

Engage Woking Schools

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

31st March 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1156005

Engage Woking Schools

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2024. During this period the following served as Trustees:

Michael Kirtley (resigned 01.12.2023)

Carolyn Dickins

Vicky Henry

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Shirley Morris

Rev Mark Wallace (resigned 27.03.2024)

Simon Pearce

Elizabeth Funnell (appointed 25.05.2023)

Constitution and name

The charity was established by the constitution of a charitable incorporated organisation dated 27th February 2014, and registered with the Charity Commission on 4th March 2014- charity number 1156005. Engage Woking Schools, will undertake the work previously carried out by the Woking Schools Christian Assembly Trust – charity number 1060489.

There must be at least 3 Trustees who are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Aims

The Trust promotes the advancement of Christianity in Woking and the surrounding areas, and in particular amongst children and young people in schools and colleges.

Review of Activities

Engage's mission of taking the Christian message into schools has continued apace this year. We continue to receive positive feedback following the delivery of face-to-face assembly dramas in local primary schools and also following the distribution of video versions of the dramas, across a larger number of schools.

We have held Prayer Spaces in some local primary schools, arranged and run after school clubs and have provided mentoring in one primary school. As usual we carried out It's Your Move sessions at around a dozen local schools last summer, for students transitioning from Year 6 to secondary schools.

We have continued to be active in secondary schools, holding Christian Union meetings which have been successful in terms of growth in numbers of attendees and we have also provided much needed mentoring sessions.

Engage has also continued to have a presence in Woking College holding Christian Union meetings with occasional guest speakers, which has proved to be very popular.

A major focus of the year, in partnership with local churches, was to organize and hold an evening event called Encounter, for young people in years 7-13. The evening offered a range of activities including worship, sport, and prayer and was attended by over 60 young people from around the area. With very positive feedback, it is planned to hold another Encounter event later in the year.

Engage continues to be supported financially mainly by local churches but this past year has been challenging, with many of our regular supporters having to cut back on their donations. As a charity we have invested considerable effort in grant applications to help with our funding but the results have been disappointing.

In December we said farewell to Mike Kirtley who has been a Trustee for 27 years and Chairman of the Trustees for the last 20 years. His contribution to the smooth and successful running of the charity has been outstanding.

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Financial review

Income decreased in this reporting period compared to the 12 months up to March 2023. Donations from Individuals fell from £ 9,911 to £ 7,913, a decrease of just over 20%, whilst donations from Churches decreased from £ 36,451 to £ 27,838 a decrease of over 12%. We also received donations totalling £ 2,680 from local schools in this period, and we are extremely grateful to The Loseley Trust for a donation of £ 2,500. Overall, our Income decreased from £ 49,230 to £ 43,329, a decrease of approximately 12.5%. We are extremely grateful to all our financial donors, who have supported the work of Engage Woking Schools during these recent years of challenging conditions.

Our total expenses increased during this financial year from £ 46,111 to £ 50,064, an increase of approximately 8.5%. Office costs increased this year, mainly as a result of the additional expenses incurred in the the undertaking of new projects and the improvements made to our website.

The reserves for Engage Woking Schools, at the end of this financial year are £ 23,125, a decrease from £ 29,860.

We calculate our reserves by including our unrestricted funds (less the value of any fixed assets). We would wish to carry reserves as low as is possible, as the charity is funded substantially by the churches in Woking and if funds were to fall to below the level necessary to maintain the charity, the Trustees would expect to be able to call upon the support of local churches.

Insurance has been taken out to cover the insurable risks. The Trustees review risk each year to ensure that this is minimised.

The financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 using the exemptions available to smaller charities. As the income of the charity is less than £1,000,000 the accounts have been subject to an independent examination rather than an audit.

Organisations

Bankers – CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner – R. Pashley FCA, 137a Brox Road, Ottershaw, Surrey, KT16 0LG



Carolyn Dickins
signed on behalf of the Trustees

17th July 2024.

Directors Report

Engage exists to provide schools ministry on behalf of and in partnership with local churches to young people in primary and secondary schools as well as Woking College. This involves nurturing, inspiring and empowering them through sharing the Christian message and values in an accessible and relatable way, helping young people to be the best they can be.

This involves leading, delivering, and co-ordinating visits to schools to support and provide – collective worship, supporting RE lessons, 1-2-1 mentoring, enrichment clubs, pastoral support for staff, support in PSHE, whole school assemblies and wellbeing spaces.

2023-2024 has been a busy year and we continued to find that our services are in demand, delivering more activities than the pandemic. Our mentoring in primary schools and wellbeing spaces are having a positive impact on the whole school community.

That said Engage has and continues to be faced with the challenge of a reduced amount of financial support.

