with ESFA, Local Authorities, NASS, NATSPEC and other networking partnerships.
- Tight control over staff and non-pay costs.
- Regular review of our fee structure to ensure our fees remain competitive whilst allowing us to provide the necessary high quality care and education.
- Inclusion, where appropriate, on the various Local Authority Provider Frameworks.

COVID-19

The risk to your funding sources has been compounded by the emergence of COVID-19 which caused us to partially close during the first national lockdown, and continues to present a risk to staffing levels and therefore our capacity to safely maintain a full residential and education offer. Local Authorities were prevented from applying financial penalties where institutions were following instruction from Public Health England and/or abiding by the national guidelines during the first national lockdown. However, it is unclear, and untested, as to whether this will continue to apply should future partial closures be required due to COVID-19. This risk is mitigated to a degree by the enhanced cash reserves and our stringent operational management of COVID-19 transmission risk factors.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees will monitor and review the level of reserves held by the charity in line with the guidance set out by the Charity Commission and this also forms the basis of our own Reserves Policy document which is reviewed annually. The Trustees consider that the aim should be to build up the free reserves of the charity, represented by working capital, to equate between two to four months' expenditure. This has

been built into the 3 year financial plan which will be achieved via control of our future surplus and capital investment decisions.

FUTURE PLANS

- Student placements for School (30) and College (36) are as expected going into 2020/21 with further placements expected to be offered later in the year.
- The Sheiling Special Education Trust decided in July 2020 to cease its registration as a Childrens Home from September 2021 and to re-register as an Residential Special School offering 38 (rather than 52) week residential placements.
- Close liaison and working with LA commissioners to ensure placements for students whose needs can be best met by an environment such as The Sheiling.
- Close liaison with funding bodies and LA's to ensure we can plan and react to national or local changes in funding, policies or procedures.
- Continue to ensure close working between all departments of the SSET.
- Continue to improve links with other schools and colleges to work collaboratively with regard to behaviour and data collection.
- Continue to improve close links with those who can provide work experience and work placements within the local area.
- Continue to strengthen the ethos of the Sheiling via staff training sessions.
- Continued tight financial control over staff and non-pay costs to ensure spending is kept within budgets.
- To keep under review the Terms and Conditions of staff including review of pay scales, pension review as well as holiday entitlements.
- Continue to find ways to recruit adequate support staff via recruitment strategy and thus minimising the use of agency staff.
- Continue to appoint new Trustees, with relevant experience, to support all areas of education, care and administration.
- Continue to develop and improve our estate including site security.
- Continue to implement the Property Strategy.
- National and local marketing drive to improve awareness of The Sheiling Special Education Trust.

OVERVIEW

- Overall student numbers remained the same at 68 across school and college, however, due to a change in the student mix of placements and additional respite being offered during lockdown this resulted in an overall increase in income from £7.9M to £8.2M.
- A surplus for the year totalling £1.4M has been reported largely due to a decreased spending on and lesser need for agency in the year.
- The focus of Trustees continues to be the development of care and education provided through monitoring, planning and challenge to help maintain and drive improvements across all areas of provision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was established on 22 June 2012 under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Decision making

The Board of Trustees meets at least 4 times a year. Regular meetings are held and minutes taken with Trustees chairing committees for Finance and Safeguarding. In addition there are working groups for Estates, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Education Standards, Marketing and Health & Safety.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are selected across a broad range of professions to ensure a wealth of experience. The current Board of Trustees include experience within Business, SEN Schools/Colleges, Care, Finance, Personal Relations/Marketing and representation from parents of students.

Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Trustee. All Trustees are suitably assessed through DBS and, if appointed, shall hold office only until the next AGM. All trustees write a pen portrait as part of their selection process which helps identify suitability and any potential conflicts of interest. Trustees are expected to undertake induction training within their first three months in role although mandatory safeguarding training (covering Child Protection and Adults at Risk training) must be attended within one month of appointment. Bespoke training is also arranged, as required, informed by analysis of the annual Trustees Skills Audit. Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, to the charity in the event of winding up.

Charity Governance Code

Trustees fully understand the importance of good governance and see it as vital to the success of the organisation. Trustees have all seen the Charity Governance Code and are aware of the 7 sections contained within it including Organisational Purpose, Leadership, Integrity, Decision Making, Risk & Control, Board effectiveness, Diversity and Openness and accountability.

Trustees see the Code as a tool which will be used to help drive continuous improvement for good governance. Trustees attended a strategy day in January 2019 specifically to discuss in detail the code and help develop an action plan in relation to the specific outcomes contained within the document – this will be further developed during 2020/21.

