

Engage Woking Schools

**St Andrew's Church Centre
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ACCOUNTS

31st March 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1156005

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2025. During the year the following served as Trustees:

Carolyn Dickins (resigned 20.11.2024)
 Vicky Henry (resigned 17.07.2024)
 Cologero Vullo
 Shirley Morris
 Simon Pearce
 Elizabeth Funnell (resigned 20.11.2024)
 Paul Kingston (appointed 22.05.2024)
 Rev Jonathan Thomas (appointed 22.05.2024)
 Joanne Birkby (appointed 22.05.2024) (resigned 29.01.2025)
 Jon Hills (appointed 20.11.2024)
 Sandra Bayliss (appointed 20.11.2024)

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 amongst children and young people in schools and colleges.

Review of Activities

Engage's mission of taking the Christian message into schools has continued to flourish during this financial year. We continue to receive positive feedback during the delivery of our face-to-face assemblies in the local primary schools, which has been followed up by the distribution of video versions of the assemblies across a larger number of primary schools.

We continue to hold prayer spaces in some local primary schools, arranged and run after school clubs and have provided mentoring in one primary school. As per usual, we carried out 'It's your Move' sessions at a number of schools last summer, for students moving from Year 6 to secondary schools. The Christian Union meetings have seen continued growth in attendees, and we have also provided much needed mentoring sessions.

A major focus of the year, in partnership with the local churches in Woking, was to organise 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 the Woking area. Following the encouraging feedback from the young people and parents, another 'Encounter' event will be held in April 2025.

Engage Woking Schools continues to be supported financially mainly by local churches, and we are extremely grateful for their continued support. We are also grateful for our Individual Supporters, including one very significant and generous one-off donation, and the new supporters who have signed to our '100-1' fundraising project over the last year. In addition, we are very grateful to the Joseph Rank foundation for their support this year, which has enabled us to expand some of our activities.

Engage Woking Schools**Trustees Report****Financial review**

Income was significantly higher in this reporting period compared to the 12 months up to March 2024. Donations from Individuals increased from £ 7,913 to £ 19,600 as compared with 2024, and we are especially grateful for the generous donation from one individual during this period. We are also thankful for the continued support from Churches in the Woking and local area, and this year we are also grateful for the support from the Joseph Rank Trust. Overall, our Income has increased from £ 43,329 to £ 68,725,

Our expenses have increased slightly in the year from £ 50,064 to £ 50,286, an increase of 0.5%, the increase in payroll costs of 2.7% were offset by the reduction in office costs of 14.4%.

The previous year saw an increased expenditure in new project costs and improvements to the website, which were not incurred during this period.

The reserves for Engage Woking Schools, at the end of this financial year are £ 41,564, an increase from £ 23,125 in the previous reporting period.

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.

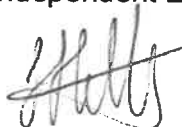
Insurance has been taken out to cover the insurable risks. The Trustees review risk each year to ensure that this is minimised.

The accounts 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



Jon Hills

signed on behalf of the Trustees

28th January 2026

Director of Schools Work 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 coordinating visits to schools to support and provide collective worship, supporting RE lessons, group mentoring, enrichment clubs, pastoral support for staff, PSHE support, whole school assemblies and wellbeing spaces.

2024-2025 has been a busy year, and we continued to find that our services are in demand. Our group mentoring workshops 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 from a drop in individual and church giving. Although this financial year, the charity was blessed with a generous donation from a private donor and the funding that was received through Joseph Rank Trust.

Highlights

- Assemblies have been delivered to over 30 schools face-to-face, and we have continued with the digital version, enabling Engage to reach schools further afield. We continue to produce a recorded version of the assembly to ensure all children, parents and our supporters can see it. It has also become a resource that churches and schools can use to support their curriculum.
- Engaging with school communities through new initiatives such as prayer clubs.
- Christian unions and external speaker events at secondary school and college continue to well attended and have seen growth.
- Encounter, youth event continues to be successful and attended by young people from Woking Schools, college and churches, but also from a wider regional area. It has been run twice a year and has settled into a pattern where young people are expectant.

- Successfully delivering Year 6 transition lessons to Primary Schools in Woking.
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These testimonies share the impact of our work is having.

*"Loved the workshop and the friendship part because it helps a lot". Thank you so very much. – Woking High School **Student Feedback on Mentoring***

*"We really appreciated the sessions that you shared with us. We would love future visits as the children gained greatly from the experience. One saying how it made her feel happy. We also followed up talking about forgiveness in class". **Teacher feedback from a reflection space***

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 the next year holds.

Shelley Blunden

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 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 31st March 2025, 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 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 L Pashley

Roger Pashley FCA
137a Brox Road, Ottershaw, Surrey KT16 0LG

28th January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period ended 31st March 2025

	Mar-2025	Mar-2024
	£	£
Income	Total	Total
Donations		
Gifts from Individuals	19,600	7,913
Gift Aid Tax	4,375	1,816
Gifts from churches	34,283	27,838
Gifts from Trusts	10,000	2,500
Gifts from School	-	2,680
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	68,258	42,747
Interest	467	473
Other Income	-	109
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Total Income	68,725	43,329
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Expenditure		
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Staff costs	44,710	43,547
Office and support costs	5,576	6,517
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Total Expenditure	50,286	50,064
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Net Income / (Expenditure)	18,439	- 6,735
Balance brought forward	23,125	29,860
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Balance carried forward as at 31st March 2025	41,564	23,125
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Balance Sheet

At 31st March 2025

	Mar-2025		Mar-2024	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		-		-
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	169		1,605	
Short-term deposits	36,500		21,000	
Debtors	4,895		520	
	<u>41,564</u>		<u>23,125</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors - Due within 1 Year	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net Current Assets		41,564		23,125
Net Assets		<u>41,564</u>		<u>23,125</u>
Represented by:				
Unrestricted funds				
General funds		<u>41,564</u>		<u>23,125</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year to 31st March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

General

These Accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005).

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 2025	<u>0</u>
Depreciation	
Charge for the year	0
On disposals	0
At 31 st March 2025	<u>0</u>
Net Book Values	
31 st March 2025	<u><u>0</u></u>

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3 Staff costs

	March 2025 £	March 2024 £
Salaries	43,108	41,905
Pension Costs	860	872
National Insurance	-	-
Payroll Processing Fees	742	770
	<u>44,710</u>	<u>43,547</u>

4 Office and Support Costs

	March 2025 £	March 2024 £
Travel Expenses	573	657
Promotional material	1,561	2,680
Office costs	3,442	3,180
	<u>5,576</u>	<u>6,517</u>

5 Trustee Remuneration

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any trustees