Highlights

- Assemblies have been delivered to over 25 schools face to face and we have continued with the digital version enabling Engage us to reach schools further afield. We continue to produce a recorder version of the assembly to ensure all children, parents and our supporters can see them. It has also become a resource that churches and schools can use to support their curriculum.
- Mentoring programme that's has been expanded to a local Primary School is now well established and successful. This has been highlighted through children reaching the desired outcomes in a 6 week time frame with no further referral or support needed. This is having a further impact on their experience at secondary school, they are more settled and academically attuned.
- Engage team has grown, with a dedicated part time schools work co-ordinator and an administrator.
- We launched Encounter, youth event successfully in March this year. It was attended by young people from Woking Schools and churches but also from a wider regional area. Based on positive feedback and the sense of community the young people felt it will be run again in September 2024 in partnership with Woking churches.

- Supporting Secondary Schools through continuing PHSE conversations at enrichment clubs.
- Supporting students at College
- Successfully delivering Year 6 transition lessons to Primary Schools in Woking.

These testimonies share the impact of our work is having.

Mentoring

I cannot express enough that I do not know what we would do without the magnificent support from Engage in school. They swoop in and pick up the students and support them, report back so efficiently alert us to any safeguarding concerns in a timely manner and are all round fabulous. We see a big turnaround with the students who have this intervention, which in turn means they don't go on to need further support, which is the long term goal. At the end of the day we want our students to be happier with who they are and Engage deliver this time and time again. Thank you so very much. – Woking High School

Student Feedback on Mentoring

"I looked forward to each session and the advice that would receive when attending each one. Very helpful and the atmosphere during the sessions was very trusting and positive"

Its Your Move

More than ever this year, our year 6 children have needed reassurance about the transition from Junior school to High School. The children have spent their last term with us in very different circumstances: they have been taught by unfamiliar teachers, who themselves were unfamiliar with the transition needs of the children, having not taught year 6 before. In addition, the children have not been able to visit their new schools, or to speak to the staff. Engaging with 'Engage' and the 'It's Your Move' scheme has been invaluable, both for the children and their teachers. Having the books delivered and working on them together has helped the children to understand that the emotions they are feeling are 'normal' and it has relieved most of their fear and anxiety, so they can now look forward to a positive transition to their new schools. Thank you, Shelley and the team.

Looking Forward

It is our aim and vision to continue to serve the local education communities in Woking. Working in partnership with young people, schools, churches, and the community to help all young people be the best they can be.

We are excited to see what this next year holds.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Engage Woking Schools.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Engage Woking Schools (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, as set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

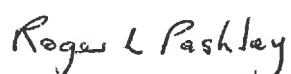
I report in respect of my examination of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts, as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Roger Pashley FCA
137a Brox Road, Ottershaw, Surrey, KT16 0LG
20th Nov 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period ended 31st March 2024

	March 2024	March 2023
	£ Total	£ Total
Income		
Donations		
Gifts from individuals	7,913	9,911
Gift Aid Tax	1,816	1,560
Gifts from churches	27,838	36,451
Gifts from Trusts	2,500	-
Gifts from School	2,680	1,308
	42,747	49,230
Interest	473	154
Other Income	109	108
Total Income	43,329	49,492
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Expenditure		
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Staff costs	43,547	40,562
Office and support costs	6,517	5,549
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Total Expenditure	50,064	46,111
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Net Income / (Expenditure)	-6,735	3,381
Balance brought forward 31st March	29,860	26,479
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Balance carried forward as at 31st March 2024.	23,125	29,860
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Balance Sheet

At 31st March 2024

	£	Mar-2024 £	£	Mar-2023 £
Fixed Assets		0		0
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	1,605		360	
Short-term deposits	21,000		29,500	
Debtors	520		-	
	<u>23,125</u>		<u>29,860</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors - Due within 1 Year	-		-	
Net Current Assets		23,125		29,860
Net Assets		<u>23,125</u>		<u>29,860</u>
Represented by:				
General & Restricted funds		<u>23,125</u>		<u>29,860</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. Accounting Policies

General

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015.

Gifts are accounted for when received. Tax receivable under Gift Aid is included in respect of gifts received in the year.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is charged to write off the cost of fixed assets over their useful lives. Assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised but written off in the year of purchase. The charge is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the cost, less residual value.

2. Fixed Assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
Additions	0
Disposals	0
At 31 st March 2024	0
Depreciation	
Charge for the year	0
On disposals	0
At 31 st March 2024	0
Net Book Values	
31 st March 2024	0

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3. Staff costs

	March 2024 £	March 2023 £
Salaries	41,905	39,023
Pension Costs	872	840
National Insurance	-	-
Payroll Processing Fees	770	699
	<u>43,547</u>	<u>40,562</u>

4. Office and support costs

	March 2024 £	March 2023 £
Travel expenses	657	872
Promotional material	2,680	2,789
Office costs	3,180	1,888
Total	<u>6,517</u>	<u>5,549</u>

5. Trustee Remuneration

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any trustees.