Key management remuneration

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees, Principal, Head of School, Head of College, Heads of Care, Head of Finance and Premises and the Head of Health & Therapies to comprise the key management personnel of the charity as listed on page 2. All members of the Board of Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity. Remuneration of key management

personnel during the year, other than the Trustees, totalled £472,064 (2019: £428,855) for the year with employer pension contributions totalling £59,469 (2019: £47,314). Key management personnel (excluding Trustees) are referred to as the Senior Management Team (SMT). A Pay & Remuneration Policy, approved by full Board, is used by Trustees to help determine pay for the SMT which is based around benchmarking data for the sector whilst also taking into account affordability.

Related parties

The charity continues to maintain informal links with The Lantern Community, The Ringwood Waldorf School and Sturts Farm. The charity devolved fully from The Sheiling Trust on 13 July 2015.

Risk management

The charity continues to develop and embed a system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the charity's assets and reputation. A Risk Register is available which identifies specific risks and assesses their likelihood of occurring and potential impact with regard to financial, operational and reputational. All risks are scored using a consistent scoring methodology and significant risks are transferred to a Risk Reduction Plan which is regularly reviewed by the Senior Management Team and Trustees. The Register Register (and Risk Reduction Plan) identifies the controls in place to help mitigate risks to an acceptable level. The Risk Register continues to be reviewed and updated.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Sheiling Special Education Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Ward Goodman, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 18 December 2020 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Mr J Morris - Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sheiling Special Education Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2020 on pages seventeen to thirty one. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other

ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page thirteen, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true

and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

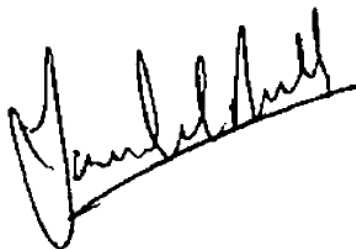
In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

I M Rodd (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ward Goodman
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 20 December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities
August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds as restated £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	2,102	32,765	34,867	42,671
Other trading activities	4	8,126,060	-	8,126,060	7,793,310
Investment income	5	21,764	-	21,764	21,340
Total		8,149,926	32,765	8,182,691	7,857,321
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Education		6,755,496	27,946	6,783,442	8,036,757
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,394,430	4,819	1,399,249	(179,436)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward					
As previously reported		7,530,249	385,637	7,915,886	8,006,584
Prior year adjustment	12	(88,738)	-	(88,738)	-
As restated		7,441,511	385,637	7,827,148	8,006,584
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		8,835,941	390,456	9,226,397	7,827,148

Balance Sheet
31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds as restated £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	6,174,802	351,274	6,526,076	6,685,284
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	2,508,610	-	2,508,610	2,644,314
Cash at bank and in hand		2,877,330	39,181	2,916,511	1,061,219
		<u>5,385,940</u>	<u>39,181</u>	<u>5,425,121</u>	<u>3,705,533</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,656,885)	-	(2,656,885)	(2,485,395)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,729,055</u>	<u>39,181</u>	<u>2,768,236</u>	<u>1,220,138</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>8,903,857</u>	<u>390,455</u>	<u>9,294,312</u>	<u>7,905,422</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(67,915)	-	(67,915)	(78,274)
NET ASSETS		<u>8,835,942</u>	<u>390,455</u>	<u>9,226,397</u>	<u>7,827,148</u>
FUNDS	20				
Unrestricted funds				8,835,942	7,441,511
Restricted funds				390,455	385,637
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>9,226,397</u>	<u>7,827,148</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 December 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

Neil K Johnson

Mr N K Johnson - Trustee



Mr J Morris - Trustee

**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 as restated £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	1,938,099	(436,519)
Interest paid		(3,987)	(3,548)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>1,934,112</u>	<u>(440,067)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(71,277)	(150,114)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	9,699
Interest received		2,335	2,670
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(68,942)</u>	<u>(137,745)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(9,878)	(10,344)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(9,878)</u>	<u>(10,344)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>1,855,292</u>	<u>(588,156)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>1,061,219</u>	<u>1,649,375</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>2,916,511</u></u>	<u><u>1,061,219</u></u>

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	as restated £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,399,249	(179,436)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	230,485	281,381
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(2,792)
Interest received	(2,335)	(2,670)
Interest paid	3,987	3,548
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	135,704	(638,030)
Increase in creditors	171,009	101,480
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>1,938,099</u>	<u>(436,519)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.19	Cash flow	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,061,219	1,855,292	2,916,511
	<u>1,061,219</u>	<u>1,855,292</u>	<u>2,916,511</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(10,750)	(481)	(11,231)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(78,274)	10,359	(67,915)
	<u>(89,024)</u>	<u>9,878</u>	<u>(79,146)</u>
Total	<u>972,195</u>	<u>1,865,170</u>	<u>2,837,365</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020**

1. LEGAL FORM

The Sheiling Special Education Trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is noted on page 9.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Changes in accounting estimates

Freehold property is now being depreciated over an estimated economic life of 50 years as opposed to 100 years depreciation in the prior year financial statements. This has been recorded as a prior year adjustment.

Income and debtors

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where fees are raised in advance, the income is deferred until the period to which it relates. These deferred amounts are shown on the balance sheet within creditor: amounts falling due within one year.

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted capital fund.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- Straight line over 50 years
Improvements to property	- Straight line over 50 years
Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension commitments

The charity operates two pension schemes. A defined contribution scheme in accordance with National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) and a defined benefit scheme in relation to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS).

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of the pensions over employees' working lives with the charity in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. Contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme.

Contributions payable to these schemes are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Donations	2,103	7,465
Grants	32,764	35,206
	<u>34,867</u>	<u>42,671</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Fundraising events	30	6,240
Fees	7,351,247	7,074,756
Camps and respite	730,176	696,329
Other	44,607	15,985
	<u>8,126,060</u>	<u>7,793,310</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Rents received	19,429	18,670
Deposit account interest	2,335	2,670
	<u>21,764</u>	<u>21,340</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Education	6,746,902	36,540	6,783,442

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Education	36,540

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 as restated £
Depreciation - owned assets	230,485	192,644
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	-	(2,792)
Auditors remuneration for audit services	7,000	7,000

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 as restated £
Wages and salaries	4,980,490	5,966,571
Social security costs	334,465	367,705
Other pension costs	315,440	292,744
	5,630,395	6,627,020

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019 as restated
Employees	250	277

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

10. STAFF COSTS - continued

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2020	2019 as restated
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The senior management team received remuneration of £367,063 (2019: £399,819).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds as restated
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	7,465	35,206	42,671
Other trading activities	7,793,310	-	7,793,310
Investment income	21,340	-	21,340
Total	<u>7,822,115</u>	<u>35,206</u>	<u>7,857,321</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Education	8,019,963	16,794	8,036,757
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(197,848)</u>	<u>18,412</u>	<u>(179,436)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	7,639,359	367,225	8,006,584
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>7,441,511</u>	<u>385,637</u>	<u>7,827,148</u>

12. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

The Trustees and senior management have carried out an assessment of the useful economic life of land and buildings and a prior year adjustment has been posted to reflect a fifty year useful economic life.

The effect of the adjustment made is outlined below:

Reconciliation of reserves

Adjustment to the previously reported reserves were as follows:

Reserves at 31 August 2018 previously reported	£ 8,006,584
Depreciation adjustment	(42,677)
Reserves at 31 August 2018 as restated	7,963,907

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

12. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT - continued

Reserves at 31 August 2019 previously reported	7,915,886
Depreciation adjustment	(88,738)
Reserves at 31 August 2019 as restated	7,827,148

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	
COST				
At 1 September 2019	6,386,072	31,616	22,932	
Additions	-	8,265	-	
At 31 August 2020	6,386,072	39,881	22,932	
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2019	177,198	-	9,625	
Charge for year	92,121	-	2,661	
At 31 August 2020	269,319	-	12,286	
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2020	6,116,753	39,881	10,646	
At 31 August 2019	6,208,874	31,616	13,307	
	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2019	645,627	98,517	479,873	7,664,637
Additions	56,776	-	6,236	71,277
At 31 August 2020	702,403	98,517	486,109	7,735,914
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2019	340,111	66,872	385,547	979,353
Charge for year	67,770	7,911	60,022	230,485
At 31 August 2020	407,881	74,783	445,569	1,209,838
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2020	294,522	23,734	40,540	6,526,076
At 31 August 2019	305,516	31,645	94,326	6,685,284

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14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,356,551	2,513,706
Other debtors	32,000	34,307
Prepayments and accrued income	120,059	96,301
	<u>2,508,610</u>	<u>2,644,314</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 17)	11,231	10,750
Trade creditors	201,173	123,770
Social security and other taxes	80,063	87,655
Other creditors	60,241	63,950
Accruals and deferred income	2,304,177	2,199,270
	<u>2,656,885</u>	<u>2,485,395</u>

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 17)	<u>67,915</u>	<u>78,274</u>

17. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>11,231</u>	<u>10,750</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>11,631</u>	<u>11,160</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>38,352</u>	<u>37,162</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	17,932	29,952

A variable bank loan at 3% above base rate is repayable by instalments falling due between December 2016 and December 2026.

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18. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Within one year	28,016	28,016
Between one and five years	38,100	66,116
	<u>66,116</u>	<u>94,132</u>

19. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>79,146</u>	<u>89,024</u>

The loan shall be secured by the following in favour of the bank to be the 1st legal charge over the freehold property at Westmount, The Sheiling, Horton Road, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, Hants BH24 2EB.

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19	Prior year adjustment	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	7,530,249	(88,738)	1,394,431	(500,000)	8,335,942
COVID-19 reponse	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
	<u>7,530,249</u>	<u>(88,738)</u>	<u>1,394,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,835,942</u>
Restricted funds					
ESFA capital funding	115,564	-	25,481	-	141,045
College double classroom	209,160	-	(4,774)	-	204,386
Other capital projects	58,756	-	(20,732)	-	38,024
Hedley Foundation	2,157	-	(2,157)	-	-
Sensory Garden	-	-	7,000	-	7,000
	<u>385,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,455</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,915,886</u>	<u>(88,738)</u>	<u>1,399,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,226,397</u>

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,149,926	(6,755,495)	1,394,431
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	25,764	(283)	25,481
College double classroom	-	(4,774)	(4,774)
Other capital projects	1	(20,733)	(20,732)
Hedley Foundation	-	(2,157)	(2,157)
Sensory Garden	7,000	-	7,000
	<u>32,765</u>	<u>(27,947)</u>	<u>4,818</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,182,691</u>	<u>(6,783,442)</u>	<u>1,399,249</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7,639,359	(197,848)	7,441,511
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	87,496	28,068	115,564
College double classroom	214,620	(5,460)	209,160
Other capital projects	65,109	(6,353)	58,756
Hedley Foundation	-	2,157	2,157
	<u>367,225</u>	<u>18,412</u>	<u>385,637</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,006,584</u>	<u>(179,436)</u>	<u>7,827,148</u>

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7,822,115	(8,019,963)	(197,848)
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	28,496	(428)	28,068
College double classroom	-	(5,460)	(5,460)
Other capital projects	3,710	(10,063)	(6,353)
Hedley Foundation	3,000	(843)	2,157
	<u>35,206</u>	<u>(16,794)</u>	<u>18,412</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,857,321</u>	<u>(8,036,757)</u>	<u>(179,436)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Prior year adjustment £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	7,639,359	(88,738)	1,196,583	(500,000)	8,247,204
COVID-19 reponse	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
	<u>7,639,359</u>	<u>(88,738)</u>	<u>1,196,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,747,204</u>
Restricted funds					
ESFA capital funding	87,496	-	53,549	-	141,045
College double classroom	214,620	-	(10,234)	-	204,386
Other capital projects	65,109	-	(27,085)	-	38,024
Sensory Garden	-	-	7,000	-	7,000
	<u>367,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,455</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,006,584</u>	<u>(88,738)</u>	<u>1,219,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,137,659</u>

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,972,041	(14,775,458)	1,196,583
Restricted funds			
ESFA capital funding	54,260	(711)	53,549
College double classroom	-	(10,234)	(10,234)
Other capital projects	3,711	(30,796)	(27,085)
Hedley Foundation	3,000	(3,000)	-
Sensory Garden	7,000	-	7,000
	<u>67,971</u>	<u>(44,741)</u>	<u>23,230</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>16,040,012</u></u>	<u><u>(14,820,199)</u></u>	<u><u>1,219,813</u></u>

Restricted funds

ESFA capital funding - funding to keep school buildings in good condition so students can learn in a safe and effective environment. Capital funding is allocated from the ESFA which is used to fund specific college capital projects.

College double classroom funding - A new double classroom was constructed in 2016/17 which was part-financed by grants received from 8 separate organisations. Funding went towards the cost of two new classrooms including furnishings and equipment.

Other capital projects funding - grants received from organisations towards the costs of smaller capital projects including mini-bus, college shelter, play equipment and hall chairs.

Sensory garden - grants received to fund the sensory garden project at the Sheiling premises, this project has been delayed due to the pandemic.

COVID-19 Response - set aside to provide additional resources to support our operational response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2020.



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